

OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER BAKER GROVER - Christopher Lee Baker, 20, 115 Byron Place, died July 15, 2001 in Kings Mountain.

He was a native of Gastonia and a member of Clover Church of God. He was employed by Ben Wilson Roofing Company in Bessemer City.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Larry E. Jr. and Angela Baker of the home; mother and stepfather, Alice and David Cantrell of Belmont; brother, Walter N. Baker of the home; sister, Alisha M. Baker of Dallas; grandparents, Larry and Julie Baker of Dallas, Nancy G. Garrett of Grover, Alice M. Skipper of Mount Holly, and J.C. and Abbie Skipper of Lowell; great-grandmother, Bertha Holden of Gastonia; and nephew, Bryan A. Baker of the home.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ricky Baker and Tim Lowery at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Clover Church of God. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

BEATRICE LAZENBY SHELBY - Mrs. Beatrice G. Lazenby, 70, 124 Delmar Road, died July 14, 2001 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Doyt Griffin and Vertie White. She was a homemaker and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bill G. Lazenby of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Cathy Lazenby of Shelby; daughter and son-in-law, Jeanie and Larry Benton of Shelby; grandchildren, Mark Lazenby of Louisville, KY, and Julie and Tommy Ruff of Shelby; great-grandchild, Zachary Ruff; brothers, Harry Griffin and Steven Griffin of Norfolk, VA, and David Griffin of Florida; and sisters, Jewel Chatten and France Griffin of Norfolk, VA.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jim Rice at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Baptist Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

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

JOHNNIE CONRAD SHELBY - Johnnie Dean Conrad, 53, 107 DeKar Street, died July 12, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Carl Edgar and Wynonia Dare Frazier Conrad. He was also preceded in death by a son, William Eddie Conrad; and brother, Roger Steven Conrad Sr.

He attended Sparrow Springs Baptist Church in Gastonia and was a graduate of Arizona State University with a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice and a B.A. in Literature. He was formerly employed by American Dye Company in Charlotte.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Barnett Conrad of Shelby; sons, Gary Dean Griffin of Gastonia, Wade Dwayne Frazier of Mesa, AZ, and Christopher Eugene Woods of Lowell; sisters, Euranian Carleen Conrad Lunsford of Gastonia and Sharon Joann Billiot of Shelby; grandmother, Estelle Frazier Thompson of Kings Mountain; and grandchild, Triston Griffin.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roy Clark at 4 p.m. Sunday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EUNICE MCSWAIN SHELBY - Mrs. Eunice Wright McSwain, 89, Cleveland Pines Nursing Center, died July 14, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of York, SC, she was the daughter of the late John and Bessie Harris Wright and wife of the late Alden McSwain. She was retired as a nurse's aid with Cleveland Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church, and attended Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Colene McCarter of Shelby and Lynne Wilson and husband

Johnny of Shelby; sister, Viola Huffstickler of Shelby; daughter-in-law, Huguette McSwain of Holly Hill, FL; grandchildren, Darlene Moss, Shelby Reynolds and Mike, Kelly McSwain, John Wilson and Michael Wilson; and great-grandchildren, Mark Reynolds, Mandy Reynolds, John Wilson Jr. and Jesse Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her son, Randy Wayne McSwain; son-in-law, Ralph McCarter; brothers, Willie B. Wright and Roscoe P. Wright; and grandchildren, Randy W. McSwain Jr.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Paul Sorrells at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GENE MULLINAX GROVER - Joe T. "Gene" Mullinax, 54, 118 Stonehaven Drive, died July 13, 2001 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Jesse James and Flossie Humphries Mullinax. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Dorothy White and Edessa Hollifield; and brothers, Lloyd Mullinax, Robert Bolin and Walter Bolin.

He was retired as a truck driver for Randall Logging Company. He was a member of Charity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Terry Eugene Mullinax of Gaffney, SC; daughters, Marilyn Martin and Juanita Cogdell of Shelby and Tammy Campos of Grover; brothers, Arthur Mullinax of Shelby, John Henry Mullinax of Cherokee Falls, SC, William Bolin and John Bolin of Shelby, and James Bolin of Chesnee, SC; sisters, Betty Peeler of Lawndale, Louise Self of Blacksburg, SC, and Frances Upchurch of Gaffney, SC; and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. David G. Fambrough and Rocky Shelton at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Charity Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

TOBY BLANTON GROVER - Richard D. "Toby" Blanton, 61, 103 Shaw Street, died July 14, 2001 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Fred A. Blanton and Ethel Bridges Blanton. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Gail Dawson.

He was retired and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Lowery Blanton of the home; daughter, Sherri Blanton of Shelby; son, Tim Blanton of Shelby; and grandchildren, Brandy Blanton, Cody Blanton and Wade Blanton.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Fambrough at 2 p.m. Monday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Golden Valley Missionary Methodist Church cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BETTY LOVELACE DALLAS - Betty Thomas Lovelace, 77, 213 Dogwood Lane, died July 10, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Anderson, SC, she was the daughter of the late Ralph P. Thomas Sr. and Alice Gaffney Kelley. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles O. Lovelace Sr.

She was retired from Sarah Lee/Bali, Gastonia, after 10 years of service. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Gastonia, where she was a member of Young at Heart Senior Club and Fidelas Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her son, Charles O. Lovelace of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Sandy Hatcher of Macon, GA, Laura and David Ferrell of Matthews, and Elizabeth Hayes of Concord, CA; brother, Ralph Thomas of Gaffney, SC; grandchildren, Melissa Jones of Macon, GA, Melody Hancock of Leesburg, GA, Nathan and Daniel Hayes of Concord, CA, and Brad and Ryan Ferrell of Matthews; and great-grandchildren, Tiffany and Austin Jones of Macon, GA, and Skylar and Brittany Hancock of Leesburg, GA.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Ken Cobb and Steve Warnock at 11 a.m. Friday at Oak Grove Baptist Church cemetery, Kings Mountain. Pallbearers were Jimmy Blanton, Mark Blanton, Danny Ledford, Bill Lovelace, Gilbert Patterson and Jeff Patterson.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church Bus Fund, 3001 S. York Road, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Greene Funeral Service Southside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

JAKE H. BRIDGES KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jake H. Bridges, 88, died July 17, 2001 at Eden Gardens.

He was retired after 40 years of service with A.B. Carter and 20 years with the Printin' Press.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Brenda Bridges and James "Eddie" and June Bridges; and his daughter and son-in-law, Juanita and Bill Swindell.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Greene Funeral Service Westside, Gastonia.

BOB KINCAID BESSEMER CITY - Robert Norman "Bob" Kincaid, 76, of Dayton Beach, FL, formerly of Bessemer City, died July 12, 2001 at his son's residence in Midway, GA.

A native of Bessemer City, he was the son of the late Ira Raymond and Martha Westmoreland Kincaid Sr. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Mosie K. Todd.

He was retired owner of Kincaid Esso in Bessemer City. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy with service during World War II in the Atlantic Theatre. He served on the USS Rich. He was a member of the American Legion Post 243, V.F.W. and First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his sons, Jimmy John Kincaid of Athens, GA and Robert Norman Kincaid Jr. and wife Susan of Midway, GA; daughters, Karen Kincaid Fuller of Atlanta, GA and Jeannie Kincaid of Virginia; brothers, William Ira "Bill" Kincaid Sr. and wife Ernie of Bessemer City, Ira Raymond "Kenny" Kincaid Jr. of Bessemer City, and John Ronald Kincaid and wife Kathryn of Mt. Gilead; sisters, Prue K. Beam of Charlotte, Nancy K. Rhyne and husband Roy of Bessemer City, Carolyn K. Chasteen and husband Jim of Lake City, FL, Margaret K. Barker of Vero Beach, FL, Sara K. Pasour and husband Glenn of Bessemer City, Jane K. Washam and husband Jamie of Belmont, and Penny Williams of Bessemer City; grandchildren, Kimberly, Marlena, and Justin Kincaid of Midway, GA, and Kimberly Starling of Atlanta, GA; 26 nieces and nephews, and 67 great-nieces and great-nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Randy Harry at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Concord United Methodist Church cemetery with full military rites by American Legion Post 243.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 95, Bessemer City, NC 28016.

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struggling and Mr. Parker gets on the radio and calls for assistance to get a medic down there," Johnson said.

Johnson said Bobby Hatcher then went into the water and Trooper Deaton took off his weapon and entered the water to assist both men.

"When Trooper Deaton got to Mr. Hatcher he was face down in the water," Johnson said, "and Bobby Hatcher had already swam over to the other side. The trooper drags Mr. Hatcher to the sand bar in the middle of the creek, and at that point Mr. Parker gets into the water to assist the trooper in pulling Mr. Hatcher to shore."

Johnson said Bobby Hatcher had gotten out of the creek on the other side, left the scene and did not return.

Johnson said Officer Parker turned Hatcher over on his side to attempt to get the water out of his lungs, and when they rolled him back over "Trooper Deaton and Officer Parker both checked his pulse and said they thought they felt a pulse."

Shortly thereafter, paramedics arrived on the scene and took over for the officers. They pronounced Hatcher dead at the scene.

Johnson said KMPD and the Highway Patrol are both conducting their own internal investigations, which he said is common in such cases.

Johnson said the officers did exactly what they were trained to do by first opening an airway and expelling the water from Hatcher's lungs.

"Both of them felt a pulse, and if you feel a pulse you don't want to do chest compressions," he said. "In drowning, your lungs fill up with water which will cause you not to breathe. Shortly thereafter your heart's going to stop."

Johnson said he has sympathy for the family, but he totally denies their claims in the Shelby paper that officers did not do all they could to save Hatcher's life.

"Our guys risked their lives by going into the water and pulling Mr. Hatcher out," he said. "They brought him back to shore and had EMS en route. After getting him out, EMS arrived. They're paramedics and they took over the care of the patient. I think both Trooper Deaton and Officer Parker need to be commended. They risked their own lives."

Why Hatcher entered the water in the first place, and why his son left the scene, "we don't know," Johnson said, but he said no charges are expected.

"There is evidence that alcohol was involved and alcohol was a factor," Johnson said.

Johnson warned others from going to that part of the creek for swimming, fishing or any other activity because it is dangerous.

"By looking at the trash at the scene, there's evidence of a big bon fire and it looks like it's heavily traveled," he said.

"There's litter around the banks, and there were a couple of floats where it looks like people were out there floating around and just threw the floats up in the woods."

"It's a dangerous area. It's where the 'broken dam' is. There's a pretty swift current and a lot of rocks. There's a lot of debris in the water and with the evidence of alcohol we saw there's probably a lot of broken bottles in the water."

"There's a little sand bar right in the middle, and according to the Lake Officer it is real muddy and sandy and you can mar up to your waist in the mud. If you're smaller and mar up that fast you're going to mar up to your head and not be able to get out. That actually happened to the trooper but he was able to get out and go around the other way and get to Mr. Hatcher."

Members of the Hatcher family could not be reached for comment.

Flag Day Parade Saturday in KM

There will be a flag day parade Saturday, July 21 at 2 p.m. in downtown Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	July 11-17	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.02	2.40
Max. one day	1.01 (12th)	1.90 (12th)
Month to date	2.07	3.51
Year to date	22.41	28.00
Low temp.	62 (15th)	66 (14th, 15th)
High temp.	95 (11th)	98 (11th)
Avg. temp.	77.9	80.4

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