

OBITUARIES

FRANCES JOAN SMITH
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Frances Joan Downey Smith, 60, 905 Gantt Street, died October 30, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late James Willie and Hattie Hoyle Downey and wife of the late Jessie Richard Smith. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Jim Downey; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Joe Black; and great-grandchildren, Joseph Quay Dockery and Alexa Paige Dockery.

She was formerly employed by McGill Clinic and Kings Mountain Hospital.

She is survived by her son, Richard Smith of South Carolina; mother-in-law, Arizona Smith of Gastonia; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Cobb of Gastonia; daughter and son-in-law, Sonya and Jason Curtis of Kings Mountain; daughter-in-law, Dee Smith of Charlotte; aunt, Grace Whitesides of Virginia; brothers and sisters-in-law, Butch and Diane Downey, and Buck and Shirley Downey of Bessemer City; sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Chet Buckner of Kings Mountain, Marlene and Sam Childress of Cherryville, and Glenda Downey of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Shannon Kuykendall and Starr and Raven Smith; nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Lewis Evans at 8 p.m. Friday at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel. Burial was private.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

HIDEKO TESSNEER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hideko Yokoyama Tessneer, 68, 407 Meadow Lane, died October 31, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was a native of Tokyo, Japan and was retired from Kinmont Industries.

She is survived by her sons, George Tessneer of Kings Mountain and Frank Tessneer of Atlanta, GA; daughters, Betty Tessneer Noah and husband Steven of Kings Mountain, and Carolyn Young of Grover; and grandchildren, Marisa Annette Benckendorf and husband Jeff of Gastonia, Frank Asten Tessneer and fiancée Rebecca, Steven Hicks of Kings Mountain, and Lacey Noah of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Bob Hope at 2 p.m. Saturday at Midview Baptist Church.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LIBBY BROADWATER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Elizabeth "Libby" Green Broadwater, 81, 500 Hawthorne Road, died November 5, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Middlesboro, KY, she was the daughter of the late B.G. and Rella Harmon Green. She was an active member of First Presbyterian church. She was a member of PEO, former treasurer of Presbyterian WOC, avid Bridge player and a member of several Bridge clubs. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Howard M. Broadwater of Kings Mountain; daughters, Ann Broadwater Jones and husband Billie W. of South Windsor, CT, and Katherine Broadwater Lynskey and husband Donald of Muscatine, IA; five grandchildren, Geoffrey Howard Jones and wife Erika of Tolland, KY, Brian Hamrick Jones and wife Amanda Burnette of Richmond, VA, Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Lynskey of St. Paul, MN, Michael Howard Lynskey of St. Paul, MN, and Gregory Paul Lynskey of Alexandria, VA; and two great-grandchildren, Sarah Jones and Benjamin Jones.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. Donald Mitchell at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Presbyterian WOC, 111 E. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, or PEO Continuing Education Fund, c/o Ester Muench, 310 Downing Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE SMITH
KINGS MOUNTAIN - George Smith, 74, 306 Silver Street, died November 1, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Baxter Richard and Thiha Ann Jackson Smith. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Mack Smith, Pressley Smith, Robert Smith, Harvey Smith, Henry Smith and Leo Smith; and sisters, Prunell Caldwell, Flossie Carter, and Viola Smith Dettmar.

He was a member of Second Baptist Church. He was retired from the United States Navy where he served in World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam. He was a former employee of the United States Postal Service and was an employee of Harris Funeral Home, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, LeVaughn Rials Smith of Kings Mountain; son, Dennis "Smiley" Smith and wife Gale of Kings Mountain; daughter, Linda Ford and husband Ted of Kings Mountain; brother, Roy Smith and wife Rosa Lee of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren, Chris Smith and Stacy, Amy Bailey and Matt, Tony Edge and Mary Beth, and Robbie Edge, all of Kings Mountain, and Aaron Ford and Amanda of Madison, NJ; and five great-grandchildren, Carson Bailey, Deree Edge, Anna Edge, Kayla Edge, and Matthew Edge.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mike Chambers and Robbie Moore at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Christian Freedom Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LOUISE MOORE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Louise Peterson Moore, 64, 200 Fairdale Street, died October 31, 2001 at her home.

A native of Cherokee County, she was the daughter of the late Willie Peterson and the late Nuna Bolin Peterson. She was a homemaker and a member of Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby Gene Moore of the home; daughters, Brenda Gladden, Tammy Thomas and Shannon Rudnick, all of Kings Mountain, and Barbara Pennington of Kings Creek, SC; son, Bobby Eugene Dover of Kings Mountain; brother, John Lewis Peterson of Kings Creek, SC; sisters, Thelma Nichols and Shirley Rudisill of Gastonia, Nellie Wylie of Grover, and Hazel Hollins of Kings Creek, SC; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Larry Collins and Robert Nichols at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kings Creek Church of God. Interment was in Clingman Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Timmy Gladden, Shane Jackson, Wayne Gates, Harvey Peterson, Danny Peterson, and Anthony Mote.

Gordon Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

DOROTHY ANN HARLOW
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dorothy Ann Harlow, 77, 906 First Street, died November 1, 2001 at the Lincoln County Medical Center, Lincolnton.

A native of Transylvania County, she was the daughter of the late Plato and Ellie Mae McCall Pressley and wife of the late Clarence Stamey. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Junior Pressley and Leon Pressley; and sisters, Della Landers, Othie Joines and Kathleen Pressley.

She was a former employee of Groves Thread Company, Gastonia, and was retired from Tultex Mills, Kings Mountain. She was a member of Battleground Church of God, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Harlow of Kings Mountain; sons, Robert C. Stamey of Dallas, Harold P. Stamey and wife Janice of Memphis, TN, and Alfred Leroy Stamey and wife Shirley of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sue Holt and husband Isaac of Crouse and Mary Jane Brown and husband Robert of Pisgah Forest; brothers, Jess Pressley of Brevard, Jay Harold Pressley of Seneca, SC, Paul Pressley of Brevard, and Tommy Pressley of Phoenix, AZ; sisters, Vera Humphries of Poland, GA, and Reba Chuck of Union, SC; 21 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bruce Harry II and Eddie Carson at 2 p.m. Sunday at True Gospel Holiness Baptist Church. Interment was in Bessemer City Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Battleground Church of God, P.O. Box 828, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HARVE JUNIOR SMITH
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Harve Junior Smith, 57, 1505 Bethlehem Road Lot 24, died November 4, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Mecklenburg County, he was the son of the late Garnett Earl and Vassie Lewallen Smith. He was owner of B&S Truck Clinic.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Page Smith of the home; son, Harve "Rusty" Smith of Marion; stepson, Chris Schoener of Shelby; daughters, Amy Graham of Grover and Penny Powell of Clarksville, TN; stepdaughter, Cheree Sprouse of York, SC; brothers, Charles, Jerry and Barney Smith of Kings Mountain and David Smith of McAdenville; sisters, Betty Thrift of Kings Mountain and Joyce Scates of Bessemer City; and grandchildren, Nikki Smith, Lanny Stroupe, Christopher Graham, Nicholas Henderson, Tyler Hamrick, Allison Bridges, Olivia Schoener, and Krisden Schoener.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Sam Snyder at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Greene

Funeral Service Westside Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Pallbearers were Eddie Bryant, Bruce Pruiett, Boyd Smith, Ricky Waddell, Tim Whisnant, and Tommy Lewallen.

Memorials may be made to the Funeral Fund, c/o Anita Smith, 1505 Bethlehem Road Lot 24, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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

GRADY DIXON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Grady Dixon, 72, 717 Landing Street, died November 2, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Hoyle Dixon and Mattie Martha Jane Arrowood Dixon Arrowood. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Ernest Dixon, and sister, Leola Bell.

He was retired from James Hamrick Construction Company.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Wright Dixon of Kings Mountain; son, Grady Eugene Dixon and wife Mary of Kings Mountain; daughters, Helen Dixon Ross and husband Franklin David of Bessemer City, Margaret Elizabeth Dixon of Kings Mountain, Carolyn Parker and husband Bobby of Roxboro, Martha Jane Dixon of Kings Mountain, and Penny Hobbs and husband Daron of Kings Mountain; brother, Clyde Dixon of Kings Mountain; brother-in-law, Bobby Wright of Kings Mountain; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. James Hamrick at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ESSIE GRISSOM
BESSEMER CITY - Essie Sue Queen Grissom, 65, 105 Stinnett Drive, died November 2, 2001 at her residence.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Wes Queen and the late Nora Lee Walker Shelton. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Bill and James Queen.

She was a member of the People's Church, Kings Mountain, for 10 years and was a member of the Missionary Department and choir. She was president of the Seniors Auxiliary at the church.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd "Red" Grissom of the home; stepsons, Tim Pate of High Shoals and Michael David Grissom and wife Alice of Dallas; six grandchildren and a number of cousins.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. John Houze and Harry Davis at 3:30 p.m. Monday at People's Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Pallbearers were Alfred Ash, Richard Bess, Artist Dawson, James Ellis, Kenneth Hopper, and Mike Hughes.

Memorials may be made to The People's Church Building Fund, 1010 Groves Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

SUE LAUGHTER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sue Littlejohn Laughter, 79, 600 West Gold Street, died November 3, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late D.G. and Jennie V. Hord. Littlejohn and wife of the late Bessemer S. Harges and William Franklin Laughter. She was also preceded in death by her brother, James E. Littlejohn, and sister, Frances L. Clay.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and a 1940 graduate of Kings Mountain High School. She was retired from Bethware Elementary School.

She is survived by her sons, Stanley Laughter and wife Melissa of Arnold, MD, Mark J. Laughter of Kings Mountain, Christopher G. Laughter and wife Julie of Columbia, SC, and Stephen F. Laughter and wife Angel of Hendersonville, TN; daughter, Donna Harges Walton of Charlotte; grandchildren, Heather Riley and husband Keith of Thomasville, Blake J. Laughter of Chicago, IL, Chelsea Laughter and Abigail Laughter of Columbia, SC, Courtney Collins of High Point, Emily Laughter of St. Louis, MO, and Brock Laughter and Matthew Laughter of Hendersonville, TN; and great-grandchildren, Emma Collins, Avery Collins and Mary Jordan Collins.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Sloan at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to UNICEF, 333 E. 38th Street, New York, NY 10016.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CURTIS ELLIS
GROVER - Curtis Ellis, 84, 1049 Bethlehem Church Road, died November 5, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Douglas, GA, he was the son of the late Warren and Corrine Moore Ellis and husband of the late Vergie "Peggy" McGee Ellis. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Brannen, and his twin daughters, Carolyn and Marilyn Ellis.

He was retired from Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Co. and served in the United States Air Force during World War II. He worked with the United States Army on the Panama Canal. He was a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his sons, Jack C. Ellis Sr. and wife Ruby of Greenville, SC and Richard Kirkpatrick and wife Diane of Blacksburg, SC; daughter, Daphne Whetstone of Kings Mountain; sisters, Grayce Racette of Jacksonville Beach, FL and Donna Kramer of Fremont, CA; nine grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruiett at 4 p.m. Thursday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, 618 Chestnut Ridge Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.



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