

OBITUARIES

JESSIE MAY ANTHONY
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jessie May Anthony, 67, 108 Midway Lake Road, died June 3, 2001 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Howard Anthony and Martha Elvia Stroupe Bellamy. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her brothers, Kenneth Anthony of Charlotte, Charles Buddy Anthony of St. George, Utah; and sister, Shirley Ann Anthony of Grover.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

AVEL BURTON SELLERS
CHERRYVILLE - Avel Burton Sellers, 84, 915 Sipe Avenue, died May 30, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Virginia Falls Burton and wife of the late Benson Dewitt Sellers. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Clarence, Dorce and Doyle Burton; her son, Jerry A. Sellers; and her infant daughter, Shirley Sellers.

She was a homemaker and a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Shelby.

She is survived by her son, Ralph D. Sellers of Cherryville; daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and Nardy Hoyle of Cherryville, Joyce and Ben Hendrick of Cherryville, Gladys and Gary Chapman of Crouse, Julie and Kermit Carpenter of Cherryville, Jo S. Wright of Marion; daughter-in-law, Jeannie M. Sellers of Las Vegas, NV; brother, Dean Burton of Kings Mountain; sisters, Ruby Warlick, Thelma Sellers and Shirley Rucker, all of Kings Mountain; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Claudia Harrelson at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mary's Grove Church Cemetery.

LOIS J. HENSLEY
DALLAS - Lois J. Hensley, 64, 139 Farm Gate Circle, died June 4, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Walter Hughes. She was also preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Alvin Hensley.

She was a member of Springfield Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Gene D. Hensley of Dallas; son, Ricky Hensley and wife Frances of Gastonia; mother, Ruby Sparks Hughes of Rutherfordton; daughter-in-law, Karen Hensley of Kings Mountain; brother, Bob Hughes of Rutherfordton; sister, Billie Polston of Rutherfordton; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. Kevin Kellough at 3 p.m. Thursday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Kings Mountain. The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DARBY MULLINAX
FOREST CITY - Darby Lee Mullinax, 27, 2384 Jack McKinney Road, died May 31, 2001 in Hendersonville.

A native of Rutherfordton, he was a brick mason.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Davis Mullinax of the home; father, Rev. Tony Mullinax of Forest City; mother, Janie Lancaster Babb of Harris; stepmother, Lorraine Mullinax of Forest City; stepfather, Skipp Babb of Harris; sons, Brian Davis, Jeremiah Mullinax, John Mullinax and Trenton Mullinax, all of the home; brother, Denver Curtis Mullinax of Greensboro; sister, Tonya Pierce of Forest City; stepbrother, Keith Nelson of Shelby; and stepsisters, Faith Nelson and Roxanne Nelson of Mill Spring, and Tina Pruitt of Travelers Rest, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Eddie Russell and

Ken Souder at 2 p.m. Sunday at Crowe's Funeral Chapel, Rutherfordton. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Crowe Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

VIRGINIA RUTH OWENS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Virginia Ruth Owens, 60, 100 Ada Street, died May 29, 2001 at her home.

A native of Union County, SC, she was the daughter of the late George and Obylee Bradburn. She was a member of Holiness Mission Church and was a member of the Act Team Mental Health Organization. She was a retired textile employee.

She is survived by her daughters, Elaine Warren and Susan Smith of Kings Mountain; brothers, Donnie Bradburn of Johnson, SC, Donald Lee Bradburn and Frankie Bradburn of Shelby, and Monk Bradburn, Marvin Bradburn, Cooter Bradburn and J.R. Bradburn, all of Union, SC; sisters, Linda Johnson of Union, SC and Debbie McFalls of Shelby; and grandchildren, Angela Smith, Krissy Smith, Nicole Warren and Savannah Smith.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Helen Alexander at 3 p.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELLIE DAVIS LOWE
BLACKSBURG, SC - Ellie Davis Lowe, 77, 178 Norman Lake Road, died June 2, 2001 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Willis Douglas and Sophia Sawyer Davis and wife of the late Leonard D. Lowe. She was also preceded in death by her son, Michael Lowe; stepmother, Minnie Styles Davis; brother, Mitchell Davis; and sisters, Hattie Robinson and Marie Harrison.

She was retired from Clevefont Mills, Kings Mountain, and was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church, Gastonia.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Annie Lowe of Kings Mountain; daughters and sons-in-law, Bonita Lowe Knight and husband Les of Mount Holly, and Sheila and Roy Turner of Blacksburg, SC; grandchildren, Dean and Carly Turner of Blacksburg, SC, Amanda Beard of Lexington, and Jessica Jones of Ranlo; brother, Walter Davis of Clover, SC; sisters, Iva Lee Groves of Midland, VA, Mildred Blankenship of Ranlo, Doris Carter of Muskogee, OK, Willene Wagonner and Faye Holcomb of Gastonia; and long time friends, Ruby Warlick of Kings Mountain and Francis Hollifield of Tennessee.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Douglas Davis and Vernon Craig at 2 p.m. Monday at the Colonial Chapel of Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Bud Groves, Willie Blankenship, Clay Carter, Robert Wagoner, Sidney Holcombe, and Ronnie Elliott. Carothers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

UZZA PARKER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Uzza Parker, 85, died May 30, 2001.

A native of York County, SC, he was the son of the late Rev. John Robert Parker and Mrs. Mackanna Smith Parker. He attended York County Public Schools.

Afterward, his parents moved to Kings Mountain where he spent most of his adult life.

He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church where he served as a trustee, leader of the Spiritual Choir, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and lay speaker. A talented musician, he sang in churches in North and South Carolina and was a member of a quartet with his brothers and brother-in-law.

He was retired as a truck driver and driller at Foote Mineral Mining Company. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 338, a member of DA McKay Lodge 584, PHA where he was Past Master, member of Charity Chapter 548, OES where he was a Past Patron, and member of Cleveland Consistory 122. His hobbies were gardening, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Pauline Washburn Parker; brother, Leander Parker; nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by Pastor Clarence E. Wright at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

J.W. Gill and Sons Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

ROSIE RATCHFORD
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rosie Bell Ratchford Burris died May 27, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.



RATCHFORD

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Noriah Ratchford; her husband of 67 years, James Edward Burris; two daughters, Mattie Lee Burris and Nellie Rose Burris Crockett; and two sons, Luther "Luke" Clinton and James William Burris.

She was a member of Langrum Branch Baptist Church, York, SC, where she was Mother of the Year. She was a member of the Vocal Choir, Missionary Society, Burial Aid Society, and the Community Prayer Band.

She is survived by seven daughters and sons-in-law, Isabell and Fred Watson, Ella and Nelious Kee, Gladys and Paul Webber, Pearl and Furman Wilson, Jessie and Joseph Ross, Josie Burris Walker, and Ida Burris Sanders; son, Lonnie and Gladys Burris; daughter-in-law, Gloria Parker Burris; son-in-law, Lee Crockett; 43 grandchildren, 129 great-grandchildren, 45 great-great-grandchildren; special friend, Mrs. Inez Mobley; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Osbey Roddey, assisted by the Revs. H.L. Rhedrick, Denorris Byers, E.L. Ponder and Howard Shipp, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Langrum Branch Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

J.W. Gill and Sons Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

JOSEPH LEE LEWIS JR.
GROVER - Joseph Lee Lewis Jr., 17, died May 30, 2001.

He was the son of Joseph and Debora Lewis Sr. of Grover. He was a student at Kings Mountain High School and a member of the State of North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency. He is survived by his husband, Ralph Ramsey of Kings Mountain; son, Luke Owens and wife Lorie of Gastonia; daughter, Keia Owens Payseur and husband Floyd of Kings Mountain; father, Wesley Thomasson of Kings Mountain; brothers, Johnny Thomasson of Kings Mountain, Danny Thomasson of Wilmington, and Gerald Thomasson of Bessemer City; and four grandchildren, Chloey Payseur, Michael Woods, Marcas Owens and Marisa Owens.



LEWIS

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 605 West King Street, Kings Mountain, NC or Alzheimer's Association, 1270 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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