

# OBITUARIES

**MILDRED DICKERSON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mildred Lee Pressley Dickerson, 72, 239 Oak Grove Road, died September 5, 2001 at her residence.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Huey and Jennie Hester Pressley and wife of the late James Dickerson. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Huey Jr. and Heath Pressley; sisters, Essie Underdown, Alva Jo Carver and Gladys Pressley; and three great grandchildren.

She was a member of Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Melvin Dickerson of Kings Mountain and David Martin Dickerson of Washington; daughters, Brenda Barrett of Carolina Beach and Janice Bayless and Shirley Hughes of Kings Mountain; brother, J.B. Pressley of Mt. Holly; sisters, Margie Jones of Stanley and Barbara Rogers of Shelby; 19 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Macon Smith and H.A. Sawyer, and Pastor Randy Richardson at 3 p.m. Saturday at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mike Bingham, Kevin Brown, Danny Henderson, Ronnie Hughes, Ronnie Lee Hughes and Randy Winkler. Honorary pallbearers were Tim Davis, Will Hodges and Ricky Turner.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 201 W. Marion St. Suite 306, Shelby, NC 28150.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

**FAYE HAWKINS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Faye Gunter Hawkins, 63, 309 Beattie Road, died September 5, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Haywood County, she was the daughter of the late Larry and Oberia Smathers Gunter. She was also predeceased by five brothers.

She was a former employee of Western Steer in Shelby, and

was a homemaker. She was a member of Grandview Baptist Church in Waynesville.

She is survived by her husband, James "Pappy" Hawkins Sr. of the home; sons, Jim Hawkins Jr. and wife Debra, Danny Hawkins, and Mike Hawkins and wife Julie, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Debbie Hawkins of Kings Mountain; brothers, Floyd Gunter and Hughy Gunter, both of Waynesville; sisters, Ilene Vicarini of Baltimore, MD, Irene Turner, Pauline Hurlley and Velma Gaddis, all of Waynesville; and grandchild, Brett Hawkins of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christian Freedom Baptist Church, 246 Range Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**WAYNE ARROWOOD**  
BESSEMER CITY - Wayne Arrowood, 54, 208 W. Virginia Avenue, died September 6, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Claude McSwain and Opal McKinney Arrowood. He was a painter and decorator.

He is survived by his sons, James Wayne Arrowood and wife Deborah of Salisbury, Clayton Arrowood of Waynesville and Richard Allen Winecoff and wife Sandy of Tuscumbia, AL; brothers, Larry Arrowood of Gastonia and Rev. Allen B. Arrowood of Moore, SC; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Allen Arrowood and Dean Webb at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bessemer City Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made in care of Allen Arrowood, P.O. Box 279, Wellford, SC 29385.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**HAZEL SPROUSE**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hazel Womack Sprouse, 71, 200 Marigold Avenue, died September 8, 2001 at her home.



SPROUSE

A native of Spartanburg County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Fred Parker and Thelma Fowler Womack. She was also predeceased in death by her son, Furman L. Sprouse Jr.; brother, Charles Couch; and granddaughter, Tabitha Jones.

She was retired from Parkdale Mills, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, Furman L. Sprouse Sr. of Kings Mountain; daughters, Tammy S. Lefevers and husband Wayne of Kings Mountain, Linda Sprouse of Campobello, SC, and Ann E. Sprouse of Kings Mountain; brothers, James Couch of Charlotte and John Couch of Rutherfordton; sisters, Eva Swaney of Charlotte and Mary Ezzell of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren, Kristin Sprouse of Charlotte, Jennifer Jones of Campobello, SC, and Matthew Grigg and Ricky Sprouse of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Fambrough at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MAMIE FORD**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mamie Mullinax Ford, 89, 521 Jackson Street, died September 6, 2001 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late J.J. and Leola Collins Mullinax and wife of the late William Harvey Ford. She was also predeceased in death by her son, J.C. Mullinax, and daughter, Peggy Byrns.

She was a member of Family Worship Center, Church of God, and was retired from Mauney Mills.

She is survived by her sons, Marshall Bohannon and wife Barbara of Kings Mountain, and Jerry Ford and wife Emy of Orange Park, FL; daughters Verla Ford Hill and husband Rodger, Lula F. Revis and husband Steve, and Alice F. Carpenter and husband Billy, all of Kings Mountain; sister, Etta Parton of Kings Mountain; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Roger Woodard and Kenneth Looney at 4 p.m. Sunday at Family Worship Center. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Family Worship Center Church of God, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**DEBORAH HILL BLACK**  
SHELBY - Deborah Ann Hill Black, 42, Irvin Street, Shelby died September 6 at her home. She was a native of Cherokee County, SC and was a home-

maker. She was preceded in death by daughter Angela Marie Rackley and Bynum Silvanis (B.S.) Hill Jr.

She is survived by her mother, Ola Jeanette Richards Pelzer of Blacksburg, SC; boyfriend Ricky Friday of Shelby; Steven Dwayne Byers of Patterson Springs; sisters Kathy Hill Dover of Gaffney, SC, and Jewel Gaut of Blacksburg, SC; brothers Billy Hill of Cowpens, SC, Gene Hill of Gaffney, SC, Joe Pruett of Shelby; and six great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Wayne Lawson and Bill Bowen at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel in Shelby.

**BILL LEIGH**

SHELBY - John William "Bill" Leigh, 65, died September 6, 2001 at Spartanburg Regional Hospital.



LEIGH

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Hudson and Jettie Marie Greene Leigh. He was a member of Lily Baptist Church, a lifetime member of Unit 18, DAV, a veteran of the US Army with service during the Korean War, and retired from CA Short, NC.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Nance Leigh of Shelby; daughters, Charlotte Leigh Moore and son-in-law Wesley of Polkville, Jackie Leigh Harrison and son-in-law Clifford of Greenville, TX, Michelle Leigh Smith and son-in-law George Scott of Grover, and Tammy Leigh Sarratt and son-in-law Matthew; son, James Walter Gowan and wife Laura of Shelby; sister, Jessie Pearl Poole of Laurens, SC; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Michael Bridges and Matthew Sarratt at 3 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, Va 23058-5216.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**NANNIE FLYNN**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nannie Bell Shytle Flynn, 97, 1414 Bethlehem Road, formerly of Chimney Rock, died September 4, 2001 at Alterra Sterling House.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of Logan and Ellen Shytle. She was a member of Chimney Rock Baptist Church, Lake Lure, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Mildred Dixon of Kings Mountain and Elizabeth Reichley of Huron, OH; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Larry Sanders and Ernest Poston at 11 a.m. Saturday at Chimney Rock Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Chimney Rock Baptist Church, 470 Boys Camp Road, Lake Lure, NC 28746.

Crowe Funeral Home, Rutherfordton, was in charge of arrangements.

**GLORIA HODGE**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Gloria Doris Vincelette Hodge, 74, 716 Sipes Street, died September 10, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Ontario, Canada, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Rosalie Desjarlis Vincelette. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Almere Byerly, Laura Benoit, Beatrice Remillard; and brothers, Armond, Claude, Louis, Ozias and Henry Vincelette.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa H. and Jack Wooten of Bessemer City, Susan H. and Bob Oakes of Bessemer City, and Elizabeth Hodge of Kings Mountain; son and daughter-in-law, Calvin J. and Jean Hodge of Lincolnton; stepson and wife, John C. and Petra Hodge Jr. of Shelby; sisters, Bernice Vincelette of Kings Mountain, Doretta Varietur of North Adams, Mass.; brother, Roger Vincelette of Williamstown, Mass; and grandchildren, Renee and Billy Wooten, Kelly and Jennifer Bumgardner, and Jessica, Debbie, Josh, Becky and Travis Hodge.

The funeral was conducted by Father Eric Housekrecht at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Society of Gaston County, 220 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**BOBBY L. NORMAN**  
SHELBY - Bobby L. Norman, 68, 1415 Padgett Road, died Saturday at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Cleveland County, he worked in the maintenance department at PPG, and was a member of Clover Hill United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Emit Huss Norman, and mother, Ruby Gazzie Turner Page.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Parker Norman; brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Ann Norman; sisters and brothers-in-law, Wanda N. and Ralph Conley, and Burnette and Gerald Hayes.

The funeral was conducted Monday by the Rev. Ed Lee at Clover Hill United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Clover Hill United Methodist Church, 839 Clover Hill Ch. Rd., Lawndale, NC, 28090.

Cleveland Funeral Services were in charge of the arrangements.

**GEORGE GLENN**  
SHELBY - George Harrison Glenn, 84, 2526 South Lafayette St., died Sunday, September 9 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the owner and operator for Glenn's Heating and Air Conditioning. He was also a farmer.

He was a member of new Hope Baptist Church, Earl.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Henry Palmer Glenn, Jesse Baxter Glenn, and William Boyce Glenn.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Louise Grigg and Arnie Steve Grigg of Shelby; son and daughter-in-

law, Richard Steven Glenn and Louise Habeck Glenn of Shelby; sisters and brothers-in-law; Mary Glenn Lynn and Bill, Lily Glenn Tessener and Alton; grandchildren, Richard Steven Glenn II, Stuart Thomas Dysart, Lendy Ann Dysart Ray, Chrystal Dawn Glenn Page; special step grandson and wife, Edward Tony Grigg and Debbie, and a number of great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday by the Rev. David Gordon at Clay Barnette Chapel.

Memorials may be made to New Hope Baptist Church, P.O. Box 116, Earl, NC 28038.

**G.C. "NICK" CHAMPION**  
SHELBY - G.C. "Nick" Champion, 93, 1040 Carter Rd., died Saturday, September 8 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a member of the United States Navy, and was self-employed as a carpenter. He was a member of Mulls Memorial Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Lee Champion, Plato Champion, F.E. Champion, Jethro Champion, and Edgar Champion; sisters, Selma White and Essie Clark.

He is survived by his son and daughters-in-law, Graham and Brenda Champion, of Shelby, Jimmy and Dianne Champion, of Shelby; son, Carol Champion, of Shelby; sisters, Luessniur Laughlin, of Lawndale, Pearl Newton, of New Hope, NC, Kate Sealy, of Long Beach, NC; grandchildren, David Champion and Wife Phyllis, Laura Tallent and Husband Warren, Fred Champion, Kali Champion, and Kristy Champion Hale; great grandchildren, Jennifer Tallent, Wesley Tallent, and Heather Champion.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ervin Price at Mulls Memorial Baptist Church Monday.

Memorials may be made to Mulls Memorial Baptist Church, 3299 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC, 28150.

## KM man charged in incident at playground

A Kings Mountain man was arrested on five misdemeanor charges in connection with an alleged incident Friday morning where volunteers were building a new kids playground behind the YMCA on Cleveland Avenue.

Steve Ross Lynch, 56, 903 Woodside Drive, was charged with one count each of possession of a firearm on city property, carrying a concealed weapon, assault with a deadly weapon, resist, delay and obstruct, and communicating threats.

He was taken to Cleveland County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond.

According to Officer S.N. Wray's report, he was called to the playground at 10:37 a.m. where Micheal Pastorius of 821 S. Chester St., alleged that Lynch pointed a gun and threatened him.

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