

# OBITUARIES

**ED HUFFSTICKLER**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ed "Rab" Huffstickler, 75, 2650 Nopeming Road, Duluth, MN, formerly of Kings Mountain, died May 3, 2001 at Nopeming Care Center, Duluth, MN.



A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Henry and Maude Rutledge Huffstickler. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Falls Huffstickler.

He was retired from the Merchant Marines and was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his son, Michael Huffstickler and wife Lori of Little Falls, MN; daughters, Pam Cogdell and husband Stephen of Clover, SC, Elaine Billings of Statesboro, GA, and Teresa Robinson and husband Ruby of Ayden; brother, Paul Huffstickler and wife Evelyn of Kings Mountain; and sister-in-law, Jane Edwards of Kings Mountain.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**GENE LAIL**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles Eugene Lail, 59, 827 Stoney Point Road, died May 8, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Charlie Martin Lail and Arlee Beaty Lail. He was employed by Cleveland Community College as Manager of Plant Operations, and he was formerly employed by Doran Textiles as Managing Supervisor in research and development. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was Past President of NC Association of Community College Facility Operators.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lovelace Lail; brother, Bill Lail of Grover; sons, Bill Funtz, Tony and Hazel Singleton, both of Kings Mountain; nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Ron Caulder at 11 a.m. Friday at Oak Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland Community College Foundation, 137 South Post Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**ROBERT FLAY NORVILLE**  
SHELBY - Robert Flay Norville, 89, White Oak Manor, formerly of 617 Kings Road, died May 14, 2001 at Hospice.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Clyde Alexander Norville and Sarah Elizabeth Reep. He was also preceded in death by his son-in-law, Bobby Prine.

He was a retired weaver from Ester Mill, where he worked for 42 years. He was a member of Hoyle Memorial United Methodist Church, and was a charter member of Shanghai Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Mallie Tessner Norville of

Shelby; daughters and their husbands, Joyce N. and Bobby Self and Marilyn N. Prine of Shelby; grandson and his wife, Greg and Sandy Self of Grover; granddaughters and husbands, Kim and David Peace of Shelby and Polly and James Cline of Polkville; great-grandsons, Joshua Aaron Self of Grover and Matthew Neil Cline, Jacob Flay Cline, Joshua Scott Cline and Jessie Cline, all of Polkville; great-granddaughters, Brittney Michelle Self, Ashley Harrington and Kesha Harrington, all of Grover, and Jennifer P. Peace of Shelby; great-granddaughter and her husband, Tabatha and Sam Davis of Lattimore; brother, John Norville of Blacksburg; and sister, Mattie Brooks of Charlotte.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Revs. David Fambrough and Bill Smith at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150 or Hoyle Memorial Methodist Church Building Fund, 1741 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Cleveland Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

**CAL BURTON**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Clarence M. "Cal" Burton, 82, 238 Goforth Road, died May 8, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Andrew L. and Virginia Falls Burton. He served in the Army during World War II and was a retired carpenter. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Dorse and Doyle Burton.

He is survived by his brother, Dean Burton of Kings Mountain; sisters, Avel Sellers, Ruby Warlick, Thelma Sellers and husband Gene, and Shirley Rucker and husband Tommy, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mike Chambers and Doug Allen at 4 p.m. Friday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**SARAH OLIVER**

GROVER - Mrs. Sarah Lucille Oliver, 87, 234 Runyan Road, died May 9, 2001 at Rutherford Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Willis Benjamin and Minnie Melton Melton and of the late Jason P. Oliver. She was a homemaker and a member of East Shelby Church of God.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, W.C. Oliver and Clyde Oliver.

She is survived by two sons, Winford Oliver and wife, Mary Ann, of Grover and Dwight Oliver of Bostic; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bobby Callahan at 2 p.m. Friday at East Shelby Church of God. Burial was in Patterson Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**EVELYN HUMPHRIES**  
SHELBY - Mrs. Evelyn Downs Humphries, 812 Surrey Drive, died May 13, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dover. She was employed as a receptionist at Crawley Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Zoar Baptist Church, the Lydia Sunday School Class, and a member of the Jean Elliott Circle.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde E. Humphries Sr. of the home; sons and their wives, Clyde E. "Eddie" and Teresa Humphries of Kings Mountain and Ronnie and Mindy Humphries of Shelby; grandsons, Christopher and Andrew Humphries of Kings Mountain; granddaughters, Amanda Humphries of Kings Mountain and Mallory and Natalie Humphries of Shelby; brother and his wife, Tommy and Debbie Dover of Shelby; niece, Tammy Dover Costner of Fallston; and nephew, Chip Dover of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Marvin Gobble at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zoar Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Together We Build, Zoar Baptist Church, 1740 South Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**JOE RUPPE**

GAFFNEY, SC - Joe Raymond "Buck" Ruppe, 80, 601 1/2 West Smith Street, died May 11, 2001 at Upstate Carolina Medical Center.

A native of Gaffney, he was the son of the late S. Fitzhugh Ruppe and Lue Della Harris Ruppe. He was also preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Walmer and Freeman Ruppe, Kattie Ruppe, Ruby Thrift, Lemuel Maffey, Ruth Thrift and Lou Erie Kirby.

He was a member of West End Baptist Church and was a retired house painter and security guard.

He is survived by his wife, Ollie V. Ruppe of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Sylvia and Lawrence Moore of Gaffney, Frances and Sam Caveny of Kings Mountain, Mary Lou R. Ellard of Louisville, KY, and Helen R. Vassay of Gaffney; son and daughter-in-law, Joe V. and Jean Ruppe of Gaffney; 11 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, four step great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Bertie R. Thomas of Cowpens; and brother, Marshall Ruppe of Charlotte.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Shuford-Hatcher Chapel in Gaffney. Burial was in Frederick Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church Building Fund, 1017 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Shuford-Hatcher Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# BRIEFS

## Breakfast June 2 at Dixon Presbyterian

Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, June 2 from 6:30-10 a.m.

All proceeds will go to the Kings Mountain Relay for Life, which is scheduled for June 8-9 at the Walking Track on Cleveland Avenue.

The public is invited.

## Gospel singing set at Midview Baptist

An outdoor gospel singing will be held May 26 at 12 noon at Midview Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

Featured groups are The Hamptons of Blacksburg, SC, Cross Reference of Kings Mountain, The Chapelettes of Gaffney, SC, and Remembrance of Smithfield.

Barbecue chicken plates with all the trimmings will be sold for \$6 each.

All proceeds go to the church building fund.

The public is invited. Take lounge chairs, blankets and umbrellas.

In case of rain, the service will be moved inside.

## Bible School slated at Eastside Baptist

Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Road, will hold Vacation Bible School May 20-24 from 8:30 p.m. Ages three years through sixth grade are welcome.

The kickoff is Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

## Revival May 21-24 at Chestnut Ridge

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will hold revival May 21-24. Services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Rev. Richard Brown will be the speaker. The public is invited.

## Detention Officers will be armed in CC

Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Detention Officers are now armed when they transport inmates.

Eleven officers recently participated in extensive training to be certified. Prior to May 10, all misdemeanor and felony inmates were transported either with unarmed Detention Officers or armed Deputies.

Most agencies in North Carolina use only armed personnel to transport inmates, according to Chief Deputy P.A. Cash.

Detention Officers include Chris Cook, Scott Trammel, Donna Spangler, Chris Hatchell, Jeff Earney, Shane Hammett, David Campbell, Jerry Patterson, David Fisher, Jimmy Poston, and Tracy Miller.



**BEN LEDBETTER/THE HERALD**  
Statesville minister Jan Brittain was the speaker at the annual Kings Mountain Council of Church Women recently held at Central United Methodist Church.

## Caulder accepts call to Stanley

Ron Caulder, who has served as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church for the last 14.5 years, has moved to the pastor's position at First Baptist Church in Stanley.

Caulder said he has the longest tenure of any pastor since Oak Grove started in 1897. Caulder said his departure was a positive one.

"We were happy to leave while the church was doing well," Caulder said. "We feel like we could come back there and have good fellowship with them in the future."

Caulder began his career as a pastor in 1976 at King Memorial Baptist in Waxhaw. Three years later he moved to Charlotte to serve as pastor at Grace Baptist.

In 1986 he moved to Kings Mountain to serve as Oak Grove's reverend.

## Pastor's anniversary set at St. Peter church

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Grover, will celebrate the 15th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. William Thompson, on Sunday, June 3.

Three services are planned. Bishop Randy Borders of Faith Harvest, Shelby, will speak at 8 a.m. Rev. Rick Jones of Faith Harvest will speak at 11 a.m., and Rev. Franklin Clark of First Institute Family Worship Center, Gastonia, will speak at 6 p.m.

A reception honoring Rev. Thompson will be held from 5-6 p.m. The public is invited.

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