

## OBITUARIES

### EVERETT WILLIAMS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Everett P. "Bud" Williams, 84, 1613 York Road, died February 6, 2001 at his home.

A native of Oconee County, SC, he was the son of the late Barrington A. and Flora Janes Williams. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Marcom Williams.

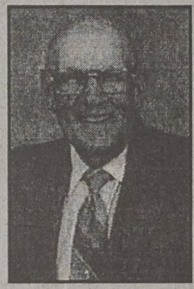
He was a member of Oak View Baptist Church, where he served as former Deacon and Sunday School teacher. He was retired from Burlington Industries, Cramerton and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge on December 14, 1943 and remained a prisoner until the end of the War. He was in the 106th Infantry Division in Germany.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Bertha Eskew Williams; son, Gerald Williams and wife Patsy of Kings Mountain; daughter, Priscilla Holman and husband Dana of Kings Mountain; sisters, Evelyn Bumgarner of Six Miles, SC and Una McGuire of Anderson, SC; grandchildren, Penny Ewing and husband Mason of Gastonia, Scott Williams and wife Lucy of Kings Mountain, and James P. Holman of Kings Mountain; great-grandchildren, Adian Heath, Melanie Ewing, James P. Holman II, Katie Williams and Matthew Williams; and great-grandchildren, Taylor Ewing, Keeley Heath, and Nathan Heath.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jamie Billings, Robbie Moore and Ralph Sparrow at 2 p.m. Friday at Oak View Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Oak View Baptist Church, 1517 York Road, Kings Mountain 28086, or Hospice of Gaston County, 717 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia 28054.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



### ANEITA M. CHAMPION

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Aneita Montgomery Champion, 50, 2048 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Shelby, died February 10, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Boyd Montgomery and Mildred McGinnis Ledford. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Allen Champion of Cherryville; sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy Sanders and wife, Amy, of Casar and Shannon Sanders and wife, Anna, of Earl; brother, Robby Montgomery and wife, Wanda, of Kings Mountain; sister, Linda Clark of Shelby; grandchildren, Aaron Sanders, Ryan Arrowood, Brook Arrowood, and Chance Sanders; nieces, Robin Carlton and Haley Montgomery; great-nieces, Brandy Carlton and Jessica Whitesides; and great-nephew, Tyrell Carlton.

A graveside service was held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### JAMES F. GUNNELLS

HOUSTON, MS - James F. Gunnells died Monday, February 5, 2001.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Robert and Lela Gladden Gunnells. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Peter S. Gunnells, Clarence B. Gunnells, and Jack H. Gunnells.

He was an ordained minister and a brick mason.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; two daughters, Beth of the home and Jill Thompson of Gastonia; son, Phillip of Mantachie, MS; two adopted children, Ashley Henry and Jamie Gunnells of Mississippi; five grandsons; three granddaughters; and one sister, Juanita G. Blanton of Kings Mountain.

Burial was in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Houston, MS.

### BEATRICE FISHER LONG

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Beatrice Fisher Long, 73, 341 Wright Road, died February 7, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Joseph David and Pearlie Mae Tiller Fisher. She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Dwayne Rucker; and brothers David Fisher, Allen Fisher, Don Fisher and Caleb Fisher.

She was a member of Second Baptist Church, was owner of Bea's Beauty Shop, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Roy J. Long of Kings Mountain; son, Steven Roy Long and wife, Angela, of Denver; daughter, Patricia Hamrick of Kings Mountain; brother, Guy Fisher of Winston-Salem; sisters, Lula Mae Terry and Elsie Dixon of Kings Mountain, Lois Brown of Gastonia, Peggy Fipps of Brunswick, GA, and Elizabeth Ven Clovas of Decatur, GA; grandchildren, Abbie Long, Anna Long and Jamie Rucker; and great-grandchildren, Casey Rucker and Haley Rucker.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Al Golf at 11 a.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### RANDY DALE HORN

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Randy Dale Horn, 31, 612 Bell Road, died February 7, 2001 at his home.

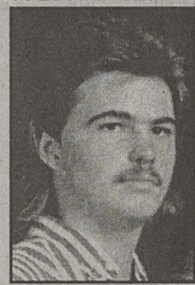
He was a native of Cleveland County and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was a former volunteer fireman at Oak Grove Fire Department, and was owner of Creekside Landscaping Company of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Sanders Horn; daughters, Brittney Horn, Miranda Horn, and Kasie Horn, all of the home; parents, Holland Arnold Jr. and Janice Ware Horn of Kings Mountain; brothers, Tony Horn and wife, Kim, and Arnold Brian Horn and wife, Jill, all of Kings Mountain; and sister, Sandy Greene and husband, David, of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ron Caulder and Don Horn at 4 p.m. Friday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



### JUANITA S. CRAIG

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Juanita S. Craig, 75, Battleforest Apartments 17A, 210 Cleveland Avenue, died February 8, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Horace and Dora Mae Wyatt Sprouse and wife of the late Robert L. Craig. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Ann Hutchins.

She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her son, Leroy Hendren and Gail, of Kings Mountain; daughters, JoAnn Patterson and husband, Dean, of Shelby and Dora Poston and husband, Tom, of Gastonia; son-in-law, Johnny Hutchins of Kings Mountain; brother, Furman Sprouse of Gastonia; sister, Ruth Keener of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Robbie Hayes, Angel Hendren, Rex Smith, Richard Whitley Jr., Thomas Poston, Buffy Murphy, Tammy Hogue, and Christopher Hutchins; and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ron Caulder at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### ELI FRANK ALLEN

SHELBY - Eli Frank "Mr. Frank" Allen, 84, 1404 Wesson Road, died Friday, February 9, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Gaither and Margaret Hamrick Allen. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence Allen; and sister, Edith Allen.

He was retired owner of Stuart's Superette and also worked at G.T. McSwain's. He was a member of Westwood Heights Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and choir member. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy Dixon Allen; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary A. and Stephen R. Henderson of Thomasville, Frances A. and Joseph Earwood and Barbara A. and Heath Hovis of Shelby, and Kay A. and Scott Cloninger of Kings Mountain; sisters, Vera Self and Jeanette Lowrance of Columbia, SC, and Patsy Bradley of Atlanta, GA; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jimmy Black and Dr. Paul Sorrells at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Westwood Heights Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Westwood Heights Baptist Church, 650 Dellinger Road, Shelby, NC 28152 and Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### CONNIE GOINS PUTNAM

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Connie Goins Putnam, 74, 311 York Road, died February 8, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late William Elmer "Bill" and Ola Mae Pruitt Goins. She was also preceded in death by her son-in-law, David Butler.

She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, and was retired as an administrative employee for the City of Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her sons, Jeff Putnam and wife, Sharon, and Daryl Putnam, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Donna P. Butler of Kings Mountain; brothers, Richard "Dick" Goins of Charlotte and Tony Goins of Clemmons, SC; sisters, Mell Newton of Belvedere, SC, Sharon Carter of Mineral Springs, and Renee Sandford of Raleigh; five grandchildren, Ama Becker, Mark Butler, Joshua Putnam, Tanner Putnam, and Taylor Putnam; and two great-grandchildren, Justin Becker and Holden Becker.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Land at 2 p.m. Sunday at Eastside Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### MARVIN WRIGHT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rev. Marvin "Eddie" Wright, 62, 204 Coronada Lane, died February 9, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was son of the late Marvin Noah and Minnie Gordon Wright. He was a retired truck driver and a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church. He also established Christian Freedom Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Wright of Kings Mountain; sons, Russell Wright and wife, Lisa, Tony Wright and Jeffrey Wright, all of Kings Mountain; brothers, Dr. Alfred Wright and wife, Doris, of Goldsboro and Arnold Gordon-Wright and wife, Kathern, of Charlotte; sister, Anna Carroll and husband, Lawrence, of Valdese; and granddaughters, April Wright and Christine Wright, both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mike Chambers and Lawrence Carroll, and Drs. Alfred Wright and Joel Wright at 11 a.m. Monday at Christian Freedom Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### ETHEL MCGINNIS

GASTONIA - Mrs. Ethel Lucille Rhyne McGinnis, 98, of Courtland Terrace, died February 11, 2001 at her residence.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Alonzo Augustus and Bessie Pearl Lewis Rhyne. She was the wife of the late Odell Fredrick McGinnis and sister of the late Kenneth Rhyne, Katherine Thornburg, and Helen Stowe.

She graduated from Gastonia Central School in 1920 and Lenoir Rhyne College in 1925. She taught school for one year during the time she was at Lenoir Rhyne, and later retired from teaching second grade at Flint Groves School.

She was a lifelong member of Lutheran Chapel Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years, including the Ladies Class which she was teaching at age 90. She moved to Courtland Terrace in 1991.

She is survived by two daughters, Phyllis McGinnis Carothers and husband, Buddy, of St. George Island, FL, and Susan McGinnis Cooper and husband, John, of Gastonia; four brothers, Clifford Rhyne and wife, Betty, of Gastonia, Rufus Rhyne and wife, Myra, of Newton, Walter Rhyne and wife, Eula, of Gastonia, and James Douglas Rhyne and wife, Marion, of Gastonia; a sister, Cornelia Counts of Charlotte; four granddaughters, Carol Carothers and husband, Ronnie Lineberger, Elizabeth Anne Carothers, Julie Cooper Meeker and husband, Richard, and Rebecca Cooper Bragdon and husband, William; four great-granddaughters, Jessica Phillips, Rebecca Phillips, Megan Debelius, and Addison Meeker; and a great-grand-grandson, Andy Carothers.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Michael W. Frye at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran Chapel Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lutheran Chapel Church, 702 North New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Woodlawn Funeral Home of Mt. Holly was in charge of arrangements.

## HIKE

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huckleberry, blueberry, sparkleberry, and lichen. The ground juniper, which gave the ridge its name, is only found in one other location in North Carolina.

Animal species that Sox said inhabited the connector land includes deer, turkey, skunks and rattlesnakes.

"Rattlers need wilderness and they are endangered," Sox said. "Seeing a rattlesnake is a treat."

Now that Crowders Mountain State Park has come into possession of the new wilderness area, Sox said that planning for the future in a careful way was imperative.

"We are currently working on a master plan for use of the connector," Sox said. "We hope to turn out a document next winter that will address the issues of facilities and resources."

Sox said that planning for the future was vital because the number of visitors that come to Crowders Mountain State Park increases each year by four to five percent. Currently, the park sees about 300,000 folks each year. Incorporating Davidson and City lakes near Kings Mountain into the overall park plan was also something Sox said he would like to see.

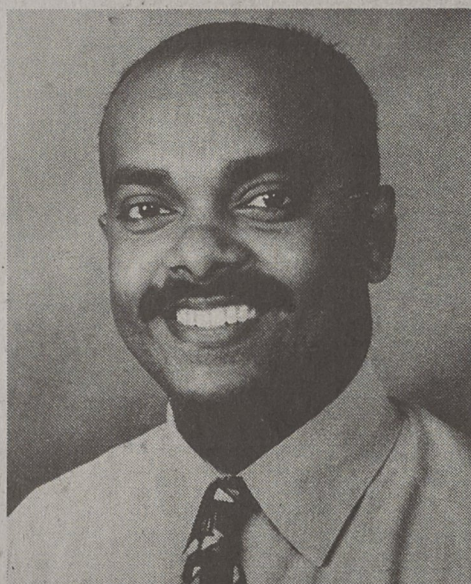
According to Sox, interest in the connector land has been high. Besides Sunday's exploration, another hike to an area known as "The Boulders" will take place Saturday, February 17 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The group will be limited to 25 hikers. Call 704-853-5375 to register. Proper hiking boots, long pants, and a water bottle are needed for the hike.

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The City of Kings Mountain is committed to fair housing opportunities for all of the City's residents. The City has adopted a resolution in support of Fair Housing which finds the denial of equal housing opportunities because of religion, race, color, sex, national origin, familial or handicap status legally wrong and socially unjust. The City has established a complaint procedure by which to receive and document complaints regarding housing discrimination in Eden. Such complaints will be referred to the North Carolina Human Relations Council for investigation, conciliation and resolution. If you have a discrimination complaint, please call the City of Kings Mountain Planning Director's Office, (704) 734-0333 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Hearing impaired persons desiring additional information or having questions regarding this subject should call the North Carolina Relay Number for the Deaf (1-800-735-8262).

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After years of medical training, including residency training at Princeton Medical Center, Dr. Syed Thiwan could have practiced almost anywhere. He chose the Kings Mountain community.

A physician with Kings Mountain Internal Medicine, Dr. Thiwan is a board-certified internist. He provides a full range of adult medicine - from the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and colon cancer, to the treatment of breathing and

gastrointestinal conditions. He also performs a full range of exams and hospital procedures including endoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, exercise stress tests, and ventilator management.

Dr. Thiwan knows how important health is to the future of our community. If you're an adult that needs the personal attention of a doctor with the expertise to help you strengthen your health, call 704-734-2820 to schedule an appointment with Dr. Thiwan.



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