

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM DELLINGER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - William Gene "Bill" Dellinger, 60, 130 Dillon Road, died November 19, 2001.



DELLINGER

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late W.V. "Dub" and Helen McSwain Dellinger. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Larry Dellinger.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as Elder and former choir member. He was a former employee of Martin-Marietta. He retired from Genuine Auto Parts, Charlotte, after 25 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Blanton Dellinger of Kings Mountain; sons, Bryan Dellinger and wife Liza, and Dr. David Dellinger, all of Kings Mountain; brother, Wayne Dellinger and wife Faye of Kings Mountain; sisters, Brenda Blanton and husband Jim, and Judy Scism and husband Paul, all of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren, Mary Catherine Dellinger and Virginia Dellinger.

A memorial service will be conducted by Dr. Donald Mitchell at 11 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends immediately after the service in the church fellowship hall.

Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Senior Fund, P.O. Box 1188, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

EZELL FLOYD

LAWNDALE - Dixon Ezell Floyd, 1432 W. Stagecoach Trail died Thursday, November 15, 2001 at Hospice of Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a self employed farmer, a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, and a former member of the Polkville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. He was the son of the late Rufus Marion and Affie Elizabeth Haynes Floyd.

He was also preceded in death by brothers Hoyt Floyd, Weldon Floyd, Colon Floyd,

and Nathan Floyd; sister, Pauline Shuford.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy Elizabeth Crowder Floyd, of the home, sons and their wives, Harold and Jackie Floyd of Casar, Dean and Joan Floyd of Shelby, James "Jim" and Alice Floyd of Polkville; daughters and their husbands, Mary and Bob Putnam of Belwood, Frances and Steve Champion of Shelby, Patricia and David Burke of Winston-Salem; brother, Jack Floyd of Shelby, and two special friends, Norita Warlick, Debra Collins both of Lawndale, eight grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday at Oak Grove Methodist Church in Kings Mountain with the Rev. Mike Harill, and Mr. Warren Shuford officiating.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Tonya Daves, 117 Larsen Rd, lawndale, NC 28090, and Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

JOYCE WEBBER

GROVER - Joyce Dover McEntyre Webber, 67, 104 1/2 Andrews Drive, died Saturday, November 17, 2001 at Century Care of Shelby.

A native of Orangeburg, SC, she was the owner and operator of Joyce's Beauty Shop. She was also a member of Bible Holiness Church of Grover, a church she founded and served as pastor for 16 years.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Hoyle; brother, Don Dover; husband, Gerald L. Webber; and parents, Jesse James and John Edith Crawford Dover.

She is survived by daughter, Patricia Dale Watkins of Grover; sons, Johnny Hoyle of Kings Mountain, Donovan McEntyre of Grover; brothers, Jimmy Dover of Gaffney, SC, Johnny Dover of Welford, SC; Jerry Dover of Kings Mountain, Charles Dover of Gaffney, SC, Jack Dover of Grover; sister, Midge White of Shelby; god-daughter Brenda Hudson of Grover, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home with the Revs Leonard Atkins, Marvin Durham, and Chuck Evans officiating.

Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to

Bible Holiness Church, P.O. Box 868, Grover, NC 28073.

TABITHA BYERS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Tabitha Rashae Byers, 12, 108 Plantation Drive, died November 15, 2001 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Billy Dean and Patricia Worthey Byers. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Billy Dean Byers Jr.; step-grandfather, Roland Frank; and aunt, Martha Biggerstaff.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Carl and Patsy Worthey of Shelby; paternal grandfather, John Hastings of Lawndale; paternal grandmother, Bertha Frank of Shelby; sister, Lisa Byers Greene of Gastonia; and niece, Ashley Bowen of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by Father Eric Houseknecht at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shelby. Entombment was in Cleveland Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to Make A Wish Foundation, 200 Centrepoint Drive, Suite 200, Greensboro, NC 27409.

MABEL WEATHERS

ELLENBORO - Mrs. Mabel Gertrude Woods Weathers, 77, 1659 Duncan Creek Road, died November 14, 2001 at Rutherford Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Grady Woods Sr. and the late Carrie Sanster Woods Grigg, and wife of the late Ben Everette Weathers. She was also preceded in death by her son, Alfred Alvin Weathers.

She was retired from Baxter Corporation and was a member of Golden Valley Missionary Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Donald Gosnell and Wanda and Frank Sherrill of Shelby, Judy and Don Saldo of Grover, and Marie and Steve Lowery of Ellenboro; brother, H. Grady Woods Jr. of Kings Mountain; sisters, Jenny Clark of Pensacola, FL, Shelby Kirkendall and husband Roy of Kirmerville, SC, Patricia Gantt and husband Bill of Elm City, and Phyllis Wood and Gene Mosteller of Lawndale; and special aunt, Mary Johnson of Kinston, GA.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Troy Dorsey and Lamar Hewitt at 11 a.m. Saturday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

LOIS GREENE MULL

MORGANTON - Lois Greene Mull, 66, died November 15 at the home of her son in Kings Mountain.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Leland Epton Jones Sr. and Annie Beason Jones, and wife of the late Clyde Arthur Mull. She was also preceded in death by her adopted parents, Elton and Ethel Greene; her first husband, Robert James Dobbins; a son, Danny Ray Dobbins; and a brother, Epton Jones Jr.

She was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Morganton, and was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald Gene Dobbins and wife

Joyce, and Jimmy Deaton Dobbins of Kings Mountain, and David Allen Mull of Morganton; daughters, Sheila Ann Gillian and husband Robert of Belfair, WA and Angela Lynn Bryant and husband Dennis of Galax, VA; brothers, Billy Jones and wife Lois of Mt. Holly, Lewis Humphries and wife Brenda of Gaffney, SC, Robert Poole and wife Helen of Gastonia, and Jimmy Greene and wife Maxann of Shelby; sisters, Eloise Royster of Grover, and Ann Thompson and husband Edgar of Shelby; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. David Fambrough at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cleveland Memorial Park in Boiling Springs.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUTH DAVIS BURRIS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth Davis Burris, 95, died November 11, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Ross and Lizzie Davis and wife of the late Samuel Burris Sr.

She was a member of Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church where she was a class leader, member of the Missionaries, Friendly Aid Organization, and treasurer of the Community Savings Club. She was a member of the Council on Aging and the AARP.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert E. Burris.

She is survived by her daughters, Hazelene Abernathy and Thelma Rowe of Newton; sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Marie Burris of Kings Mountain, Lawrence C. and Delois Burris of Orlando, FL; Samuel and Bertha Burris Jr. of Albemarle, and Ruby Burris; stepson, David Burris of Brooklyn, NY; sister, Gertrude Adams of Kings Mountain; sister-in-law, Geneva Wells of Kings Mountain, 33 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; special friend, Esedale Toms; and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Reginald McClean at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

J.W. Gill and Sons Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

UNA MORGAN

CHARLOTTE - Mrs. Una Howington Morgan, 90, 5501 Farm Pond Lane, died November 18, 2001 at Brian Center of Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Zed Wilson Howington Sr. and Jessie Victoria Patrick. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Harrison Morgan; grandson, Charles Stanley; brothers,

Herman Howington and Zed W. Howington Jr.; and sister, Eriedell H. Worley.

She was a homemaker and former seamstress. She was a member of Shamrock Drive Baptist Church, Charlotte, where she was a former Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Harriette M. Stanley of Little River, SC and Joanne M. Tessner and Dwight of Kings Mountain; grandsons, Tommy Stanley of Little River, SC, Dr. Roger Tessner of Kings Mountain, and Alan Tessner and wife Julie of Hereford, TX; granddaughters, Susan T. Blair and husband Tim of Gastonia and Betsy Tessner of Kings Mountain; great-grandchildren, Adam Tessner and wife Mary Allison of Gastonia, Samantha Blair and Cameron Blair of Gastonia, Derek, Dustin, Riley, Destiny and Summer Tessner of Hereford, TX; brothers, Hugh Howington of Shelby, Dr. Nolan Howington and wife Murette of Nashville, TN, Hal Howington and wife Dot of Blacksburg, SC, Horace Howington and wife Julia of Plymouth, William Howington and wife Iva and Robert Howington of Boiling Springs, Hoyt Howington and wife Alena of Charlotte, and Dwight Howington and wife Betty of Stone Mountain, GA.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Gary Hudson and Herschel Ponder at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Shamrock Drive Baptist Church. Burial was conducted by Dr. Nolan Howington at Poplar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shamrock Drive Baptist Church, 4301 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215, Hospice of Mecklenburg County, 1420 E. Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28204-2450, and Gideons International, P.O. Box 1231, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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

JAMES GRIGG

GASTONIA - James Otto Grigg, 76, 1610 Home Trail, died November 15, 2001 at the VA Hospital in Salisbury.

He was the son of the late Dewey A. and Lula C. Carroll Grigg. He was also predeceased by his son, Jeffrey Grigg; brother Steve Grigg; sisters, Lucille Burroughs and Thelma Robinson.

He trained with the FBI in Quantico, VA before going to the South Pacific. He served three Christmases in the South Pacific during World War II as a Sergeant and a sharpshooter for the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a self-employed contractor for over 40 years and a custom home builder.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Grigg; sons, James Benjamin Grigg and wife Corneliuss, and David Scott and wife Pamela Grigg of Gastonia; daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra Kay Grigg and Rev. W.M. Hoss of Burlington, Catherine Grigg Rednour of Blacksburg, SC, Beverly Ruth Grigg Ferrante of Anthony, FL, and Angela and Scott Wester of Savannah, GA; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ray A. and Louise Grigg of Bessemer City, Bobby Carroll and Loretta Grigg of

Belmont, and Joe N. and Claudia Grigg of Gastonia; sisters and brother-in-law, Ruth Johnston, and Margaret and James Dorsey of Gastonia; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Alice Day at 2 p.m. Sunday at Myrtle United Methodist Church. Burial was in Christopher Hullender Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Pallbearers were Vance Teague II, Jason and Charles L. Painter, Jonathan and Brandon Ferrante, and Tim Grigg.

Memorials may be made to Myrtle United Methodist Church, 1135 Bessemer City Road, Gastonia, NC 28052.

McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia was in charge of arrangements.

HETTIE D. SPIRES

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Hettie D. Spires, 78, White Oak Manor, died Saturday at White Oak Manor.

A native of Daleville, AL, she was the daughter of the late Issac Dykes and Mary Nichols Dykes and wife of the late Perl C. Spires.

She was retired head book-keeper at First Union Bank of Clewiston, FL. She was a member of Hernando United Methodist Church, Hernando, FL.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Millage C. Spires and Libby of Hernando, FL, formerly of Kings Mountain; daughter and son-in-law, Mary S. Starks and Donald of Clewiston, FL; brother and sister-in-law, O.T. Dykes and Margaret of Enterprise, AL; grandson and wife, Stuart E. Spires and Tracy of Starr, SC; grandsons, Charles C. Starks and Donald H. Starks Jr. of Cleiston, FL; great-grandson, Cameron M. Spires of Starr, SC; and great-granddaughter, Katherine Spires of Starr, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tim McCord at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hoopers Funeral Home Chapel in Inverness, FL. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Inverness, FL.

Memorials may be made to Hernando United Methodist Church, 2125 East Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, FL 34442.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

CLARENCE E. RABB

NEBO - Clarence Emmitt Rabb, 86, McDowell Nursing Center, died Saturday, November 17, 2001 at McDowell Nursing Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a retired employee of Shelby Mill Co. and a member of New Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William (Bud) and Bessie Granger Rabb.

He is survived by his wife, Dovie Pauline Laws.

Rabb of nebo, sons and their wives, Jerry and Hollis Rabb of Shelby, Gene and Margie Rabb of Shelby, Glenn and Wanda Rabb of Winston-Salem; brothers, Max Rabb of Shelby, Lloyd Rabb of Shelby, J.C. Rabb of Shelby; sister, Ann Noblitt of Shelby, 10 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday at New Bethel Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Reed Jones officiating.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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