

OBITUARIES

JENNINGS CAMPBELL

STATESVILLE - Clarence Jennings Campbell, 76, Orlando, Fla., died March 31.

A native of Iredell County, he was a retired textile chemist. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain where he taught Sunday School. He served in the U. S. Army during the early 1940's.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Fletcher Campbell and Troy Lounette Bell; wife, Matoka Morrison Campbell; brother, Charles Fletcher Campbell; two sisters, Helen C. Turner and Agnes F. Campbell.

He is survived by a son, Ross Ervin Campbell, Kings Mountain; two daughters, Jane Campbell Kiser and husband Bryan, Shelby; Jennifer Campbell Campbell Drohan and husband Michael, Orlando, Fla.; a brother, John W. Campbell, Waynesboro, Va.; three sisters, Addie Lois C. Burgess and Bobbie C. Horney, Greensboro, Olga Yvonne Hoskins, Reidsville; four grandchildren, Brittany Jean Campbell, William Jennings Drohan, Alex Michael Drohan and Marie Jane Kiser.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday at Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, with Rev. Robert L. Hinson officiating.

The graveside service was Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, Statesville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Rd., Shelby, N.C. 28150.

Troutman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FRIEDA GARDNER

BESSEMER CITY - Frieda Ledford Gardner, 60, 230 Lewis Farm Road, died April 2, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Sam B. and Grace Ladd Ledford. She was a member of Unity Baptist Church, Gastonia.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald E. Gardner of the home; son, Tracy E. Gardner of Gastonia; daughters and son-in-law, Susan K. Salcido of Kings Mountain, and Karen Gardner and Ozzy Lopez of Bessemer City; sister, Robin L. Wood of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Samantha L. Salcido, Joey E. Gardner, and Arron O. Lopez.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Bobby Smith at 1 p.m. Friday at Hollywood Cemetery, Gastonia.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Greene Funeral Service Southside Chapel.

Greene Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

BESSIE MILLS

VALDESE - Bessie Lowdermilk Mills, 95, College Pines Nursing Center who formerly lived in Kings Mountain for 30 years, died April 1, 2001 at Valdece General Hospital following a brief illness.

A native of McDowell County, she was the daughter of the late John A. Lowdermilk and Mary Addie Williams Lowdermilk. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Bill Mills; infant daughter, Cathy Evelyn Mills; six sisters, two brothers, and a great-grandson, Brian King.

She was the oldest member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Charles and Anna Mills of Taylorsville, Bobby and Jo Ann Mills and Buddy and Judy Mills, all of Morgantown; daughter and her husband, Frances and Willis King of Kings Mountain; granddaughter, Joan Baker and husband, Steve, of Kings Mountain; grandson, Billy King and wife, Linda, of Wilmington, formerly of Kings Mountain; great-grandson, Brian King of Wilmington; sister, Annie Walker of Hendersonville; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Diane Campbell at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Sossoman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MOZELLE BULLARD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mozelle Lovelace Bullard, 76, 406 Tate Terrace, died April 1, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Lonzo H. and Geneva Putnam Lovelace. She was the wife of the late Raymond T. Bullard.

She was also preceded in death by her son, John L. Bullard, and daughter, Betty Bullard Brindle. She was a member of Missionary Methodist Church and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Captain Raymond C. Bullard and wife, Dominick, of Niceville, FL; daughters, Linda Bullard Elkins and husband, Edward, of Rock Hill, SC, and Annie Bullard Lowe and husband, Steve, of Kings Mountain; brother, Rev. L.H. Lovelace of Clover, SC; sisters, Colleen Ballew of Durham, Louise Dover of Kings Mountain, and Mary Sue Quinn and Elizabeth Gilpen, both of Panama City, FL; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Eddie Gray and Rick Martin at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Eastview Baptist Church cemetery, Rock Hill, SC.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MELTON KISER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Melton Kiser, 89, 108 Cleveland Avenue, died March 31, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Wesley and Hennretta White Kiser. He was also preceded in death by son Royce Kiser. He was retired owner of the Silver Villa, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife Janet King Kiser of Kings Mountain; son Horace Kiser of Mocksville, N.C.; daughter Amelia Whitesides and husband Dan of Shelby; brothers Wesley Kiser and Fred Kiser, both of Kings Mountain; special friends Gail Garrett, Jack Stringfellow, and Larry Stringfellow; also nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted Monday at 3 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. Paul Sorrells. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to White Oak Manor, Activities Department, 716 Sipes Street, Kings Mountain 28086.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

JESSICA FALLS-MITCHEM

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jessica Sharon Falls-Mitchem, infant daughter of Jeff Mitchem and Beth Falls of Kings Mountain, died Saturday, March 31, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother, Dean Falls of the home; sister, K'Anne Falls-Edge of the home; maternal grandparents, Carl Dean and Juanita Boheler Falls of Kings Mountain; maternal great-grandmother, Vada Falls of Kings Mountain; paternal grandparents, Ricky and Faye Mullinax Kirklands of High Shoals; and paternal great-grandmother, Opal Mitchem of Rutherfordton.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. John Sloan at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARK JENKINS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mark Lewis Jenkins, 35, 305 N. Gaston Street, died March 31, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was a machinist with Advantage Machine Co. in Clover, S.C.

He is survived by his parents Wallace Eugene Jenkins of Rutherfordton, and Eric Jenkins of Shelby; daughter Samantha Jenkins of Rutherfordton; brothers Jimmy Jenkins of Belmont, Greg Campbell of Cramerton, Jerry Campbell of Dallas, Jimmy Campbell of Kings Mountain, Kenny Young of Gastonia, Terry Young of McAdenville; sisters Barbara Glover of Mount Holly, Tracy Jenkins of Bessemer City, and Connie Jordan of Cramerton;

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at The Colonial Chapel of Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia, by Rev. A.F. Dixon. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Gregg and Jerry Campbell, Jimmy and Andrew Jenkins, Stephen Rabb and Michael Arnold.

A Trust Fund is being set up for his children. Mail donations to Jerry Campbell, 1028 Rosewood Drive, Dallas, NC 28034.

Carothers Funeral Home served the family.

SARAH DIXON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sarah Robbins Dixon, 57, 804 Borders Road, Shelby, died March 31, 2001 at Hospice at Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Buford Adam and Annie Laura Troutman Robbins. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Stevan Newall Robbins.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Shelby, and was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Mike Dixon Sr. of Shelby; son, Mike Dixon Jr. of Gastonia; grandson, James Michael Dixon III; brothers, Ray Robbins of Union, SC, David Robbins of Cheraw, SC, and Adam Robbins of Lincolnton; and sister, Marguerite Phillips of Clover, SC.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Tony Tench at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, Webb Chapel, Shelby.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KATHERINE STEWART

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Katherine Juanita "Kat" Stewart, 78, White Oak Manor, died Friday, March 30, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John Coit Stuart and the late Loreda Mae Ramsey Stuart Wells. She was a retired textile employee and a member of Second Baptist Church.

She is survived by her brother, John W. Stuart of Tucson, AZ; sister, Doyce Martin of Kings Mountain; aunt, Vera Ramsey Bedsole of Kings Mountain; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Paul Sorrells at 4 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NEIL HOOGMOED

GASTONIA - Neil D. Hoogmoed, 66, 1690B Union Road, died March 31 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Passaic, NJ, he was the son of the late Arthur and Cornelia Densel Hoogmoed. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Gertrude Van Houten and Cornelia Hoogmoed.

He attended Clover ARP Church and was retired as President of Buckeye Fire Equipment Company, Inc. after 16 years. He was an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Claire Peters Hoogmoed; son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Ruth Hoogmoed of Ada, MI; daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Terry Everhart of Charlotte and Joanne and Jonathan DeVall of Clover, SC; brothers, Walter Hoogmoed of Hawthorne, NJ and Arthur Hoogmoed of Clifton, NJ; sisters, Lena Southway of Wyckoff, NJ, and Elizabeth Okken and Joanne Okken of Wayne, NJ; and grandchildren, David Hoogmoed, Ryan Hoogmoed, Rachel Hoogmoed, Jessica Everhart, T.J. Everhart, and Dillion DeVall.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Rob Patrick at 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Founders Chapel. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

McLean Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

MARY GORDON

SHELBY - Mary Lee Gardner Gordon, 78, 814 North Post Road, died April 1, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Carl and Addie Davis Gardner. She was also preceded in death by her brother Dean Gardner. She was retired from Mauney Hosier and was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Gus Gordon of the home; daughter Vickie Lynn Webb and husband Ken of New London, N.C.; sisters RaDel Wall, Lynn Laude and husband Jim, and Mozelle Mickal, all of Shelby; also grandchildren Andrew and Daniel Webb of New London.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church by Revs. Terry Jordan and Jeff Brendle. Burial was in Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Elizabeth Baptist Church, 301 N. Post Road, Shelby 28150.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

PACKARD ELLIOT

SHELBY - J. Packard Elliot, 85, 738 College Avenue, died April 2, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Dathia and Johnnie Packard Elliot. He was also preceded in death by his brother Ralph S. Elliot, Sr. He was retired owner and operator of Packard Elliot Sand, Stone, Excavation and Demolition Service. He was a member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church and attended Sharon United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Mary Frances Gantt Elliot of the home; daughter and son in law Mary Lillian and Dragan Stankovic of Gaffney, S.C.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church by Dr. James Richardson and Rev. Robin Kingston. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 1106 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, 28152.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

ROBERT HAMRICK

SHELBY - Mr. Robert Lee Hamrick, 65, 2612 W. Dixon Blvd., died March 30, 2001 at his residence.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Rosie Lee Thomas Hamrick and the late Graham Washburn Hamrick, Sr.

He is survived by sons Ricky Hamrick and wife Sandy, Shelby; Buren Hamrick and wife Beth, Shelby; Robert Hamrick and wife Stella; step children, Ricky and Keith Messick, Shelby; sisters, Faye H. Mullinax and husband Cletus, Gaffney, Louise H. Wray and husband Arnold, Earl, Bessie H. Goins and husband Bill, Cherryville, Margaret H. Martin and James, Rock Hill, Hildred H. Williams and husband Rodney, Charlotte, Ellen H. Quinn, Rock Hill; brother, Arthur Hamrick and wife Carolyn, Polkville; grandchildren, Nicole Hamrick, Michelle Hamrick, Sherry and Todd McSwain, Kelly Hamrick, Travis Hamrick, Brad Hamrick, Bonnie Hamrick; step grandchildren, Daniel Dain, Joseph Dain, Angel Poston and one great grandchild.

The service was conducted Sunday, 3 p.m., at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel by Dr. Paul Sorrells, with burial at Faith Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 123 Beaver Dam Baptist Church Rd., Shelby, NC 28152.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of the arrangements.

BUILDING PERMITS

The Kings Mountain Building and Code Department issued the following permits for the period March 29 through April 2.

3/29- 1207 N. Piedmont Avenue, Randy and Patty Cash, accessory building, 30X40, \$15,000.

3/30- 112 Jason Drive, Nelson and Hallie Conner, addition to SFD, 14X18, \$30,000.

4/02- 700 Woodside Drive, Michael and Derice Ellis, accessory building, 16X20, \$2,400.

4/02- Highway 216, Ebenezer Baptist Church, renovations to church, \$3,000.

KM FIRE REPORT

The Kings Mountain Fire Department responded to the following calls for the period March 26 through March 31.

3/26- 600 Margrace Road, old Margrace Mill, structure fire.

3/27- 209 S. Gaston Street, structure fire.

3/31- 136 Country Creek Road, fire alarm.

3/31- 1557 N. Piedmont Avenue, vehicle hit gas line.

3/31- Lake Montonia Road, assist police with vehicle accident.

WAL-MART

From 1A during the summer of 2002. More than 90 percent of the jobs will be full-time. These full-time workers will enjoy a comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, profit sharing, 401K, paid vacations, stock purchase, scholarships, and store discounts.

"The Shelby regional distribution center will provide Wal-Mart the opportunity to better serve the growing number of Wal-Mart customers who shop at our stores in the Mid-Atlantic Region," said Rollin Ford, senior vice-president of logistics for Wal-Mart. "It is a significant project that represents our continued commitment to North Carolina as a partner in both economic development and community."

Speaking at Tuesday's gathering, Cleveland County Economic Development Commission director Steve Nye was full of enthusiasm for the Wal-Mart center. "The EDC wholeheartedly supports this project," Nye said. "It will offer substantial job opportunities and services. It will be a great boost to the county."

For its part, the county will purchase 58 acres adjacent to the 300 acres that Wal-Mart will purchase. These 58 acres will be turned over to Wal-Mart. The company's outlay for land, buildings, and equipment will be in the neighborhood of \$50 million.

Other incentive grants from the county and city of Shelby will include a payment of \$175,000 each for a period of five years. Relocation of gas, water, and sewer lines was also part of the deal.

Annual payroll of the center will be at least \$10 million. Property tax revenues received from the project are expected to be more than \$1.2 million over five years.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. currently operates 64 Discount Stores, 29 Supercenters, 16 SAM's Clubs in North Carolina. The firm also employs more than 33,411 store associates in the state. For more information, visit www.walmartstores.com

Following approval of incentive for Wal-Mart, commissioners also agreed Tuesday to offer 84 Components a grant of \$9,168 spread over five years for a project that would bring 70-100 jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.8 million.

A national manufacturer of housing components, the company will have a net new investment of \$1.9 million and a total new investment of \$2.7 million in their project.

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