

Little Billy Bridges now bundle of energy

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Just like the Ever Ready rabbit, nine-year-old Billy Bridges of Shelby just keeps on going and going. Born with a variety of ailments that would have stopped lesser men in their tracks, Billy has not only overcome the odds against him, he's left many of them in the dust.

Currently a third grader at Number Three Township Elementary School, Billy fits in nicely despite frequent trips to doctors. He resides with his grandparents Helen and Butch Barnette whom he calls "mom" and "dad."

"The kids accept Billy as he is," says Helen Barnette. "Even though he's in special classes and takes physical therapy, he made the Honor Roll."

Because he was unable to get out and about for many years, Billy is wide open now that he feels better.



BILLY BRIDGES

"I love basketball and play with my friends every chance I get," Billy said.

According to Barnette, Billy is "full of energy and wants to play constantly."

"Because he burns up so many calories, we have to try and slow him down a little," she said.

Billy's special medical needs mean that he still only weighs about 50 pounds now. In order to even maintain that weight, he has to consume large quantities of high calorie foods such as creamed potatoes and cheese. After he gets out of school at 1 p.m. and comes home, Billy needs to drink a large glass of half and half milk to boost his caloric intake.

Another aspect of Billy's attending public school is the constant need to shield him from certain contagious diseases.

The family of Gregory Brent McDonald would like to sincerely thank Harris Funeral Home for their outstanding service to us during the loss of our father. They were wonderfully caring and thoughtful of us and our needs. A special thank you goes out to "Eric Wright" for his concern and care to us. You couldn't ask for people to be anymore caring than they were.

Thanks Harris!
The McDonald Family

Three years ago, Ruby Moss Alexander was given six months to live.

In spite of her continual struggle with cancer, Ruby's recent years were marked more by activity than by sickness, more by giving encouragement than by requiring it, more by laughter than by tears, more by faith than by hopelessness, and more by fun with family than by anger at the physical enemy within. The weakness of her body allowed the strength of her spirit to become even more evident.

We are thankful to our Lord for His grace to us in extending her life for our benefit, and for allowing us the opportunity to minister to her in her final days on earth.

Since her departure for Heaven, we have been so blessed by those in the community who have reached out to us in support and encouragement.

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to our friends throughout Kings Mountain and Cleveland County who have lifted us in prayer. Your words of kindness and tokens of remembrance have indeed boosted our spirits; thank you for considering it important to make your thoughts known to us.

Charles Alexander and Family



"We had to take him out of school for several days because the strep throat was going around," said Barnette. "He also takes his own water rather than drinking put of the fountain."

Because of his height to weight ratio, transportation to school requires Billy to ride in a special \$900 car seat similar to the type found in a NASCAR racer. The seat is equipped with extra belts that give enhanced security.

These precautions are just trifling things in the way of Billy and his desire to excel.

According to his teachers, his thirst for knowledge is "like a sponge." Trips to the library for more and more books are also some of Billy's favorite outings. He visits the library at least once a week and often more.

Reading is also his favorite subject in school.

"My favorite books are the 'Goosebumps' and 'Babysitters Club' mysteries," Billy says.

With so much behind him, Billy is confident about the future. He says he still wants to be a doctor. Barnette says she thinks Billy has a special gift of empathy with sick folks. Until the day he hangs out his shingle, Billy is focusing on the school year right now.

"I'm doing my homework and looking forward to Christmas," he says.



REBEKAH & RYAN ROSS

Rebekah, Ryan Ross celebrate birthday

Rebekah and Ryan Ross, son and daughter of Rodney and Amy Ross of Kings Mountain, were four years old on October 2. They celebrated September 30 with a party with friends at Gymnastics World, Gastonia, followed by a Barbie and soccer party and cookout at their home with family and friends.

Guests included Autumn and Kristen Ruppe, Austin and Parker Dorsey, Tori and Caitlyn Brauns, Jordan and Sydney Owens, Makenzi Vinesett, Landon Bolin, and Amy Poeng. Grandparents are Richard and Nancy Ross and Virginia Cawood, all of Kings Mountain, and Tom and Patty Cawood of Spring City, TN.

Great-grandparents are Margaret Condon of Mt. Airy, MD, and Hazel Smith of Yucca Valley, CA.

OBITUARIES

GERTIE HUFFSTETLER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary "Gertie" Huffstetler, 87, White Oak Manor, died October 11, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Gamel and Lily Jay Sellers McMurray, and wife of the late George Marvin "Slim" Huffstetler. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, and was retired from Esther Mill, Shelby.

She is survived by her daughter, Gail Huffstetler White and husband, Eddie, of Kings Mountain; two grandchildren, Nikki Jones and husband, Todd, of Lattimore, and Paige White of Kings Mountain; and two great-grandchildren, Dustin Jones and Cody Jones.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MAE STRINGFELLOW
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mae Stewart Stringfellow, 90, White Oak Manor, died October 11, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late William and Florence Huffman Stewart and wife of the late Thomas William Stringfellow. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Bobby Stringfellow of Kings Mountain; brother, Calvin Hope of Polkville; sister, Eulala Doby of Blacksburg, SC; grandchildren, Lyn Dimuzio and Tommy Stringfellow of Kings Mountain and Wendy Stringfellow of Greensboro; and one great-grandchild, Jonathan Ballinger Jr.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GAIL BELL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Gail Bell, 57, 728 Oak Grove Road, died Friday, October 13, 2000 at Century Care Center, Cherryville.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Sam and Virginia Wright Bell. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her brothers, Horace Bell and wife, Rosalee, Eugene Bell and wife, Opal, and Giles Bell and wife, Della, all of Kings Mountain, and Arnold Bell and wife, Ruth, of Lenoir; and sister, Betty Philbeck and husband, Arnold, of Kings Mountain.

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

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Grover church bake, yard sale October 28

Grover Church of God, 201 North Main Street, Grover, will hold a yard/bake sale Saturday, Oct. 28 from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

For more information call Rev. Larry Wells at 937-7541.

NATHANIEL TINDALL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nathaniel U. Tindall, 81, 2601 Holloway Street, Durham, formerly of Kings Mountain, died October 12, 2000 at Treyburn Rehab Nursing Center, Durham.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late A.U. and Ethel Cooper Tindall and husband of the late Evelyn Adams Tindall. He was a member of Durham Memorial Baptist Church and a former member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church. He was retired from Southern Railroad and served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his son, Phillip W. Tindall and wife, Hazel, of Summerville, SC; daughters, Cynthia Johnson and husband, Gary, of Shelby and Judy T. Wheeler and husband, Dan, of Durham; brother, Thomas Tindall of Kings Mountain; sisters, Edna Earle of Kings Mountain, Melba McWhirter of Mooresboro, and Marguerite McKee of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, James "Tinker" Johnson Jr. and wife, Jamie, of Belwood, Rebecca Berry and husband, Jimmy, of Cartersville, GA, and Geana Wheeler of Durham; and great-grandchildren, David Johnson and Jennifer Johnson.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Gerald Goodwin and Rev. Ken Pruitt at 2 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MAGGIE HULLENDER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Maggie Davis Hullender, 90, 906 Sherwood Lane, died Sunday, October 15, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late R.M. and Mattie Freeman Davis and widow of the late Frank Jonas Hullender. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Grayson Davis and Frank Davis, and six sisters, Carrie Grigg, Lillie Ford, Mary Pippis, Mammie Sipes, Lorie Davis, and Della Foster.

She was a member of Family Worship Center Church of God, and was a homemaker.

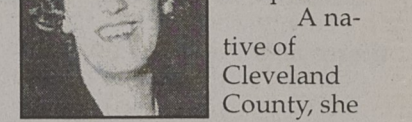
She is survived by her sons, David Hullender and wife, Margaret, of Kings Mountain and Joe Hullender and wife, Mary, of Cherryville; daughter, Katherine Davis of Cherryville; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roger Woodard at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Kings Mountain Family Worship Center. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BETTY MAUNEY
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Short Mauney, 70, 203 East Gold Street, died October 12, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.



BETTY MAUNEY

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Clyde and Vertie Davis Short.

She was the wife of the late David L. Mauney.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, J.D. Short and Bobby Short. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and was retired from Mauney Hosiery.

She is survived by her sons, Eddie Mauney and wife, Roxanne, of Kings Mountain and Kenny Mauney of Winston Salem; daughter, Sarah Jane Rhea and husband, Joe D. Rhea Jr.; sisters, Maxine Putnam and husband, Russell, of Kings Mountain, Margaret Moore of Kings Mountain, Ruth Turner of Kings Mountain, Patsy Moore and husband, Jerry, of Marshville, and Lois Eudy and husband, Grady, of Pageland, SC; and three grandchildren, Ryan Mauney, Sarah Jane Mauney, and Trent Rhea.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ralph Wallace at 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Benevolence Foundation, 201 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BEVERLY JOLLY
CHARLOTTE - Beverly Crofford Jolly, 72, 1741 Woodland Drive, Charlotte, died October 17, 2000 at her home.

A native of Mansfield, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Jennie Hoon Crofford. She was a member of Lamp Light church, Charlotte.

She is survived by her husband Clarence Jolly of Charlotte; sons Steven Jolly of Charlotte, Michael Jolly and wife Kelly of Charlotte, and Clarence "Clete" Jolly III and wife Sandi of Clover, S.C.; brothers Richard Crofford and wife Alice of Jefferson, Va. and Bruce Malcuit and wife Ganell of Queensland, Australia; grandchildren Marie, Michael, Elizabeth, Aaron, and Nathan; also many nieces and cousins.

The memorial service will be conducted Saturday, October 21, at Lamp Light Church, Charlotte, at 7 p.m. by the Rev. Jim Hall. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Lamp Light Church, 2726 Chesterfield Avenue, Charlotte 28205.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Oct. 11-17	Year Ago
Total precipitation	0	.14
Maximum 1 day	0	.10 (13th)
Month to date	0	4.64
Year to date	41.45	35.65
Low temperature	38 (11th)	50 (15th)
High temperature	80 (16th)	77 (17th)
Average temperature	61.0	65.1

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