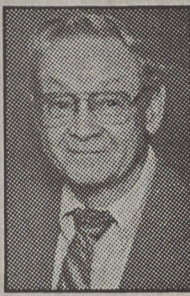


OBITUARIES

A.T. DEBRULER JR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Andrew Thomas DeBruler, 75, 307 Fulton Drive, died January 6, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Guilford County, he was the son of the late Andrew Thomas DeBruler Sr. and Bertha Tatum DeBruler.



DEBRULER

He was a member of El Bethel United Methodist Church, and was retired after 26 years with Young Brothers Furniture, Shelby. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Stone DeBruler of Kings Mountain; daughter, Sarah Bradley of Grover; sons, Andy DeBruler of Charlotte, Rick DeBruler of Grover, and Doug DeBruler and wife Robin of Shelby; brothers, Roy DeBruler and Carl DeBruler of Burlington; sisters, Thelma Stephens of Reidsville and Pauline Thompson of Burlington; and five grandchildren, Stephanie Lail, Andrea Lail, Ashley DeBruler, Mark DeBruler and Jonathon DeBruler.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bruce Hobson and Vernon Moore at 11 a.m. Wednesday at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church, or El Bethel United Methodist Church cemetery fund, 122 El Bethel Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARIE P. SANDERS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Doris Marie Philbeck Sanders, 68, 5006 Longbow Point, died January 6, 2002 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Arnold



SANDERS

Buford and Madge Melton Philbeck and wife of the late Charles Edmond Sanders. She was also preceded in death by her son, Doyle Edmond Sanders, and brothers,

J.C. Philbeck and Buford Philbeck.

She attended Bethlehem Baptist Church. She is survived by her daughters, Doris S. Lail and husband Wayne of Kings Mountain, and Juanita Dianne Malcolm and husband Eddie of Blacksburg, SC; brothers, Jim Philbeck of Grover, Gene Philbeck of Shelby, and G.C. Philbeck of Cherryville; a sister, Gertrude Knox of Grover; and three grandchildren, Charles Lail, Chris Lail, and Chastity Thompson.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. David Blanton, James Drennan and Jerry Helms at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Burial was at 4 p.m. at Valdese City Cemetery in Valdese.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUBY HELMS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruby Phillips Helms, 82, White Oak Manor, died January 8, 2002 at White Oak Manor.

She was the daughter of the late Roy Phillips and Neva Willis Phillips and wife of the late Floyd J. Helms. She was also preceded in death by her son, Jerry Helms; sisters, Betty Lefevers and Beulah Mitchell; and brothers, Tom Phillips, Howard Phillips and Bill Phillips.

She was a member of Family Worship Center Church of God and was active at the Kings Mountain Senior Center. She was a homemaker.

She is employed by her son, Melvin Phillips and wife Judy of Kings Mountain; brothers, Frank Phillips of Kings Mountain and Lewis Phillips and Jerry Phillips of Bessemer City; sisters, Margaret Lee of Kings Mountain and Muriel Norwood of Lawndale; and three grandchildren, Julie Whitner of Winston-Salem, Karen Helms of Altamonte Springs, FL, and Chris Helms of Kings Mountain.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead Street, Suite 211, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

RAY NOBLITT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Johnson Ray Noblitt, 74, 905 Sherwood Lane, died January 6, 2002 at Gaston Memorial

Hospital.

A native of Old Fort, he was the son of the late Adolphus Johnson and Eula Mae Huskins Noblitt. He served in the United States navy during World War II and attended NC State University and Berea College.

He was employed as an engineer with Martin Marietta in Baltimore, and was a Project Manager over Engineering Design Services Laboratory for Bunker-Ramo in Thousand Oaks, CA.

He joined Kings Mountain Mica and English Mica Company as Executive Vice-President over Sales and production Coordination in 1973, and retired in 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Gunter Noblitt of the home; son, John Hunter Noblitt and wife Frances M. of Charlotte; daughter, Mindy Acuna and husband Emilio of Kings Mountain; sister, Frances Renfro of Spruce Pine; and grandchildren, Jessica Kandy, McKenzie Noblitt, and Anne Marie Noblitt.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Carolinas ALS Foundation, P.O. Box 32861, Charlotte, NC 28232-2861.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JONATHAN ALLEN

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jonathan Preston Allen, infant son of Jonathan Trent Allen and Donna Rena Bolton of 200 Yarboro Road, died January 7, 2002 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Trey Allen; paternal grandfather, Kenneth E. Allen of Clover, SC; maternal grandparents, Laura and Jimmy Bolton of Kings Mountain; and great-grandmother, Faye Thomas of Kings Mountain.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Alexis Allen; and grandmother, Doris R. Martin.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Gaston Memorial Park.

Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

CHRISTINE B. NIVENS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Christine Barnes Nivens, 80, of White Oak Manor, formerly of Bessemer City, died January 2, 2002 at her home.

A native of Clover, SC, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Brandon Barnes and wife of the late Carl Carpenter Nivens. She was also preceded by her daughter, Brenda Nivens.

She was a graduate of Clover High School and Cleveland Community College, with a degree in nursing.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City, where she was a member of Circle One and received the Life membership pin from the Women of the Church.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Peggy N. and J.D. Hawkins of Shelby; brother, Ray Barnes of Flat Rock; sister, Agnes Baker of Crowders Mountain; three grandchildren and spouses, Carl and Debbie Moore of Murfreesboro, TN, Alice M. and

Bruce Scruggs of Bessemer City, and Danny and Sabrina Moore of Kings Mountain; and nine great-grandchildren, Jay, Josh, Chris, Katy, Brandon, Aaron and Ryan Moore, and Brenda and Brittany Scruggs.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Steve Hannah at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City. Interment was in Gaston Memorial Park, Gastonia.

Pallbearers were Carl and Danny Moore, Greg and Hugh Huffman, Neil Baker and Bob Barker.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 202 N. 14th St., Bessemer City, NC 28016 or Gaston County Hospice, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

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

CHRIS BRAFFORD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Chris Brafford, 50, 641 B.A.D. Horse Trail, died January 3, 2002 at Duke University Medical Center, Durham.

He is survived by his wife, Scottie Goforth Brafford of Kings Mountain; parents, Ralph H. and Marie Phiggen Brafford of Gastonia; and brother, John L. Brafford of Blacksburg, SC.

A memorial service was conducted by the Revs. Ronnie Bowers and Carol Henderson at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, 5950 Fairview Road, Charlotte, NC 28210.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HAROLD ROARK

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Harold Edward Roark, 63, 710 Bridges Drive, died January 5, 2002 at his residence.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late Wayne M. Roark. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Helen Kay Sipes Roark, and son, Kenny Roark.

He was a former textile employee and served in the United States Army. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, Grover.

He is survived by his mother, Thelma J. "Jay" Isler Roark of Grover; son, Wayne J. Roark of Gaffney, SC; daughter, Kathy Roark of Kings Mountain; brothers, Don Roark of Kings Mountain, David Roark of Blacksburg, SC, and Larry Roark of Grover; and four grandchildren, Brandi Rae Roark, Tyler Farris, Kayle Farris and Brittany Short.

The funeral was conducted on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SHIRLEY WINGARD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Shirley Mae Hambricht Wingard, 58, 307 Edal Street, died January 5, 2002 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Robert E. Lee Hambricht and Lois Lorene Pennington Hambricht.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Eugene Wingard Sr. of the home; sons, Frank Lambert and Douglas Eugene

Wingard Jr. of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Myra L. and Larry Stine of Grover; brothers, Willie Hambricht of Waco, Larry Hambricht of Kings Mountain, and Junior Hambricht of Blacksburg, SC; sisters, Lois Owenby of Mooresville, Brenda Gaddy of Grover, Jean Morrow of Kings Mountain, Mary Jones of Statesville, and Gloria Aldridge of Belmont; grandchildren, Brandon Stine, Damian Childers, Shellie Shirey, Jessica Lambert, Alina Lambert, Michael Lambert, and B.J. Lambert; and great-grandchildren, Christopher Shirey and Anna Maladonado.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Helms at 2 p.m. Tuesday at True Gospel Holiness Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Richard Woodward, James Coyle, Roger Pennington, Joe Dean Pennington, Michael Whitaker, and A.C. Parker.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

WILMA HOPE

GASTONIA - Wilma Frances McDaniel Hope, 81, 2755 Union Road, died January 7, 2002 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Gaither and Ada Brown McDaniel. She was also preceded by her husband, Christopher Lloyd Hope Sr.; sisters, Allowee McDaniel Marlowe and Florine McDaniel Hill; and brothers, Atwood and Dean McDaniel.

She was retired from Gastonia Mutual Savings and Loan and was a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Christopher L. Hope Jr. and wife Linda of Monroe; special friend, John Anthony of Gastonia; sister, Virginia McDaniel Arnette of Kings Mountain; brother, Robert McDaniel and wife Wilma of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Carrie Hargett of Wesley Chapel and Christopher Hope III of Weddington; and great-grandchildren, Tricia Hope of Waxhaw, Katie Hope of Waxhaw, and Christen Hargett, Jackson Hargett and Jacob Hargett of Wesley Chapel.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Gaston Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Gastonia, or to the American Heart Association.

Carothers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MITCHELL CLARY

CARY - Mitchell E. Clary, 67, 422 S. West St., died January 2, 2002 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Ellie and Kate Weaver Clary. He was also preceded by his brothers, Everette and Horace Clary.

He was employed by the Soil and Water Conservation Service. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, an honor graduate of NC State University, and a member of First Baptist Church of Cary.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Kendrick Clary of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Mike Holshouser of Salisbury and Amy and

Kevan Bytner of Cary; brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe and Katie Clary of Raleigh and Bob and Jeannette Clary of Shelby; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Carl Ray Bridges and Linda and Evans Lemons, all of Shelby; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Tim Trexler at 3 p.m. Sunday at Cleveland Memorial Park, Shelby.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Building Fund, 1227 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EVERETT W. HOLLIFIELD

SHELBY - Everett W. Hollifield, 89, 112 Holly Hill Street, died January 4, 2002 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Cordic L. and Mary Olivia Neal Hollifield.

He was former owner and operator of Hollifield's Body Shop and was retired as a body shop instructor at Cleveland Technical College. He was a member of Zoar Baptist Church, where he was a former deacon, president of the Senior Citizens group, on the cemetery committee, Home Board Committee, choir director and Sunday School teacher.

He was a charter member of Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department and served as its chaplain. He was presently an honorary member.

He is survived by his wife of 72 1/3 years, Sarah Greene Hollifield of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene and Ivey Hollifield of Conover and Darrell D. and Dorothy Hollifield and Eckels and Sybil Hollifield, all of Shelby; daughters and son-in-law, Clara Alexander and Brenda and Bob Hamilton of Shelby; brother, Rev. Kenneth Hollifield of Charlotte; sisters, Ruby Parris of Gaffney, SC and Beatrice Meacham of Shelby; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Marvin Goble at 6 p.m. Saturday at Zoar Baptist Church. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Zoar Baptist Church Together We Build, 1740 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28152, Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150, American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 364, Shelby, NC 28151, and American Heart Association, P.O. Box 2391, Shelby, NC 28151.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FLORENCE POWELL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Florence Powell, 83, White Oak Manor, formerly of 1309 W. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, died January 5, 2002 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late J. Claude and Bessie Edwards Powell. She was retired as an agent with Reserve Life Insurance Company, and was a member of Floyds Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter and husband, Carol Bradley and Jack Hardin of Polkville; grandson, Michael Jack Hardin of Eatonton, GA; and great-grandsons, Michael Bradley Hardin and Clifford Allen Hardin of McDonough, GA.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Shane Kirby at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Floyds Creek Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Carolina Piedmont Chapter, 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215.

REVIVAL

Love Valley Baptist Church
2032 Bethlehem Road
Kings Mountain, N.C.

January 13th — 18th
Brother Chris Haizlip
7 PM Nightly
For More Information
Call 704-734-5151

Your Past
Your Present
Your Future



18K Gold Pendant 1/2 Carat \$995.00

Three stone diamond jewelry tells her you loved her then, now and forever.



ARNOLD'S Jewelry
226 S. Washington St. Shelby
Plenty of Free Parking beside the store
All major credit cards accepted or open an AmCard Charge
487-4521

MASTER JEWELERS

Is your
New Years Resolution
to remove your tattoo
or improve your
sun damaged skin?

No matter what your concern call
Dr. Freeman, one of the Southeast's
leading facial cosmetic and laser surgeon.

Specializing in Facial Cosmetic
& Laser Surgery for Over Twelve Years

Dr. M. Sean Freeman, M.D.

825 East King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-734-0511

The Center
FOR FACIAL PLASTIC AND LASER SURGERY
"Only Faces, Only The Best Care"

When You're
Trying to Move
Something Fast -
Try Our
Classifieds.
704-739-7496

Happy Birthday!!

The Third Generation of the Gillespie's is about to celebrate her 30th Birthday. Happy Birthday Ashley Gillespie Barrett. God couldn't have Blessed me with a Better Daughter. January 12, 2002.

I love You,
Mama