

# OBITUARIES

**JAMES RUFUS HALE**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James Rufus Hale, 77, 1715 Shelby Road, died July 25, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Walter and Ethel Proctor Hale. He was also preceded in death by a son, Gene Hale; sisters, Estelle Marr and Sue Dunn; and brother, Richard Hale.

He was retired owner-operator of James Superette in Bessemer City. He was a member of Westover Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Franks Hale of the home; sons, Donald Hale and wife Shirley of Kings Mountain, and Ray Hale and wife Kristy; stepsons, Ronnie Franks and wife Rita, and Terry Franks and wife Kim, all of Kings Mountain; and brothers, Darrell Hale of Gastonia and Glenn Hale of Decatur, AL.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Larry Haskins and Clint Day at 3 p.m. Friday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**HUGH DILLINGHAM JR.**  
PATTERSON SPRINGS - Hugh Joshua Dillingham Jr., 82, 1817 South Post Road, died July 28, 2001 at his home.

A native of Largo, FL, he was the son of the late Joshua

Dillingham Sr. and Annie Jones Dillingham. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Hollifield Dillingham; and brother, Howard Dely Dillingham.

He was retired as service manager for Porter Brothers. He was former mayor of Patterson Springs and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, where he was a deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and member of numerous committees. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Bridges McSwain Dillingham of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Hugh Joshua Dillingham III and Connie of Houston, TX; daughter, Nancy Dillingham of Tampa, FL; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Pete Hawkins of Grover; step-daughters, Carolyn McSwain and Patty McArthur and husband Tom, all of Shelby; brother, Don Dillingham and wife Carolyn of Grover; sisters, Ruby Camp of Lawndale and Carolyn Hamrick and husband Carroll of Shelby; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Todd Bolin at 11 a.m. Monday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 2243 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Grover, NC 28073.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**ALMA PLONK**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Alma Putnam Plonk, 84, 1956 County Line Road, died July 28, 2001 at Belaire Health Care, Gastonia.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Benton and Audrey Ware Putnam. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Wray Augustus Plonk Sr.; and sisters, Zoe Hill and Nina Welsh.

She was retired from Cherryville Savings and Loan as an Internal Auditor. She was a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her son, Wray A. Plonk Jr. of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sandra Plonk Bumgardner and Linda Plonk Jester, both of Kings Mountain, and Jeanne Plonk Beam and husband David Carlyle Beam of Cherryville; grandchildren, Tim Plonk and wife Rebecca and Kelly Plonk Treece and husband Dale, all of Kings Mountain; Terry B. Mahaffey and husband Mike of Belmont; Rusty Bumgardner and wife Page of Cramerton; Shannon B. Morris and husband Drew of Lenoir; and David M. Beam II of Charlotte; and great-grandchildren, Nikki Plonk, Alex Plonk, Ryan and Ashton Treece, Taylor and Morgan Mahaffey, and Audrey and Sarah Morris.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Monday at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Interment was in St. Luke Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**AGNES BENNETT**  
CAMDEN, SC - Agnes Bennett, 73, died July 28, 2001.

A native of Camden, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Edna Elizabeth Tidwell Hayes. She was the widow of Paul Eugene Bennett. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Mike Jones of Pelham, AL; granddaughter, Stephanie Jones; grandson, Chris Jones; and great-grandson, Paul Jones, all of Pelham, AL; and brothers, Howard, Everett, Leslie and Donnie Hayes, all of Camden.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to American Kidney Foundation, 6110 Executive Blvd. Ste. 1010, Rockville, MD 20852.

Kornegay Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**DON WELLS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Donald G. "Don" Wells, 48, 305 Silver Street, died July 28, 2001 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was husband of the late Shirley Randolph Wells. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Horn.

He was a member of Family Worship Center, Church of God. He was a Shriner and a member of Fairview Masonic Lodge #339. He was employed by W.B. Trucking, Kings Mountain. He served in the United States Army.

He is survived by his daughters, Amy W. McKinney and husband Michael T. of Shelby, and Kimberly Wells of Grover; parents, Marshall A. and Ethel Whetstone Wells of Kings Mountain; brother, Steven Wells and wife Shirley of Kings Mountain; sisters, Vickie Walker and husband John of Cramerton, and Elaine Walker and husband Carl of Shelby; and four grandchildren, Katlyn McKinney, Alex McKinney, Cori Thrift, and Abbie Moss.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roger Woodard at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Family Worship Center, Church of God. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Family Worship Center, Church of God, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, NC 280886.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**EVA BRIDGES**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Eva Houser Bridges, 44, 111 Afton Drive Lot #4, died July 30, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was a member of Proclaiming the Word Ministries, Grover. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy S. Bridges of Kings Mountain; daughters, Tina Ann Manuel and husband Greg of Shelby, Betty Jo Bridges and Thomas Wayne Bowen, Kings Mountain, and Sherrill Lynn Bridges of Kings Mountain; parents, Joe David and Betty Joyce Biddix Houser of Kings Mountain; brothers, Joe Houser of Kings Mountain and Phillip Houser of Forest City; sister, Wanda Hawkins of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren, Krista McEntyre, Linda Bowen, Amber Bowen, and Abreanne Bowen.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Revs. Sherry Moss and Ronald Hawkins at 4 p.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Visitation is Friday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**JAY DOBBINS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jackson Andrew "Jay" Dobbins, 79, 223 Green Meadows, died July 30, 2001 at his home.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late LeRoy Dobbins and Essie Lu Ola Hicks Dobbins. He was husband of the late Lucy Mathis Dobbins. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Jeri Ann Bailey; brothers, Roy Rutherford Dobbins and James Junior Dobbins; and sister, Rosley Dobbins Mitchell.

He was formerly active in the American Legion. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a retired house painter.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathy Dobbins Scott and husband Sam of Kings Mountain; sister, Mary Ola Dobbins McAlister of Franklinton; and grandson, Jason Scott of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by Dr. John Sloan at 4 p.m. Wednesday at 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.

**BESSIE QUEEN**  
SHELBY - Mrs. Bessie Benfield Queen, 85, formerly of 411 Thompson Street, died July 29, 2001 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Fonzo Wallace and Lula Jane Towery Benfield. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Nettie Ward, Edith Ledford and Mildred Eskridge; and brothers, Marion Benfield and Dwight Benfield.

She was retired from Lily Mill Company. She was a member of Davidson Memorial Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, A.V. Queen of Shelby; daughter, Gail Shook and husband Brian of Newton; step-daughters, Vickie Davis and husband Wayne and Betty Cooper and husband Larry of Boiling Springs, and Barbara Williams and husband Jesse of Lattimore; stepsons, Ronnie Queen and wife Catherine of Lumberton and Roger Queen of Boiling Springs; grandchildren, Brian Shook, Angela Shook and Jay Shook of Newton and Ryan Shook of Conover; great-grandchildren, Sierra and McKayla Shook of Newton; sisters, Helen Ware and Betty Cooke of Lawndale and JoAnn Machliet of Fredricksburg, VA; brothers, Harold Benfield of Lawndale and Gene Benfield of Greenville.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bobby Ridge and Darryl Ledford at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Davidson Memorial Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

# Donate school supplies for needy

By BEN LEDBETTER  
Staff Writer

School may be starting next week for Kings Mountain students but there is still time to donate school supplies to the Cleveland County Communities in Schools School Tools Drive.

The supply drive, the fourth one held in the Kings Mountain area, is for children who can not afford them otherwise.

In Kings Mountain, the school supplies will be collected through CIS at East Elementary School.

On August 4 CIS members will be at the Winn Dixie in Kings Mountain, Ingles in Boiling Springs and Wal-Mart in Shelby to collect supplies.

June Noe, with WSOC-TV in Charlotte, said in a release that the project's goal is to reach 30,000 children.

The drive is part of a month long project called "Family Focus" that the television station has sponsored for 11 years.

Donations will be taken all year whether it is the needed items or money.

"Students need to be able to start school with the needed supplies just like their classmates," a CIS release said.

Supplies affect more than children. Teachers need them also, Lindsey Goodall said.

"Well children can't learn without the proper equipment," Goodall said. "And teachers can't teach without them either."

Goodall, the CIS site coordinator at Kings Mountain Middle School said approximately 75 percent of teachers spend a portion of their own money on school supplies.

The collected supplies will also be used for after school programs.

Items that can be donated are book bags, notebook paper, pencils, pens, crayons, scissors, small dictionaries, notebooks, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, pocket calculators, markers, pencil boxes, colored report covers/folders, pencil boxes and erasers.

Donations can be dropped off at the CIS trailer at East Elementary.

For more information call Communities in Schools at 704-739-1504 or 704-734-0481.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	July 25-31	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.03	1.12
Maximum 1 day	.70 (25th)	.70 (27th)
Month to date	5.41	4.95
Year to date	25.74	29.44
Low temperature	67 (30th)	66 (25th, 28th)
High temperature	85 (31st)	92 (28th)
Average temp.	74.8	78.3

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