

# OBITUARIES

**GERALD MESSER JR.**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Gerald Dean Messer Jr., 40, 932 Unity Church Road, died April 3, 2002 at Kindred Hospital in Greensboro.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Gerald Dean Messer Sr. and the late Carolyn Talbert Messer.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Messer of the home; two sisters, Windy M. Anderson and Lisa M. Flowers of Kings Mountain; two nieces and a nephew.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Allen at 2 p.m. Friday at M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home Chapel in Clover, SC.

Memorials may be made to the Gerald Dean Messer Jr. Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 68, Clover, SC 29710.

M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**RUBY BOWMAN**

**GASTONIA** - Ruby Dellinger Bowman, 81, 2408 Essen Lane, formerly of Kings Mountain, died April 5, 2002 at Century Care.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Ambrose Briscoe and Fannie Russ Dellinger. She was also preceded in death by her brother, J.C. Dellinger.

She was a retired textile worker and a member of Buffalo Baptist Church, Shelby.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Bruce Flynn of Gastonia; brother and sisters-in-law, Robert and Margaret Dellinger of Spartanburg, SC and Lucy Dellinger of Hickory; sisters, Janice Taylor of Asheville and Gladys Allman of Spartanburg, SC; grandchildren and spouse, James Daniel Flynn of Gastonia and Amanda F. and Keith Kendrick of Shelby.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain. Pallbearers were Scott Braddy, Greg Flynn, Michael Flynn, Bruce Flynn, Daniel Flynn, and Keith Kendrick.

Ward Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

**GERTIE BUMGARDNER**

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Gertie Huffstetler Bumgardner, 90, died April 5, 2002 at Wendover/Hospice, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Forrest and Aquilla Hamm Huffstetler and widow of the late Benjamin T. Bumgardner. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Margaret Bumgardner; brother, Andy Huffstetler; and sisters, Pearl Yates and Pinola Henson.

She was a retired textile worker, grocer and homemaker. She was a member of Penley's Chapel Church.

She is survived by her sons, Joseph L. Bumgardner and wife Judy of Cheraw, SC, Gaither R. Bumgardner and wife Lisa of Fort Mill, SC, and Eugene C. Bumgardner and wife Rebecca

of Kings Mountain; daughters, Benthia B. Crook and husband Rev. David Crook of Salisbury, and Susan B. Huntsinger and husband Jimmy of Kannapolis; brother, Rev. Leonard Huffstetler of Kings Mountain; sisters, Helen Jennings, Margaret Huffstetler, Ailene Huffstetler, and Iva Mae Henson, all of Kings Mountain; 23 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and special care giver, Dottie King of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Doug Allen, David Crook and W. Leonard Huffstetler at 2 p.m. Sunday at Penley's Chapel Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Penley's Chapel Church, 1508 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150; Total Care, Inc., 425 Cherryville Road, Shelby, NC 28150, or Cherokee Street Baptist Church, Cherokee Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**DAVID WEASE JR.**

**GROVER** - Eddie "David" Wease Jr., 24, 1030 Bethlehem Road, died April 5, 2002 at his home.

He was a native of Cleveland County and was employed by CSS Express. He was a member of Patterson Springs Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James L. Thompson; and paternal grandfather, Don Wease.

He is survived by his parents, Eddie David Wease Sr. of the home and Tammy Wease of Kings Mountain; Jacqueline Thompson Roberts and husband Jerry of Kings Mountain; wife, Lena Abernethy Wease of Hildebran; maternal grandparents, Bill and Jean Baker of Boiling Springs; maternal grandmother, Evelene Thompson of Kings Mountain; paternal grandmother, Marie Wease of Kings Mountain; brothers, Bradley Wease of Kings Mountain and Justin Fountain of Kings Mountain; uncles, Patrick Wease and wife Teresa of Boiling Springs, Scott Wease, Jim-Bo Thompson, Don Thomason and wife Candace, all of Kings Mountain; and Don Henderson and wife Sheila of Kings Mountain; and aunts, Sheila Davis Jones and husband Tim of Boiling Springs, Teresa Baker of Boiling Springs, and Lynn Thompson of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by the Revs. Bryan Glisson, Mark Canipe and Mike Chambers at 11 a.m. Monday at Patterson Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

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

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

**DELORESE McDANIEL**

**CHARLOTTE** - Delorese McDaniel, 97, White Oak Manor, Charlotte, formerly of Kings Mountain, died April 5, 2002.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late William David and Julia Bumgardner McDaniel. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Bruce, Hoyle, Bob and Sam McDaniel.

She taught in public schools for 42 years and retired from the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Madge and John Napolitano of Charlotte; nephew, Bill McDaniel of Charleston, SC; nieces, Julia Buchanan of Miami, FL, Ann Smith of Charleston, SC, and Louise Napolitano of Charlotte; five great nephews, two great nieces, one great-great nephew, and two great-great-nieces.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 2 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**ALMA WHITESIDE**

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Alma Haynes Whiteside, 95, 503 Crescent Hill Road, died April 5, 2002 at Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Gastonia.

A native of Lincoln County, she was the daughter of the late William Columbus and Brentie Florence Weaver Haynes, and widow of William Dorse Whiteside. She was also preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert "Whitey" and Ann Hawkins Whiteside. She was a homemaker, and a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her grandson, Alan Whiteside and wife Kathy of Kings Mountain; and great-grandchildren, Katie Whiteside and Jacob Whiteside.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Millwood at 4 p.m. Monday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Life Enrichment Center, Kings Mountain center, c/o Life Enrichment Center, 1270 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**J.K. BROOKS**

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - J.K. Brooks, 71, 118 Owens Street, died April 2, 2002 at his home.

A native of Robbinsville, he was the son of the late James Henry Brooks and Ada Shuler Brooks and husband of the late Peggy Whitaker Brooks. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Carl Brooks and Wayne Brooks; and sister, Gene O'Neil.

He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, and was retired from the City of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his son, Donnie Brooks and wife Darlene of Blacksburg, SC; daughters, Dorothy Brooks and friend Scott Morrison of Kings Mountain and Debbie Brooks Martin and husband Rocky of Blacksburg, SC; brothers, J.D. Brooks of Robbinsville and John Brooks of Murphy; sisters, Nettie Jenkins and Eula Rae McClaffey of Robbinsville; and six grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Brooks, Letha Marie

Bagwell, Alicia Dawn Bagwell, Ragan Martin, Kyle Martin and Todd Martin.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Petersen at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Boyce Memorial ARP Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**CLYDE E. "PETE" MORROW**

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Clyde E. "Pete" Morrow, 66, 106 Raintree Drive, died April 6, 2002 at his home.



MORROW

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Franklin Howard and Nola Smith Morrow. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Troy Morrow and Carvel Morrow.

He was the owner of Carolina Installation of Kings Mountain. He was a life member and Past Commander of Otis D. Green Pot 155 in Kings Mountain, a Shriner and member of White Plains Shrine Club, a Mason and member of Fairview Masonic Lodge #339, and a member of the AmVets and VFW. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Marie Baker Morrow of the home; sons, Bryan C. Morrow and wife Cindy of Kings Mountain, Barry E. Morrow of Grover, Bruce H. Morrow and wife Kristi of Kings Mountain, and C. Mitchell Morrow and wife Angie of Hampton, VA; brother, Thomas Morrow of Kings Mountain; sisters, Dessie Loftin and Sue Murphy of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Jessica and Nikki Ball, Michelle Herd, Brittney and Brandy Morrow, Zachariah and Elijah Morrow, Justin, Hannah, Harrison Morrow, Jonathan and Jackson Morrow; and great-grandchildren, Ashley and Elaina.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roger Woodard at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Family Worship Center. Burial was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150 or Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**CHARLES 'HERB' KIMBLE**

**SHELBY** - Charles H. "Herb" Kimble, 72, 110 Philbeck Street, formerly of Kings Mountain, died April 7, 2002 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late C.W. and Rosa Bartley Kimble. He was a member of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, and was retired from the City of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Peterson Kimble of Shelby; daughter, Kay Little of Gastonia; and stepsons, Ricky Dean Ramsey of Kings Mountain, Mike Ramsey of Grover, and Morris Ramsey of Gaffney, SC.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Bob Hope at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Online mortgage service by BB&T**

BB&T Corporation has introduced its new Web-based mortgage monitoring service, offering clients a convenient and secure tool to manage their mortgage online.

Using a Web browser and desktop or portable PC, clients can track their current loan, escrow, tax and private mortgage insurance information. No software is required.

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To register for BB&T MortgageAccess online, visit [www.BB&T.com/mortgage](http://www.BB&T.com/mortgage).

**Brinson joins staff of Citizens South**

Citizens South Bank, formerly Gaston Federal Bank, Gastonia, has hired Vance B. Brinson Jr. as Executive Vice President/Chief Lending Officer.



BRINSON

His responsibilities will include leadership in the growth and development efforts as they relate to the newly acquired markets in Iredell and Rowan counties. The increased market concentration is a direct result of Citizens South's purchase of Salisbury-based Citizens Bank.

Brinson has over 25 years experience with Wachovia Bank. He resides in Salisbury.

**Neely appointed Erie representative**

Kathy Neely of Kings Mountain has been appointed an Erie Insurance representative. She is owner and principal agent at Neely & Company Insurance Agency, 214 Railroad Avenue.

Neely has 15 years experience in the insurance industry. She most recently served as a multi-line agent with N.C. Farm Bureau. Prior to that she was a life insurance agent for 12 years.

She is co-founder and vice president of the Kings Mountain Business and professional Association. She is a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Grover, where she is an Elder.

Her agency serves residents in Cleveland and Gaston County, offering a full-line of property/casualty insurance products, including auto and

homeowners as well as commercial and life insurance products and services.

**Ted Chandler earns GRI designation**

Ted Chandler of Chandler Properties recently earned the professional designation, "Graduate, Realtor Institute (GRI), signifying mastery of an intense training program of classroom instruction.

The Realtor Institute is sponsored by the North Carolina Real Estate Educational Foundation and the North Carolina Association of Realtors and has been offered several times annually since 1948. Graduation from the program requires completion of more than 90 hours of course work and 12 examinations on various aspects of the courses taken.

The GRI is a nationally recognized professional designation. Curriculum and standards are governed by the national Association of Realtors. On a national level only 22% of the Realtors hold the designation.

**Saturday clean up day in Kings Mtn.**

The city of Kings Mountain will hold its annual spring cleanup Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 300 Phifer Road and the Kings Mountain Fire Museum, 200 Cleveland Avenue.

City staff and trash cans will be at both sites and garbage not taken normally will be accepted that day.

During the cleanup the city will accept ceramic tiles, bricks, roofing materials, fence wire, bagged grass clippings, floor materials and car parts.

Materials not accepted are tree trunks, boards with nails, sand or dirt, hazardous material or combustible waste and tires.

Paint cans will be accepted only if filled with dirt or sand.

**Public hearing set on Blachford grant**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing during its meeting April 16 at 6 p.m. to decide on extending industrial incentives to Michigan-based Blachford RP Corp, which could locate in Kings Mountain. Recently, the company received approval from the Cleveland County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Authority for \$10 million in industrial revenue bonds.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The Easter bunny (Mayor Rick Murphrey) is greeted by Jake Bridges, a resident of Summit Place, during recent visit to the assisted living center for its annual Easter egg hunt for children.

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