

OBITUARIES

CHARLES E. OWENS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles E. Owens, 84, 402 Fulton Drive, died October 10, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Crayton and Rettie Whisnant Owens. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a retired farmer and retired from Plonk Oil Company.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia W. Owens of Kings Mountain; daughters, Carolyn O. Evans of Kings Mountain, Avis O. Morrow and husband Keith of Kings Mountain, and Audrey O. Howell and husband Walter of Hickory Grove, SC; brother, Fred Owens of Kings Mountain; sisters, Maude McCarter and Mary Allen of Kings Mountain; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Blanton at 11 a.m. Friday at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BETTY JEAN L. CRAWFORD
SHELBY - Mrs. Betty Jean Lowe Crawford, 72, 1415 Wesson Road, died Monday, October 15, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was a retired owner and operator of Crawford's Florist. She was also a homemaker and a member of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by

her father, Hugh Mark Lowe; mother, Pearl Susan Mayhue Lowe; husband, John Stewart Crawford; brother, Earl J. Lowe; and sisters, Eva Lowe Taylor and Elizabeth Lowe McConnell.

She is survived by a daughter and her husband, Ginger Crawford and Richard Gene Ellis of Shelby; grandson and special friend, Dustin Ellis of Shelby; and special granddaughter, Misty Ellis of Shelby.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel with the Revs. Gervase Hitch and Len Byers officiating.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of the arrangements.

GEORGE HORD JR.

GREENSBORO - George Van Buren Hord Jr., 64, 1506 Valleymede Road, died October 12, 2001.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late George Van Buren and Mary Alice Knox Hord Sr. He was retired copy editor for the Greensboro News & Record, having recently retired after 38 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his daughters, Rebecca Hord of Greensboro and Elizabeth Hord of Washington, DC; and his sister, Helen Pike of Greensboro.

The funeral was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Forbis & Dick Funeral Home Guilford Chapel. Interment was in New Garden Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, 2500 Summitt Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405 or the American Lung Association, 3409-D W. Wendover Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27407.

LEE 'JIM' YARBRO JR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lee "Jim" Yarbro Jr., 76, 820 Bethlehem Church Road, died October 15, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.



JIM YARBRO

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Fitch Lee Yarbro Sr. and Ethel Blalock Yarbro.

He was a poultry farmer and a member of the Cleveland County Poultry Council. He was inducted into the Cleveland County Poultry Council Hall of Fame in 1999.

He was a longtime member of the Bethware Progressive Club, and retired charter member of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where he served as deacon, former treasurer, teacher and on numerous committees. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Flora Lee Blackburn Yarbro of Kings Mountain; son, Dr. Stanley Yarbro and wife Dr. Lee Yarbro of San Jose, CA and Leslie Yarbro and wife Lisa of Grover; daughter, Cheryl Beatty of Kings Mountain; brother, Ned Yarbro and wife Scottie of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren, Sephanie Yarbro, Josh Hollifield and Dustin Yarbro.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. David Blanton, Russell Fitts and Ed Sessom at 4 p.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church building fund, 1017 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or American Heart Association, 1229 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 109, Charlotte, NC 28204.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JULIA WILLIAMS
SHELBY - Mrs. Julia Covey Williams, 86, 717 Westover Terrace, died October 13, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Radford, VA, she was the daughter of the late Roscoe L. and Ocie Fortune Covey and wife of the late James P. Williams. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Covey Pennington of Shelby; nieces, Robin Shuford of Polkville, Ann Beck and husband Jim of Hartsville, SC, Lynn Vincent of Boone, and Margo Crowell and Susan Canipe of Kings Mountain; and nephew, Don M. Pennington of Lawndale. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Max L. Covey and Paul F. Covey; and sisters, Lucille Bailey, Kathleen Amato, Irene Grady and Edith Lockridge.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. James Beck at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MAYNARD A. ROSS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Maynard A. Ross, 65, 100 Coleman Goforth Farm Road, died October 10, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late J.L. and Lonnie Mae Lovelace Ross. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Garvis Ross.

He was retired from Jefferson-Smurfit Corp. of Shelby and was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was a Mason and a member of Fairview Masonic Lodge #339.

He is survived by his wife, Ollie Jo Turner Ross of Kings Mountain; daughters, Debbie Ross Brown and husband Duane of Grover, and Lori Ross Sutherland and husband Steven of Kings Mountain; brothers, William O. "Bill" Ross and Manual Ross of Kings Mountain; mother-in-law, Nellie Taylor Turner of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Allyson Ellis, Tyler Ellis, Matthew Brown, Amanda Parker, Brooke Parker and Ross Sutherland.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jim Brackett at 2 p.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church organ fund, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CAMPBELL LOCKRIDGE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Campbell L. Lockridge, 78, died October 11, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of York County, SC, he was the son of the late Samuel Meek and Bertie Lee McMurray Lockridge Sr. and husband of the late Elois Bridges Lockridge. He was also preceded in death by his daughter Annelia Lockridge; brothers, Calvin, James and Meek Lockridge; and sister, Mary Frances.

He was retired from Foote Mineral Company. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a Mason and a Shriner and past master of Fairview Masonic Lodge #339.

He is survived by his son, Samuel Calvin Lockridge and wife Joan of Swananoah; daughter, Delia Kay Brown and husband Larry of Kings Mountain; special nephew, Marty Lockridge and wife Shawn of Kings Mountain; special niece, Teresa Falls of Kings Mountain; brothers, David Lockridge of Kings Mountain and Sam Lockridge Jr. of High Point; sisters, Oleene Anderson of Kings Mountain and Jean Nash of Bessemer City; six grandchildren, Christopher Lockridge of Atlanta, GA, Gabriel Lockridge of Black Mountain, Jill Bates of Charlotte, Samantha Lockridge of Atlanta, Mary Frances Brown of Mary's Grove, GA, and Campbell Brown of Kings Mountain; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers at 2 p.m. Sunday at Christian Freedom Baptist Church.

Interment 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.

ALMETA McCRAW
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Almeta Jordan McCraw, 85, White Oak Manor, formerly of Abilene, TX, died October 12, 2001 at her residence.

A native of Eula, TX, she was the daughter of the late Talmon and Arie Jordan. She was also predeceased by her husband, Cleo Edward Jordan; sons, Gary Dale McCraw and Dan McCraw; and several brothers and sisters.

She was a homemaker. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Hovis and husband Bill of Bessemer City; sisters, Lolita Kuykendoll of Ft. Worth, TX and Ethel Turner of San Angelo, TX; grandchildren, Tommy Hovis of Bessemer City, Deborah Moore of Murfreesboro, TN, Mary Hovis of Kings Mountain, David McCraw of Wichita Falls, TX, and Warren McCraw of Las Vegas, NV; and seven great grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt at 1 p.m. Saturday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church cemetery.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City, was in charge of arrangements.

BERTHA ELLISON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bertha Mae Stroup Ellison, 95, formerly of 206 North Dilling Street, died October 15, 2001 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Charles Melvin and Hulda Quinn Stroup and wife of the late James Ervin Ellison. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Charlie Melvin Ellison and Billie Ellison.

She was a homemaker and a former member of First Wesleyan Church. She was a former member of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church where she was a women's Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the Gold Star Mothers of Cleveland County.

She is survived by her sons, James Edward Ellison and Doyle Eugene Ellison of Kings Mountain, Thomas Martin Ellison of Old Fort, and Alvin Luther Ellison of Greenville, NC; daughters, Nellie Mae Ellison Thrift of Shelby, Elizabeth Ellison Grant Lowery of Morganton, Ruth Jeanette Cook of Cherryville, Edith Lorene Ellison Goforth of Dallas, and Viola M. Kilgore of Pauline, SC; brothers, William Walter Stroup of Kings Mountain and Everette Luther Stroup of Lancaster, SC; 23 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Don Williams and Bob Hope at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Wesleyan Church.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Midview Baptist Church building fund, 206 Mail Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

GENEVA H. NEAL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Geneva Homesley Neal, 79, 1419 Shelby Road, died October 13, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late R. Durant Homesley and Barbara Emma Hallman Homesley. She was a retired nurse at Kings Mountain Hospital, and a member of El Bethel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Fred R. Neal of Kings Mountain; son, Daniel F. Neal of Palm Springs, CA; daughter, Dianna Allen and husband Larry of Kings Mountain; granddaughters and their husbands, Angel Allen and Carroll McCray of Starkville, Miss., and Laura Allen and John Gold of Shelby; grandson, Aaron Allen of Kings Mountain; great-grandchildren, Trey and Meredith McCray of Starkville, Miss. and Matt and Lauren Gold of Shelby; and sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Paul David Poston of Rock Hill, SC.

A memorial service was conducted by the Revs. David Greene and Bruce Hobson at 2 p.m. Monday at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Burial was private.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Cleveland Funeral Services, Shelby, was in charge of arrangements.

BRYTE CAVENDER
BESSEMER CITY - Bryte Pennington Cavender, 83, 123 W. Ohio Avenue, died October 13, 2001 at Carolinas Medical Center.



CAVENDER

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Nancy Belle Carroll Pennington and wife of the late Isaac D. Cavender. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Cynthia Ann Cavender.

She was a member of Bessemer City Church of God and was formerly employed by Danoca, Bessemer City, and Gibbs, Lincolnton.

She is survived by her sons, Charles Cavender and wife Brenda of Gastonia, Joe Cavender and wife Annette of Bessemer City, and Thomas Cavender and wife Karen of Sylva; daughters, Nancy Taylor and husband James of Sylva, Pearl Parker and husband Kenneth of Kings Mountain, and Brenda Currence of Bessemer City; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Don Capell at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bessemer City Church of God. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bessemer City Church of God, 701 Gastonia Highway, Bessemer City, NC 28016.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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