

# OBITUARIES

## VERNON OWENSBY

Vernon Lee Owensby, 66, 508 Monroe Avenue, died October 8, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Bennie Owensby and Beatrice Parrish Owensby. He was a member of Harmony Baptist Church, Bessemer City, and worked in the textile industry.

He is survived by his wife Lois Flowers Owensby of Kings Mountain; son Vernon L. "Chip" Owensby II and wife Sarah of Kings Mountain; daughter Libby O. Randall and husband Tony of Bessemer City; brother Rev. Dr. Jack Gassaway and wife Sarah of Asheville; grandchildren Nikki Owensby, Lee Owensby, Casey Owensby, Lea Randall, Hope Randall.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by the Revs. Lynn Holcomb and Jack Gassaway. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Harmony Baptist Church, 1009 Puetts Chapel Road, Bessemer City 28016, or The American Heart Association, 1300 Baxter Street, Charlotte.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

## BUFORD LOVELACE

KINGS MOUNTAIN- Buford Barnett Lovelace, 62, 105 Lovelace Road, Lot #2 died October 8, 2000 at Wendover Hospice Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Barnett Glenn Lovelace. He was also preceded in death by a brother Dewey Lovelace. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and a retired plumber.

He is survived by his mother Eva Mae McNeely Lovelace of Kings Mountain; brothers Clifford Lovelace and Gene Lovelace both of Kings Mountain; sister Sarah J. Lovelace Runyans of Gastonia;

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Ron Caulder. Burial was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby 28150.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

## Kings Lighthouse youth set yard sale Saturday

The youth of Kings Lighthouse, 420 Branch Street, Kings Mountain, will sponsor a yard sale Saturday from 6 a.m.-11 a.m.

All proceeds will benefit youth activities. The public is invited.

## MARGARET DILLING

KINGS MOUNTAIN- Margaret Schneider Dilling, 51, formerly of Kings Mountain, died October 4, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cook County, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Robert Allen and Jane Bignell Schneider. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Charles Dilling. She was a homemaker, and a member of Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain where she was the director of the senior citizens. She was also a member of the Home Arts Club in Kings Mountain and the Four Aces Bridge Club in Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her daughters Sarah Dilling Scronce and husband Thad of Hickory, N.C., Elizabeth Dilling of Kings Mountain, and Katherine "Carrie" Dilling of Kings Mountain; grandchild Landor Daniel Scronce.

The graveside service was conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Relay For Life c/o City of Kings Mountain, PO Box 429, Kings Mountain 28086, or Duke Comprehensive Cancer Fund, c/o Duke University Medical Center, PO Box 3828 Durham, N.C. 27710.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

## CAROLYN STONE

KINGS MOUNTAIN- Carolyn Lowe Stone, 57, 907 Blalock Drive, died October 6, 2000 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Nora Hoyle Lowe. She was the wife of the late Gene Stone. She was also preceded in death by her brother Melvin Lowe. She was also the sister of the late Michael Lowe. She was in quality control with Eaton Corp. of Grover, and retired after 24 years of service. She was a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

She is survived by daughters Gina Stone Bell and husband Tim of Kings Mountain; Lindy Stone Haynes and husband Harlan of Bessemer City; sister Becky Shockley of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Gia S. Bell, Dustin Stone, Timmy Bell, Josh Bell, Nicholas Bell; sister in law and brother in law Mary and Merle Valentine of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Christian Freedom Baptist Church by Rev. Mike Chambers. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby 28150, or The American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte 28202.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

## KENNETH ALLEN

SHELBY - Kenneth Brent Allen, 35, 2506-C Blacksburg Road, died October 7, 2000 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Kenneth Jackson Allen and the late Kaye Dixon Allen Davis. He was a professional wrestler.

He is survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Debbie and Rick Messick and Barbara and Keith Messick, all of Shelby; brother, Scott Davis of Shelby; daughter, Lola Lorenda Allen of Atlanta, GA; grandfather, Frank Allen of Grover; and grandmother, Sue Yates of Grover. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Brent Yates.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Phil Bailey at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Frank Allen Family Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## GREGORY McDONALD

CHERRYVILLE- Gregory Brent McDonald, 53, 411 N. Pine Street, Cherryville, died October 6, 2000 at Integrated Health Services, Charlotte, N.C.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Joe T. McDonald and Mable Ann Whitaker McDonald. He was a retired draftsman and a member of Morning Star Ministries, Charlotte. He was a former member of Laurel Wood Baptist Church, Gastonia.

He is survived by his son Dick B. McDonald and wife Kandise of York, S.C.; daughters Kim Griffin and husband Tim of Kings Mountain, Stephanie Wirth and husband Rick of Cherryville; grandchildren Richard, Josh, and Elizabeth Griffin.

The graveside service was conducted Saturday at 4 p.m. at Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery by Rev. Carroll Henderson. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

## EVELYN BRIDGES

SHELBY- Evelyn C. Bridges, 81, resident of McDowell Nursing Center, Nebo, N.C., died October 6, 2000 at McDowell Nursing Center.

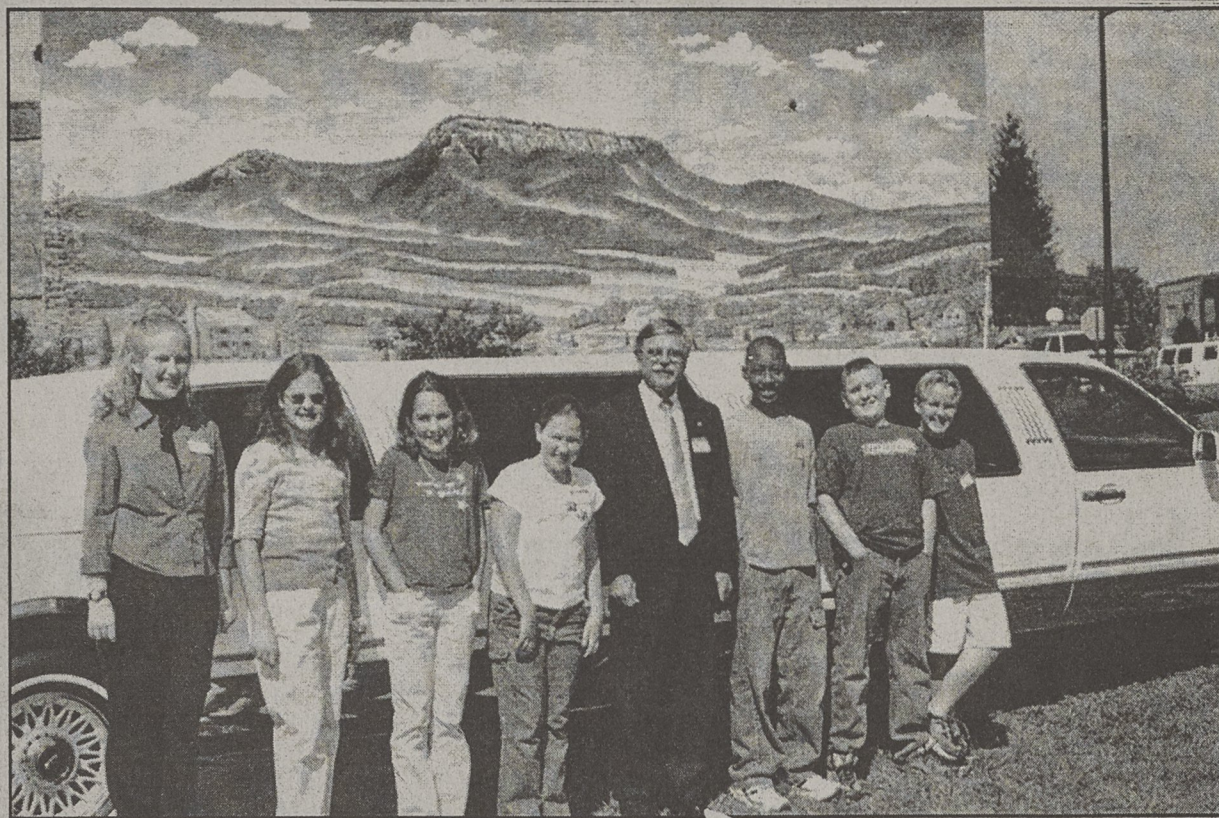
A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John and Charlotte Lattimore Canipe. She was the wife of the late Homer Carl Bridges. She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons Bill Bridges and Donald Bridges both of Shelby; daughters Rachel Melton of Ellenboro, N.C., Sarah Bridges and Teresa Bridges both of Gastonia; sister Mary Mosteller of Hickory; also seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Cemetery by the Rev. Chris Wray. Burial was in Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 1227 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Shelby 28152.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.



Seven Kings Mountain Middle School essay contest winners were given a limousine ride to the 220th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain on Saturday. Pictured are, left to right; Lacey Beam, Kristin Healy, Tara Stowe, Sara Roberts, mayor Rick Murphrey, Dustin Wilson, Ben Carswell, Miles Galloway.

# BRIEFS

## Essay winners attend KM battle celebration

Seven students from Kings Mountain Middle school were winners in "The Day the Mountain Spoke" essay contest. The winners were taken to Saturday's 220th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain at Kings Mountain National Military Park in a limousine. Winners were Lacey Beam, Halie Calvert, Megan Bradshaw, Ben Carswell, Miles Galloway, Sara Roberts and Dustin Wilson. They were accompanied by Kings Mountain mayor Rick Murphrey and teacher Alison Carswell.

The students were honored in the program, presented with a medallion from the National Park Service and had their essays prominently displayed at the Welcome Center. After attending the wreath laying ceremony at the battleground monument, the students retired to Swoogers for a "Red, White, and Blue Sundae" and ride back to the gazebo in downtown Kings Mountain.

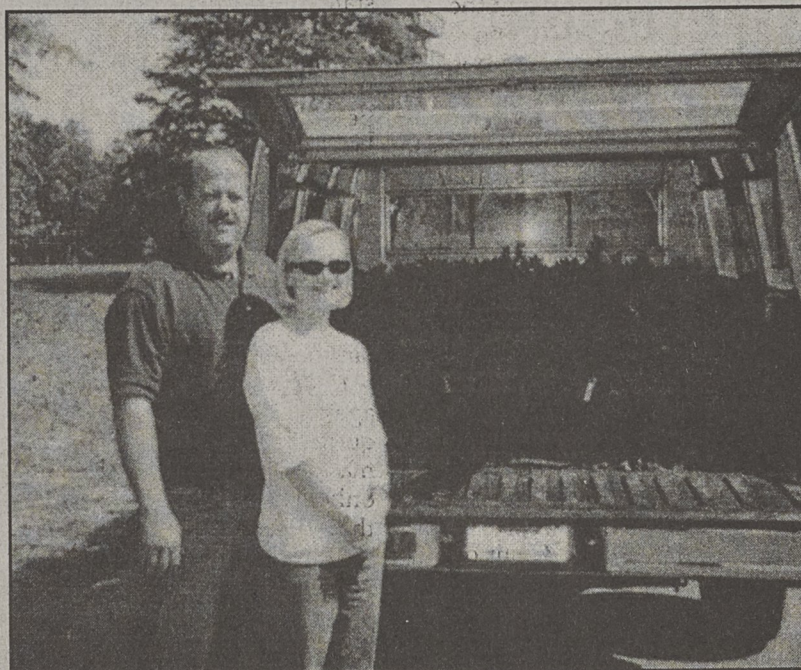
## Open house set at Masonic Lodge

Fairview Lodge #339 A.F. & A.M., and the Order of the Eastern Star will host an open house and program Saturday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge, located off Phifer Road and Landing Street behind Trinity Episcopal Church.

This is an opportunity for the general public to become familiar with the Mason program and have an opportunity to join.

A meal will be served at 6:30, followed by an open house and a program by Kings Mountain native Jim Medlin, who is Grand Lodge Director of Development. He will be speaking on Introductory to Masonry, and will answer questions anyone may have on Masonry.

The meal and program are free, but reservations are necessary by Wednesday, October 18 by calling Ed Yarbro at 739-7703 or Tom Tindall at 739-2415.



Dwight and Kathy Dixon pick up 75 azaleas for El Bethel United Methodist Church to use for beautification project.

## El Bethel project given 75 azaleas

El Bethel United Methodist Church is one of 131 nonprofit organizations across North Carolina chosen to receive a special landscape award from Keep North Carolina Clean & Beautiful Inc.

The church entered its landscape project for a grant from the 2000 Azalea Celebration. KNCCB awarded the church 75 azaleas to be used to beautify a wooded area adjacent to the church.

El Bethel United Methodist Church, organized in 1812, is now eligible to compete for the A.J. Fletcher Award in 2003. The award goes to the nonprofit organization that maintains its project best over the next three years. First place carries a \$500 cash award and 100 azaleas; second place, \$250 and 50 azaleas; and third, \$50 and 25 azaleas.

Churches, schools, youth groups, garden clubs, scouts and civic groups are eligible to apply for KNCCB grants. For more information write KNCCB, PO Box 12943, Raleigh, NC 27605-2943, call 919-787-1693, or e-mail knccbc@aol.com.

## Book signing at KM Historical Museum

Author Rusty Patterson will be signing copies of his new book "Shelby and Cleveland County, North Carolina" at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 21. The museum will remain open until 4 p.m.

The book is 128 pages long and contains more than 200 photos. The chapters are devoted to Kings Mountain with many early views of the city. The book is published by Arcadia, an imprint of Tempus Publishing and sells for \$18.99.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

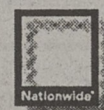
	Oct. 4-10	Year Ago
Total precipitation	0	3.50
Max. one day	0	3.50
Month to date	0	4.50
Year to date	41.45	35.51
Low temp.	31 (9th)	50 (5th)
High temp.	80 (4th, 5th)	79 (9th)
Avg. temp.	56.0	65.9

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