

# OBITUARIES

## ALBERT BRACKETT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Albert Lee Brackett, 69, 909 Grace Street, died February 27, 2002 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William McKinley and Ollie Butler Brackett. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Rob and Junior Brackett.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and was an avid duckpin bowler. He was retired from the A&P Store of Gastonia after 34 years and was an employee of Southern Convenience Store of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Mathis Brackett of Kings Mountain; son, Chuck Lee Brackett and wife Amy of Kings Mountain; daughter, Debbie Keenum and husband Dale of Gastonia; brother, Grady Brackett of Shelby; sister, Ruth Vickers of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Julie Keenum Ammons and husband Chad of Charlottesville, VA, Michael Keenum of Atlanta, GA, Jaimie, Amber, and Callie Brackett of Gaffney, SC, Seth Brackett of Kings Mountain, and Shane Centers of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. John Bridges at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## THELMA GOFORTH

BLACKSBURG, SC - Thelma Beam Goforth, 82, 742 Antioch Road, died March 4, 2002 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

A native of Lincoln County, she was the daughter of the late Doris and Ocie Bess Beam. She was married to the late Lt. Col. George M. Goforth for 52 years. She and her husband toured the European Theater of World War II on several occasions. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Carolyn Maria Goforth, and six brothers.

She was a graduate of Northbrook High School and Appalachian Teacher's College. She taught school for 30 years and was a member of the NCEA, SCEA, and Delta Kappa Gamma teaching sorority. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Blacksburg, where she taught Sunday School and held many offices throughout her life. She was a former member of the Home Demonstration Club and The Grange.

She is survived by her sons, George E. Goforth and wife Jackie of Easley, SC, and John R. Goforth and wife Paula of Kings

Mountain; daughters, Ann G. Rosi of Chicago, IL and Jean G. Peach of Gastonia; sister, Esther Shuford of Lincoln; and seven grandchildren, Gabrielle Rosi of San Francisco, CA, Domino Rosi of Chicago, IL, Marty Goforth of Chapel Hill, Brad Goforth of Kings Mountain, Katherine Peach of Boone, and James Peach and Sally Peach of Gastonia.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Chris Barrett and Julian Lazar at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John's United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Beulah United Methodist Church cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Pallbearers will be Domino Rosi, Marty Goforth, Brad Goforth, James Peach, Richard Goforth, John Goforth, Paul Goforth, Donald Beam, Nelson Beam and James Sweazy.

Memorials may be made to St. John's United Methodist Church, 105 S. Rutherford Street, Blacksburg, SC 29702.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## NANCY KERNS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nancy Hill Kerns, 88, White Oak Manor, died March 4, 2002 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late William Baxter and Julia Cope Hill and wife of the late Clyde Wilmoth Kerns.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and former Vice President of City Auto and Truck Parts and former secretary/treasurer of Kerns Brothers.

She is survived by her son, Johnny Kerns and wife Mary of Kings Mountain; two grandsons, W.D. "Butch" Kerns Jr. and wife Donna of Kings Mountain and Clyde C. Kerns and wife Faye of Kings Mountain; five great-grandchildren, Anna Kerns, Will Kerns, Allyson Kerns, Ramey Kerns and Clay Kerns; nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Bill Jeffcoat at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



KERNS

## JAMES ROBERT CURRY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - James Robert Curry, 64, 122 Mann Court, died March 1, 2002 at Wendover of Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Monroe and Loretta Inez Shepherd Curry. He was a member of Clearview Baptist Church, Grover. He was a retired textile supervisor.

He is survived by his daughters and their husbands, Cathy and Eddie Wooten of Shelby, Debbie and Charlie Black of Shelby, and Vickie and Albert Blanton of Gastonia; and sisters, Frances Morgan of Shelby and Martha Thrift of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Allen at 11 a.m. Monday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Patterson Springs. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## RON LARSON

SHELBY - Myron William Larson, 63, 5413 Canterbury Road, died March 2, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Eau Claire, WI, he was the son of the late Myron L. and Myrtle B. Querrer Larson. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Larson, and daughter, Lori Patterson.

He was employed as Production Manager for Bost Bakery and was a member of Christ The King Catholic Church, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jean Newton Larson of the home; sons, Keith William Larson and wife Tondra of Valdosta, GA; son-in-law, John Patterson of Shelby; daughters, Mary Lee Strouth and husband Tim of Leland, and Amy Jean Montgomery and husband Gary of Charlotte; and grandchildren, Dawn and Amanda Patterson, Sabrina Strouth, Meagan and Frank Dolce III, Ryan Larson, and Garrison Montgomery.

The funeral was conducted by Father Eric Houseknecht and Father Don Wilger at 2 p.m. Monday at Christ The King Catholic Church, Kings Mountain. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial park.

Memorials may be made to Christ The King Catholic Church, 714 Stone Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LOUISE GANTT IVEY  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Louise Gantt Ivey, 88, 704 Sterling Drive, died Sunday, March 3, 2002 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Rufus Columbus and Carrie Navy Gantt and wife of the late Arthur D. Ivey. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Fred Gantt, Charles Gantt, and George Gantt.

She was a homemaker and a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sons, William D. "Bill" Ivey and wife Glenda, and James M. Ivey and wife Mary, all of Kings Mountain; brother, Dr. James Claude Gantt of Hockessin, DE; granddaughter, Lisa Ivey Parker and husband Chip of Kings Mountain; and two great-grandchildren, Brandon Parker and Emily Parker.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Dale Swofford and Mike Chambers at 4 p.m. Thursday at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 830 Church Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## BETTY HUDSON

GROVER - Betty Weaver Hudson, 70, 509 Butler Springs Road, Greenville, SC, formerly of 912 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, died March 1, 2002 at St. Francis Woman's Hospital in Greenville, SC.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Carl and Addie Mae Weaver and wife of the late John D. Ingle, Herchel Davis and William Hudson. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Everett Weaver and Johnny Weaver, and her sister, Evelyn Weaver Wilson.

She was a homemaker and a member of Bethany Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Stephen R. Ingle and wife Rena of Greenville, SC; daughter, Deborah Jean Welsh of Kings Mountain; sisters, Carol Tucker and Ann Tucker, both of Darrington, WA; and grandchildren, Carl B. Ingle and wife Dawn, John Jonah Ingle and wife Dana, William John Welsh, and Raquel Megan Welsh, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Doug Ramsey and Tim



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Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DORIS MCDERMID  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Doris Ann Gardner McDermid, 81, 1015 Bethlehem Road, died March 1, 2002 at her home.

She was a native of Macon, GA and daughter of the late Marshall H. Gardner and Dorothy Beets Land. She was the wife of the late John R. "Jake" McDermid Sr. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Fred M. Gardner.

She was a retired textile employee and a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She is survived by her son, John R. McDermid Jr. of Gastonia; adopted son, Lee Allen of Gastonia; brother, John Roy Land Jr. and wife Judy of Griffin, GA; sisters, Betty G. Suttles of Rex, GA, Barbara F. Estes and husband James of Griffin, GA, and June G. Golds and husband Bobby S. of Griffin, GA; sister-in-law, Betty Gardner of Salisbury, MD; special friend, Linda Wright of Kings Mountain; nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Dale Swofford and David Fambrough at 11 a.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## BUSTER CHAMPION

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Andy Eugene "Buster" Champion, 60, 637 Bell Road, died March 5, 2002 at VA Hospital in Oteen.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Forest Amos and Geneva Price Champion. He was a member of the Bessemer City American Legion, and a textile employee. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and received the Purple Heart and Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

He is survived by his brothers, Jerry Champion of Gastonia and Richard Champion of Kings Mountain; and sister Sandra C. Monroe of Kings Mountain.

Visitation will be at the home of his sister, 635 Bell Road, Kings Mountain on Friday evening, March 8.

The topic will be a video and discussion on "Choices in Caregiving - Community Resources Available."

For more information call 734-0447 or 739-8132.

CrossWalk slated March 21-23 in KM

The second annual CrossWalk Easter story will be presented in downtown Kings Mountain March 21-23.

Admission is free, but tickets are necessary and can be obtained by calling Regal Ventures at 739-3838.

The Piedmont Chapter Alzheimer's Group will meet Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center, 909 E. King St., Kings Mountain.

**Parkview Restaurant is UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

Daily Buffet Specials

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| <b>Monday</b><br>• Hamburger Steak • Turkey & Gravy • Fried & Baked Chicken • Green Beans • Mashed Potatoes • Corn • Mac & Cheese • Turnip Greens • Blackeyed Peas, • Okra • Gravy | <b>Wednesday</b><br>• Porkchops • Meat Loaf • Fried & Baked Chicken • Mashed Potatoes • Corn • Mac & Cheese • Stewed Potatoes • Lima Beans • Okra • Gravy             | <b>Friday</b><br>• Fish • Bar-b-que Beef Ribs • Fried & Baked Chicken • Green Beans • Mashed Potatoes • Corn • Mac & Cheese • Steak Fries • Baked Beans • Okra • Gravy • Hush Puppies |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>• Cheeseburger Pie • Beef Casserole • Fried & Baked Chicken • Green Beans • Mashed Potatoes • Corn • Mac & Cheese • Cabbage • Pinto Beans • Okra • Gravy         | <b>Thursday</b><br>• Chicken Dumplings • Baked Ham • Fried & Baked Chicken • Green Beans • Mashed Potatoes • Corn • Mac & Cheese • Yams • Crowder Peas • Okra • Gravy | <b>Sunday</b><br>• Cube Steak • Beef Tips • Fried & Baked Chicken • Green Beans • Mashed Potatoes • Corn • Mac & Cheese • Rice • Green Peas • Okra • Gravy                            |

Assorted Desserts, Biscuits, Cornbread Served Daily

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| <b>Breakfast</b><br>5:30am-10am<br>Sunday-Friday | <b>Lunch Buffet</b><br>11:00am-3:00pm<br>Sunday-Friday | <b>Supper</b><br>5:00pm-9:00pm<br>Monday-Friday |
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**Parkview Restaurant**  
728 York Road, Kings Mtn. (Located inside the Ramada Limited)  
**704-739-6301**

Memorials may be made to VA Hospital, Oteen, NC. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JACK SHULL  
SHELBY - Jack Shull, 83, Carolina Care Center of Cherryville, formerly of 2909 Highland Circle, died March 4 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late M.H. and Lillie Revels Shull and husband of the late Valdaree White Shull. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Paul and Z.R. Shull.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served in World War II in the Pacific Theater and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was retired after 47 years as a weaver at Dover Mill. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his son, Jerry C. Shull and wife Trina of Kings Mountain; daughter, Pamela S. Jones and husband Randy of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Katie, Bryan and LaChrista Shull, Heather and Amanda Ashley, Todd and Tonya Jackson, Zackary Jones, and T.G. and Daniel Ashley; and great-grandchild, Haley Ashley.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. Harold Fite and Rev. Doug Allen at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home. Burial will be at Cleveland Memorial Park with an honor guard provided by the Kings Mountain Police Department.

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

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The Kings Mountain Building Codes and Zoning Enforcement Department issued the following permits for the week of Feb. 25-March 1.

2/25 - 1620 Phenix St., Phil Lemons, renovations, \$6,000.

2/27 - 716 Sipe's St. (White Oak Manor), electromagnetic door locking system, \$11,500.

2/27 - 814 W. Mountain St., David Faunce, renovate sun-room/office in day care facility, \$10,000.

2/27 - 413 Country Club Acres, David and Marie Brinkley, renovations, \$24,000.

2/28 - 903 Monroe Ave., Archie Morris, building sun-deck, \$800.

3/1 - 2131 Brookforest Drive, Johnson & Associates, single family dwelling, \$125,000.

Stewart is a member of American Legion Auxiliary Otis D. Green Unit 155, Kings Mountain. She served as National President in 1999-2000. She is serving as the National Convention Chairman for the upcoming convention in Charlotte.

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## A Tribute to Our "Son"

You came to us  
And we didn't put up a fuss.  
You joined another brother  
And he wouldn't have any other.  
We hoped you would be a girl  
A pretty healthy baby out of this world.  
To home we brought you in a wink  
all dressed in lace and pink.  
You came into a world of ones who loved you  
and only you can "guess" who"  
Dry and lay you in your bed "as no other"  
but a delightful brother.  
You grew up as any other boy  
and were to us such a joy.  
Each day "you two" grew close to our hearts.  
You grew and drew your "art".  
Along came another brother  
and is like no other.  
You two cared for him  
Which filled our hearts to the brim.  
Later a daughter and sister came to us  
to love, cherish and to fuss.  
We have all been together  
Supported each other in all the weather.  
You grew into a nice young man  
and much more we know you can.  
You have put your life on line  
But always been open to signs.  
You've been guided from "above"  
And able to share "His" love.  
We pray you will continue to serve  
But never from Him swerve.  
We pray your peers will support you, too  
In all they say and do!

Your Daddy and Moma  
February 27, 2002

Thanks to Kings Mountain for choosing our son  
as your new Police Chief.

Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Proctor

## BRIEFS

The Family of Robert & Brenda Beatty would like to thank the families on South Cherokee Street for their kindness in the death of our mother Mrs. Scates

## Stewart to attend Auxiliary meeting

Lib Stewart of Kings Mountain will attend the American Legion Auxiliary 21st Annual Awareness Assembly March 10-13 in Washington, DC. Approximately 400 members will attend to hear highlights of the organizations programs, projects an legislative initiatives.

**DAILY DRINK SPECIALS!**

**DAILY FOOD SPECIALS!**

**Casey's CHUB'S PUB Grillhouse**

**GASTONIA'S LARGEST AND NEWEST SPORTS RESTAURANT**

**Race Party - \$1.00 PBR bottles**

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| <b>Tuesday</b><br>Dollar Beer Night                    | <b>Friday</b><br>Skeleton Crew Band |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>DJ Dance Party with Buddy Love     | <b>Saturday</b><br>Fire Creek Band  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>Karaoke w/ James Bates & Rick Craft | <b>Sunday</b><br>Roger Waters       |

**Dana**  
Bartender of the Week

1608 South York Road, Gastonia • Beside Family Dollar Store  
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