

OBITUARIES

LENA WELCH GOFORTH
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Lena Welch Goforth, 87, White Oak Manor, died Saturday at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the wife of the late Preston Goforth. She was retired owner of Lena's Beauty Shop and was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Grover.

She is survived by her sons, Ray C. Goforth of Greenwood, SC and Dr. Cobie Dwight Goforth of West Palm Beach, FL; grandson and wife, Donnie and Robin Goforth of Greenwood, SC; granddaughter and husband, Susanne and Bobby Smith of Columbia, SC; great-granddaughter, Amanda Smith of Columbia, SC; and great-grandson, Preston Goforth of Greenwood, SC.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Nancy Mugford at 2 p.m. Monday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Grover. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

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

Cleveland Funeral Services, Shelby, was in charge of arrangements.

JANICE JOHNSON
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA. - Janice Smith Johnson, 56, formerly of Bessemer City, died February 28, 2001 at her home.

She was the daughter of Elsie Cook, McKinish of

Rutherfordton and the late Fred C. Smith. She was a graduate of Bessemer City High School and was retired from Equifax in Atlanta.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Tina Johnson of Winston-Salem; brother, George Smith of Shelby; nieces, Carmen and Brittany Smith of Shelby; companion, Howard Sloat of Stone Mountain and his son, Howard Sloat III of Florida and daughter, Katie and husband Vinny Wolczek of Atlanta; aunt, Mary Almond of Charlotte; special friend, Joyce Buckner of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Tim Trexler at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City. Interment was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HARRY LUND, JR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Harry Lund, Jr., 65, 109 Heritage Drive, died March 5, 2001 at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N.C.



LUND

A native of Pontiac, Michigan, he was the son of the late Harry Lund, Sr. He was also preceded in death by sister June Lund and brother James Lund. He was a member of Pathway Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. He was a retired truck driver and currently was custodian and bus driver at Kings Mountain Middle School.

He is survived by his wife Darlene Bailey Lund of Kings Mountain; son Steven Lund of Raleigh; daughters Dena Vess of Cherryville and Lisa Mauney of Mooresville, N.C.; mother Marie Wilson Lund of Tallahassee, Florida; sister Joan Briggs of Tallahassee; also six grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by Rev. James Hamrick. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pathway Baptist Church "Building Fund," 3100 Parkdale Circle, Kings Mountain 28086.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

JOE BRIDGES
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Joe B. Bridges, 67, 828 N. Piedmont Avenue, died March 4, 2001 at Wendover Hospice Center.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Adie Lee Tutherford Bridges. He was affiliated with Eastside Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and owner and operator of Bridges TV Service. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife Darlene Hannon Bridges of Kings Mountain; sons Larry Bridges and Danny Bridges both of Kings Mountain; father Golden B. Bridges of Kings Mountain; step-mother Gladys M. Bridges of Kings Mountain; sisters Joyce Plumley and Mary Frances Plonk both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by Rev. Eugene Land. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

EVA BALLARD GEORGE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Eva Ballard George, 96, 301 East Parker Street, died March 4, 2001 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John Franklin and Laura Amelia Lawing Ballard and wife of the late John Ivey George Sr.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Harold Dean George; son-in-law, Dean Payne; brothers, James Ballard, Samuel Ballard and Charles Ballard; and sisters, Gertie B. Roper, Roberta B. Ellison, Pauline B. Ware, and Mildred Ballard.

She was a member of First Wesleyan Church where she was a former choir member. She was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her sons, John George and wife, Sara, and Kenneth George and wife, Becky, all of Kings Mountain, Richard George and wife, Sally, of Virginia Beach, VA, and Curtis George and wife, Mary, of Statesville; daughters, Melba G. Payne, Frances G. Sarvis and husband, Gary, and Pansy G. Cunningham and husband, Horace, all of Kings Mountain; sister, Carrie Guyton of Great Falls, SC; daughter-in-law, Micky George Wright of Shelby; 21 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Donald L. Williams at 3 p.m. Thursday at First Wesleyan Church. Interment will be 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.

ANGELA P. HILL
CASAR - Angela Patterson Hill, 39, died March 1, 2001 at Hospice of Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, she was born on April 21, 1961, daughter of Mary McLaurin Sisk and the late Walter Seth Patterson.

She attended Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church of Shelby.

She is survived by her mother; a son, Bobby Ray Carpenter of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Texanna Little of Casar; five brothers, Keith Patterson of Kings Mountain, Ronnie Sisk, Doug Sisk, Justin Sisk and Eric Sisk all of Casar; two sisters, Tammy Ford of Fallston and Judy Clark of Cherryville; half brothers, Seth Patterson and Derek Patterson of Blacksburg, SC; half sister, Monta Patterson of Blacksburg; two grandsons, Calab Medders and Dustin Little; and special friends, Robert Walker and Steve Huff-man. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a sister, Gail Walker.

Rev. Jerry Grigg and Rev. John Hughes officiated a funeral service on March 4, 2001 at Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church of Shelby. Burial followed at Sunset Cemetery.

Stamey Funeral Home of Fallston was in charge of the arrangements.

SHARON ELLIS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sharon Elizabeth Ellis, 17, 308 Countryside Road, died March 6, 2001 at Cleveland



Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

She was a native of Cleveland County. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dustin Putnam, and maternal grandmother, Sharon Beam Watkins.

She was a senior at Kings Mountain High School and was employed by McDonald's. She was a partner in Putnam's Racing, and was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

She is survived by her paternal parents, Ronald Paul Ellis and Betty Edwards Ellis of Kings Mountain; maternal parents, Donna Watkins Putnam and Darrell Putnam of Kings Mountain; sister, Amar, da M. Edwards of Kings Mountain; brothers, Jeremy Putnam of Kings Mountain and Joshua Timms of Clover, SC; paternal grandparents, Robert and Ann Ellis of Forest City and Mary E. Goins of Shelby; maternal grandparent, Ted Watkins of Shelby; and maternal great-grandparent, Wayne Beam of Cherryville.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. J.R. Robbins and David Webb at 4 p.m. Friday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Burial will be in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Carolinas Medical Center Neo Natal Unit, 1000 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203 and Kings Mountain High School Senior Class Project, P.O. Box 1489, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

EVELYN RHODES
MOULTRIE, GA. - Evelyn Moss Rhodes, 70, Moultrie, Georgia, died March 1, 2001 at Tift Regional Hospital, Tifton, Georgia.

A native of Cherokee County, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Thurman F. Moss and Eunice Earls Moss. She was a homemaker and of the Pentecostal faith.

She is survived by her husband John R. Rhodes of Moultrie, daughters Faye Jones of Columbus, Georgia and Judy Truscott of South Grafton, Massachusetts; sisters Wilma M. Harris of Kings Mountain and Joyce M. Moss of Woodruff, S.C.; also four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Cobb Funeral Chapel by Rev. James Sellers and her brother in law Rev. Tommy Moss. Burial was in Cobb-Suncrest Memorial Gardens.

ZEB SHIELDS
BESSEMER CITY - Zeb Willard "Doodle" Shields Jr., died February 27, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Zeb Willard and Margaret "Babe" Stiwalt Shields Sr., and husband of the late Dot Bumgardner Shields. He was a carpenter and was owner and operator of Shields Interior Trim. He was a graduate of Bessemer City High School and attended Gaston College.

He is survived by his daughters, Andrea S. Hook of Gastonia and Jenny Gibson and husband, Paul, of Stanley; grandchildren, Courtney Shields and Nathan Hook of Gastonia; uncle, Walter Shields of Nantahala; and several cousins.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Don Capell at 2 p.m. Friday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MAGGIE ADAMS MORGAN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Maggie Adams Morgan, 83, died January 19, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.



A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Rufus and Mamie Stowe Adams. She was a member of Galilee United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Theodore Morgan of the home; sons, Douglas Morgan and wife, Drucilla, of Winston-Salem, Ted Morgan Jr., and Terry Morgan and wife, Jackie, of Charlotte; sisters, Sadie McClain and Sue Frances Adams of Kings Mountain; brothers, Sam Adams of Kings Mountain and Kelly Adams of Cherryville; grandchildren, Teri Morgan White of Washington, DC, Cheri Morgan of Charlotte, and Albert Morgan of Winston-Salem; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mrs. Wilma Hopper of Kings Mountain; and two brothers, Coleman Adams of Connecticut and Roger Adams of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. January 23 at Galilee United Methodist Church.

JOSEPHINE CHILDERS
CLOVER, SC - Josephine Lindsay Childers, 81, 401A Willow Oaks Circle, died March 2, 2001 at her home.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Phillip L. and Maggie Jackson Lindsay. She was retired from Kenda Knit in Clover. She was a longtime member of Clover Wesleyan Church, where she had been active as the choir director and a Sunday School teacher. She served as a WAC during World War II.

She is survived by three sisters, Eunice Lindsay of Gastonia, Ruth Wallace of Clover, SC and Kathleen Mull of York, SC; and a great niece, Tammy Miles of Clover, SC.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Wayne Spear at 3 p.m. Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Clover Wesleyan Church, 102 Parkview Street, Clover, SC 29710.

M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LEONARD ABERNATHY
GASTONIA - Leonard Ray Abernathy Sr., 76, Harper Road, died February 28, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William Max and Zora McGee Abernathy. He served in the Army during World War II, was an Optimist Club member, member of Sandy Plains Baptist Church where he had served as Deacon and finance chairman, and was retired from Jefferson Broadcasting.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five sisters, Lois Ethers, Agnes Howard, Carrie Pressley Verl Woods, Annie Starnes; and a brother, Norman Abernathy.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi Smart Abernathy of the home; son, Leonard Ray Abernathy of Gastonia; sister,

Hazeline Pittman of Edgemore, SC; granddaughter, Lisa Marie Abernathy of Gastonia; and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Brown at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Mausoleum Chapel of Peace. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Sandy Plains Baptist Church Building Fund, 4816 Union Road, Gastonia, NC 28056.

Carothers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PEARL HENDERSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Pearl Robinson Henderson, 93, of White Oak Manor, formerly of Bessemer City and Gastonia, died March 3, 2001 at home.

A native of York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Martha Ann Walker Robinson, and wife of the late W. Elmer Henderson. She was retired from J.P. Stevens Ragan Plant and was a member of Ragan Wesleyan Church in Bessemer City. She was a former member of the Bessemer City Recreation Department's Age on Aging Chorus.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Jack Lamar and Alton Ray Henderson; granddaughter, Jennifer Henderson; grandson, Cregg W. Henderson; and nine brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth N. Henderson Sr. and his wife, Jolene, of Marietta, GA, Edwin R. Henderson Sr. and his wife, Carolyn of Charlotte, and Charles W. Henderson of Gastonia; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Alvin Wooters at 2 p.m. Monday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City. Interment was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gaston Memorial Home Health, 200 East Second Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELLIS MARTIN
LAWNDALE - Ellis Martin, 76, 802 Sugar Hill Road, died March 1, 2001 at Cleveland



Nursing Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late David and Blumo Doris Lewis Martin. He was retired from J.P. Stevens in Shelby and later worked for Sherman Textiles in Lincolnton.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Shuford Martin of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Don Dillingham of Grover; sister, Mae Lena Brittain of Lawndale; granddaughters and their husbands, Kimberly and Ray Cloyd of Gastonia and Rhonda and Chris Benfield of Lawndale; great-granddaughter, Rebecca Benfield; and great-grandsons, Joshua and Matthew Cloyd.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Thurman Reed, Martin and J.T. Martin.

He was a member of Plainsview Baptist Church, where he was a former Deacon. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater, and received two Purple Hearts.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bill Ewing and Buddy Freeman at 2 p.m. Sunday at Plains View Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Plains View Baptist Church, 1413 East Stagecoach Trail, Lawndale, NC 28090 or American Diabetes Association, North Carolina Affiliate Inc., 3109 Poplarwood Ct., Suite 125, Raleigh, NC 27604-1043.

Stamey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sara graduates Parris Island boot camp

Marine Corps Private Roger E. Sara, son of Juliet K. and Elias K. Sara of Lawndale recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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Happy Birthday!!



Hannah Faith Chapman was 6 years old January 5th, 2001. She had a private Skating Party at Starburst Skating Rink on Jan. 24, 2001. She had a party theme of the Powderpuff Girls and celebrated with 65 of her family and friends. Parents names are Rick and LeAnn Chapman. She has 1 sister, Jordan Hope Chapman. Grandparents are Rev. Jerry and Marie Holmes, JoAnn Chapman and the late Loyd Chapman.

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Whitney Roper 13 years old.
February 13, 2001.
Daughter of Teresa Lyon and Donnie Roper. Granddaughter of Carolyn Whetstone, Don Roper, Linda Ellis, Ken Railey. Great Granddaughter - Phillip & Betty Lawson, the late Mabel Railey, Mamie & Ivy Roper, Clarence & Geneva Whetstone. Great Great Granddaughter of Macy Smart. She attends Kings Mtn. Middle School, she is in the band and is on the track team. She celebrated with a pizza party and a sleep over. Guests were Trey, Sarah, Daniel, Zach, Caleb, Clay, Andrew, Allan, Katey, Rachel, Ashley, Shannon, Ruby and Heather