

OBITUARIES

JUDY HOWELL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Judy McGinnis Howell, 41, 107 Inwood Lane, died February 3, 2001 at Johnson City Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, TN.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Lewis Edward McGinnis. She was a student counselor at North Elementary School and a member of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church. She was a member of the American Hypnosis Society and North Carolina Counselors Association. She was an alumna of Belmont Abbey College and Gardner Webb University.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Howell of Kings Mountain; son, Jeff Howell of the home; mother, Willie Sue Leonhart McGinnis of Kings Mountain; brothers, Terry Marlowe and Kenneth McGinnis of Kings Mountain; sister, Wanda Cooper of Belmont; and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joyce and Ray Howell.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Ralph Wallace at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to CODAP, c/o Cleveland County Health Department, 315 Grover Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

TOMMY BOWEN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Tommy "Shorty" Bowen, 69, 202 Jim Patterson Road, died February 2, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Howard and Mary Clary Bowen. He was married to Eva Swafford Bowen of Shelby and the late Agnes Fredell Bowen.

He was retired from Bost Bakery and served in the National Guard. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his son, Dennis Bowen and wife, Dianne, of Lattimore; daughter, Sandra Waldrop and husband, Rev. David Waldrop, of Lawndale; stepdaughter, Patsy Moses Foster of Kings Mountain; stepson, Boyce William Moses of California; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Waldrop at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Entombment was at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association, Southern Piedmont Chapter, 2001 Vale Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28211.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARION C. FALLS JR.
GLEN BURNIE, MD - Marion C. Falls Jr., 77, died February 1, 2001 at Genesis Eldercare, Severna Park, after a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Kings Mountain, and was the husband of the late Laura L. Gladden Falls, who died December 26, 2000. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Phyllis E. Johnston.

He was employed as a Supplies Specialist with National Security Administration. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Glen Burnie Baptist Church, Jephtha Lodge #222 A.F. & A.M. of the Masons, and Square Club.

He is survived by his son, Gary E. Falls of Glen Burnie; brothers and sisters, Klyde Falls of Baltimore, MD and Lucille Bridges, Norma Bridges and Pratt Falls, all of North Carolina; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert H. Brookman at 12 p.m. February 5 at Kirkley-Ruddick Funeral Home. Interment was in Crownsville, MD Veterans Cemetery.

ROSAL LEDFORD
SHELBY - Mrs. Rosa Owens Ledford, 81, 1129 Chatfield Road, died February 4, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Earl T. and Sarah Hamm Owens. Her first husband was the late Henry Abernathy, and her second husband was the late Belve B. Ledford.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Cherri Lavery and her husband, Ken.

She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Grover, and was a retired Nurse's Aid at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

She is survived by her son, Robert "Butch" Abernathy and wife, Kay; daughters, Renee Byars and husband, Shell, of Shelby and Barbara Long of Boiling Springs; grandchildren, Rev. Douglas Ramsey and wife, Leslie, of Antioch, Brian Ramsey and wife, Tandra, of Kings Mountain, Michael Lanier of Rutherfordton, Mickey Lang and wife, Amber, of Boiling Springs, Joshua McCaw and wife, Amanda, of Shelby, Dean Abernathy of Lincolnton, Michelle Parker and husband, Kevin, of Cherryville, and Anne Brethour and husband, Darrell, of Kings Mountain; great-grandchildren, Kylee Ramsey, Tori Ramsey, Shanna Ramsey, Cameron Ramsey, Haley Lang, Jada Lang, and Ashley Parker; and nine step-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Douglas Ramsey at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bethany Baptist Church, Grover. Burial was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to the Senior Fund at Bethany Baptist Church, 723 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, NC 28073.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LOIS MORETZ
HICKORY - Lois Hall Moretz, 76, of the Bethlehem Community, died February 2, 2001 at Frye Regional Medical Center.

A native of Caldwell County, she was the daughter of the late Robert M. and Callie White Hall, and wife of H. Bruce Moretz.

She was owner and operator of Lois's Beauty Shop, and was a member of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Wayburn M. and Gary L. Mills of Wilson; sons and daughters-in-law, Alvin B. and Cathy Moretz of Kings Mountain and Dewitt C. and Sarah Moretz of Hickory; brother, Stanley Hall of Hudson; sisters, Faye Knight of Hudson and Lucille Crump and Letha Hall of Lenoir; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jessie Rushing and James A. Moretz at 3 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pall bearers were Don Moretz, Ashley Moretz, Anthony Moretz, Don Austin, Tony Crump and Marion Hall.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, Route 13, Hickory, NC 28601.

Bass-Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OLA FALLS PRUETTE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ola Falls Pruetto, 92, White Oak Manor, formerly of Grover, died January 31, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Henry and Susan Carroll Falls. She was the wife of the late Murray Council Pruetto Sr.

She was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Grover, where she was an Elder. She was also a member of the DAR and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a retired seamstress.

She is survived by her son, M.C. Pruetto Jr. and wife, Joanne, of Kings Mountain; daughter, Elaine Anton and husband, George, of Lake Park; brothers, Herbert Falls and George Falls, both of Kings Creek S.C., and John Falls of Columbia, SC; sisters, Avalona Hembree of Taylors, SC, Pansy Julian of Anderson, SC, Veda Garrison and Dorthea Martin, both of Greenville, SC, Frances Pennington of Gaffney, SC, and Esther Holiday of Six Miles, SC; three grandchildren, Sharon Chapman and husband, Tim, of Kings Mountain, Jennifer McCachren and husband, Steve, of Shelby, and Andrea Whitesides and husband, Tim, of Gastonia; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Nancy Mugford at 3 p.m. Friday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Grover. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, 307 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KYLE MARTIN
SHELBY - Kyle Ray Martin, age 3 months, 415 Mauney Lane, died February 5, 2001 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Jay and Nancy Martin of the home. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Tommy and Angie Tate of Shelby; paternal grandparents, Dean and Bonnie Martin of Kings Mountain; uncles, Charlie Mayes of Shelby, Ryan Mayes of Cherryville, and Chris Martin and Nathan Martin of Kings Mountain; and great-grandparents, Joe and JoAnne Whisnant, Melvin and Beverly Johnson, Gene Brown and Bernard and Roseanne Fitzgerald, all of Shelby. He was preceded in death by his great-great-grandparents, John and Dovie Mode.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Calvin Morrison at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to AIDS Foundation, 6065 Roswell Road Suite 876, Atlanta, GA 30328.

ODIES STINCHCOMB
SHELBY - Odies Clarence "Pop" Stinchcomb, 73, 700 West Warren Street, died February 5, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Griffin, GA, he was the son of the late William Calvin and Alice Pirkle Stinchcomb. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Inez Blanton.

He was retired as a Research and Development Mechanic in the textile industry, and was a member of New Bethel Church of the Nazarene. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, with service in the Pacific Theatre.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Sisk Stinchcomb of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Kim and Cindi Stinchcomb of Kings Mountain, Dan and Marilyn Stinchcomb of Palatka, FL, and Scott Stinchcomb of Shelby; brothers, Curtis Stinchcomb of Griffin, GA, and Fred Stinchcomb and Jimmy Stinchcomb of Fallston; sisters, Willie Mae Hicks of Shelby, Evelyn Hännöñ of Kings Mountain, Naomi Wright of Lawndale, and Shirley Ann Boggus of Sherill Ford; grandchildren, Kimberly Stinchcomb and Ashley Stinchcomb of Kings Mountain, and Michael Stinchcomb and Melissa Stiner of Palatka, FL.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Reed Jones, Robert Address and Don McSwain at 2 p.m. Wednesday at New Bethel Church of the Nazarene. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RADAR WATCH
 Kings Mountain Police will be running radar at the following locations:

- Thurs., Feb. 8 - Phifer Rd.
- Fri., Feb. 9 - Waco Rd. at Nebo Hill/Sims St.
- Mon., Feb. 12 - North Piedmont
- Tues., Feb. 13 - Waco Rd. and Nebo Hill/Sims St.
- Wed., Feb. 14 - E. King at Canterbury Rd.

CLARENCE DAVISON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Clarence F. Davison, 80, 1718 County Line Road, died January 28, 2001 at VA Hospital, Asheville, N.C.

A native of Pascagoula, Mississippi, he was the son of the late Dwight Clarence and Ellen Davison and husband of the late Cleo Henson Davison. He was a member of Sunnyside Baptist Church, Bessemer City. He was a retired truck driver and served in the U.S. Army in Burma.

He is survived by son Dwight F. Davison of Brewerton, New York; stepsons Kevin Revette and Kenny Revette of Brewerton; step daughter Gala White of Weedsport, New York; brother Ray Davison of Brewerton; granddaughter Melissa Davison of Central Square, New York.

The memorial service was conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by Rev. Carroll Brackett.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

Gaston Shock AAU team plans tryouts

The Gaston Shock AAU 15 and under and 16 under AAU boys basketball teams will hold tryouts February 17-18 from 3:50-5:30 p.m. at the Highland School of Technology gym, 1600 North Morris Street, Gastonia.

For more information call Jerry Jordan at 865-8551.

Carolina Energies Inc. acquires oil company

Carolina Energies Inc., a Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation company, has acquired Dixie Oil Company, Inc. of Morganton.

The company was formed in 1960 and serves approximately 1,000 accounts.

"Carolina Energies is looking forward to providing the customers of Dixie Oil the same good service they were accustomed to receiving from Dixie Oil and plans to expand on the products being offered with the addition of a propane division," said Gary Whitener, President and CEO of Carolinas Energies, Inc.

Carolinan Energies, Inc. also recently acquired Williams Oil Company of Shelby.

Carolina Energies, Inc. is a wholly-owned, for-profit subsidiary of Rutherford EMC that offers commercial gasoline, propane, kerosene and heating oil as well as sales, installation and service of home heating systems.

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The job. Pulliam also developed a similar community near Spartanburg known as Summit Hills.

Roads to the community will be built to city standards, but will be privately owned. All units will be fire sprinkled. Heavy landscaping will blend the community into the surrounding area as well as offer noise abatement.

Independent living homes will be constructed of frame/brick/vinyl siding construction and will have two bedrooms and baths. Other amenities will include a 140 square foot Carolina room and built-in appliances. Apartments will be available in one and two bedroom styles.

Phase two of the EdenGardens expansion will begin in mid-2002.

For more information and financing options, call Vickie Husband at 704-739-6772.

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for March, which will be the February billing, are down and with some warm weather consumption will be down also. Hopefully, the worst is behind us.

Some customers found it hard to understand their high January bills, not because of the increased total cost but because the city's residential rate is not printed on the bill. An attempt to figure the rate based on usage and the amount is not an accurate reflection of the actual rate, Maney said.

According to Jean Wyte, Director of Billing, the city's base residential rate is based on a "tier" scale, ranging from \$1,52093 for each of the first five CCFs down to \$1,12313 for each CCF over 500. Variable costs reflecting the current cost of natural gas is added to that figure.

Mayor Rick Murphrey said he plans to review the bill and try to make that clearer so everybody to understand them. "But," he added, "the main thing for citizens to understand is that we did freeze the wholesale rate and their bills would have been 44% higher if we hadn't done that."

Councilman Gene White, who at last week's Council meeting asked for a 25 percent reduction in gas rates for the next three months, said he is appreciative of the savings and intends to continue his push for lower rates.

"I'm going to ask for a 25 percent cut in the gas rate to effect February, March and April and I'm asking everyone to come up to City Hall for the February meeting and give support to that," he said.

White said he will also push for the city to set aside \$100,000 for no-interest loans for citizens to insulate their houses to R-30 standards. He said putting 12 1/2 inches of attic insulation in a 1,200 square foot home would cost \$600.

White is upset that the city is "giving away" so much money while soaring gas prices are affecting all taxpayers.

"We just gave up \$630,000 for the two lakes," he said. "We're anticipating annexing Dyemasters and that will cost us a million dollars over 10 years. If we can give money to all these other things, then we should give the citizens a break."

I'm distressed by these total utility bills. It seems to me we have to do something in good faith other than to reward our friends."

"I understand it's hard to say no to your friends," he added, "but we're supposed to be there to look out for the taxpayers' money. One solid thing we can do is to make money available under a revolving fund so people can insulate their houses."

White said higher gas prices certainly aren't anyone's fault, but he considers the situation a

crisis because folks are receiving bills that they just aren't able to pay.

"I'm not sure if we have a sufficient feel for what's happening here," he said. "I want people to stand up and say why they can't pay a \$528 utility bill when their monthly social security check is only \$432. It doesn't take much mathematical skill to figure that out."

"I have bunches of examples like that that I've looked at," he said. "I would hope fellow Council members and the mayor would sit down and go through the printouts and just see what kind of bills are going out each month. We ought to be willing to sacrifice and act in good faith."

"I want a lot of people to show up at the next Council meeting so the Council and mayor can get a first-hand feel of what the people are going through."

Happy Birthday!!

My Loving Husband,
Kenneth Hamrick.
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In Loving Memory of
Cecil S. Owens

Once I had a "Dream" to build a home all by myself with no help at all just out of worldly tools and materials. With no avail, the dream failed. I then decided to build "Me" a Heavenly Home, but not alone. My Heavenly Father as the Contractor, the Bible as the Blueprint, the Church as the Foundation, and God as the Inspector.

After many years of preparing and building, God inspected all my work saying, "Your work is finished and home completed, a job well done." Come go with me, you no longer belong here on earth, but in your Heavenly Home in Heaven with Me." As He took my hand in His nail-scarred hand on February 5, 1998 and led me home with Thee. I thank You, Lord.

The moral of our Loved One's story is he wants us also to build our home in Heaven as he did.

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