

OBITUARIES

HAL PLONK
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hal Sloan Plonk, 91, 911 Crescent Circle, died June 23, 2002 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the fourth of 10 children born to the late Clarence Sloan and Ellen Patterson Plonk.

He was a charter member of Resurrection Lutheran Church where he was an active leader holding many positions in the church. He was a retired real estate developer, the first real estate developer in Kings Mountain. He developed Crescent Hill, Ashley Park and Ashbrook Park.

He was a former member and President of the Lions Club. He was a member of the Realtor's Association and he was a NC State Alumnus and member of the Wolfpack Club. He retired from the United States Air Force as Lt. Col. and served during World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth U. Plonk of Kings Mountain; daughters, Joyce P. Forrest and husband James of Lexington, KY, Marian P. Clagett and husband Don of Franklin, TN, Kathryn P. Goforth and husband Tom of Kings Mountain, and Sharon P. Hudson and husband Jim of Shelby; brothers, Dr. George Plonk, Zeb Plonk and John B. Plonk, all of Kings Mountain; sisters, Margaret Plonk Isley of Burlington and Clara Plonk Politis of Ann Arbor, MI; and six grandchildren, Adrienne Clagett, Brad Forrest and wife Stacy, Greg Forrest, Tee Gee Goforth, Sloan Goforth, and Allan Hudson.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ken Gillikin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

STEVIE GARLAND
EARL - Stevie Lee Garland, 51, 2809 Blacksburg Road, died June 24, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

She was a native of Cleveland County. She was a homemaker and a member of Love Valley Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her son, Chris Schrader and wife Jamie of Grover; daughter, Jenny Philbeck and husband Rev. Barry Philbeck; brother, George Francis Deagan of Chicago, IL; sisters, Susie Ramey and husband Tommy, and Traci Francis, all of Earl; and grandchildren, B.J. Philbeck, Chelsey Philbeck, Katelyn Schrader, and Madison Schrader.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Barry Philbeck at 5 p.m. Thursday at Love Valley Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Burial will be in Grover Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3:30-5 p.m. at the church. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ED JOHNSON
BESSEMER CITY - Ed Johnson, 63, 224 Long Creek Road, died June 24, 2002 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Union County, SC, he was the son of the late Edwin Howell and Fannie Odelle Crawford Johnson. He was also preceded by his brother Crawford Johnson, and sisters Vi Jones and Eunice Holcombe.

He was a member of First Assembly of God in Gastonia, and was a former member of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad. He was employed by Chemetall Foote Corporation, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy B. Johnson of Bessemer City; stepson, Jason Barnes and Twenty Nine Palms, CA; daughters, Julie Bridges and husband Richard of Kings Mountain, and Rhonda McGinnis and husband J.R. of Grover; step-daughters, Cynthia Carver and husband Blair of Kings Mountain, Janice Morton and husband Danny of Shelby, Doris Pruitt and husband Carl of Kings Mountain, and Jeri Barnes of Gastonia; brother, Chalmers F. Johnson of Fletcher; sisters, Ann Sherrill of Gastonia, Cari Mote of Shelby and Eleanor Argyle of Montgomery, TX; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DICKIE TATE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dexter Earl "Dickie" Tate, 90, of White Oak Manor, died Thursday, June 20, 2002 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Thomas C. and Edith Campbell Tate. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Melvin Tate, Wayne C. Tate and Foyd Tate; and sisters, Margie Gantt, Mary Ella Dale, and Ethel Allen.

He was a retired salesman for Warren Gardner and Gentlemen Clothiers, both of Gastonia. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was Past Master of Fairview Masonic Lodge, where he was a member for over 50 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Styers Tate of Kings Mountain; brother, Thomas A. Tate and wife Janet of Kings Mountain; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Morris Jordan at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 786, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FRED HUTCHINS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Fred Alexander Hutchins, 93, 133 Lakewood Drive, died June 20, 2002 at White Oak Manor in Shelby.

A native of Rutherford, he was the son of the late Isaac and Minnie Hutchins and husband of the late Virgie Dyke Hutchins. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Tom, Albert, Paul and Gus Hutchins; and sisters, Pearl Hutchins, Ann Epley, and Della Harrison.

He was a retired textile worker, a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and a veteran of World War II with service in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Tom Frady at 3 p.m. Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARY GOFORTH
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Schenck Goode Goforth, 84, 251 Goforth Road, died June 19, 2002 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Rittie Harmon Goode. She was a graduate of Waco High School and was an active member of Beulah United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and organist. She played the piano and organ for the church for 70 years, beginning when she was 10 years old.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Edward Goforth; son, William Bryan Goforth; grandson, Christopher Karl Hauser; and sister, Ruth Goode Mills.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons: Jane and her husband Doug Elmore of Lexington; Linda and her husband Wayne Stroupe of Gastonia; Helen and her husband Peter Hauser of Raleigh; Ed Goforth and his wife Pam of Kings Mountain; and Paul Goforth and his wife Debbie of Kings Mountain; 14 grandchildren, Charles Elmore, Mark Elmore, Gini Elmore, Molly Elmore, Rita Stroupe, Charles Stroupe, Stephen Stroupe, Todd Stroupe, Jeff Hauser, Jonathan Hauser, Jacob Hauser, Kathryn Goforth, Trip Goforth, and Anna Goforth; eight great-grandchildren, Stevie Chauncey, Kenneth Elmore, Kristen Elmore, Hannah Green, Sarah Green, Blake Elmore, and Luke Goforth; sister, Katherine Goode Goforth; other family members Joe and Sophia Goforth, Vernell Jones, and Dolleta Goforth; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Claudia Harrelson at 11 a.m. Friday at Beulah United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Hospice, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28156; Beulah United Methodist Church, 216 Country Club Road, Shelby, NC 28150; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BENJAMIN MCDANIEL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Benjamin Michael McDaniel, 19, 608 Hillside Drive, died June 21, 2002.

A native of Gaston County, he was the grandson of the late H.D. "Snooks" McDaniel and the late A.J. Haselden. He was a student at the Art Institute of Charlotte.

He is survived by his parents, Michael David McDaniel and Heidi Haselden McDaniel of Kings Mountain; brother, Adam McDaniel of Kings Mountain; sisters, Heidi Ann McDaniel, Mary McDaniel, and Katie McDaniel, all of Kings Mountain; grandmothers, Margie McDaniel Yancey and Anne Haselden Mattox; uncles and aunts, Susan and John Gier, Anne and Jerry Giarla, Mark McDaniel, Ms. Nancy Haselden, and Peter Haselden; cousins, Danny Hatch, Peter Fencer, Chris Fencer, Elizabeth Hatch, Johnny Fencer, Kathleen Giarla, Justin Smith, and Raven and Bailey McDaniel.

A memorial service was conducted by the Revs. Janice Combs and Frank Herman at 3 p.m. Monday at the home.

Memorials may be made to Murdoch Center, P.O. Box 3000, Butler, NC 27509.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARY GOINS
SHELBY - Mary Elizabeth Goins, 62, 2410 Old Gaffney Road, died June 23, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Carl Randolph and Margaret Spurling Goins. She was also preceded in death by her son, Robert Eugene Ellis; and granddaughter, Sharon Elizabeth Ellis.

She was employed as a CNA at Century Care of Cherryville and was a member of Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She is survived by her sons, Rocky Goins of Shelby, Randy Ellis of Charleston, SC, Ricky Ellis of Shelby, and Ronnie Ellis of Kings Mountain; daughter, Rena Seirer of Shelby; brothers, Steve Goins, Wayne Goins and Larry Goins, all of Shelby; sisters, Patricia Goins, Linda Tesseneer and Brenda Henson, all of Shelby; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. Jerry Grigg at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. at the church, and at other times at the home of Ronnie Ellis, 4908 Barrett Road, Kings Mountain. Burial will be in Patterson Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Clay-Barnette Funeral Home, in care of Goins Service, 1401 West Dixon Blvd., Shelby, NC 28152. Clay-Barnette Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ROGER CONNER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Roger Gene Conner, 56, 111 Dover Avenue, died June 24, 2002 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Ralph and Lillie Mae

Sisk Conner and husband of the late Claudette Jackson Conner. He was also preceded in death by his son, Todd Conner.

He was a retired convenience store owner.

He is survived by his brothers, Don Conner and Aaron Conner of Kings Mountain; sister, Janelle Whisnant of Kings Mountain; and one grandchild.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ANNIE WHISNANT
WILMINGTON - Annie Page Whisnant, 126 Longleaf Drive, died June 19, 2002.

She is survived by her husband, E. Graham Whisnant of Wilmington; sons, Dan Whisnant of Wilmington and James Whisnant of Raleigh; one grandson and one great-grandson; brother-in-law, Joel Whisnant of Kings Mountain; and sister-in-law, Sarah Hord of Kings Mountain.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Andrew's Mortuary, Wilmington.

BUILDING PERMITS
The Kings Mountain Building Codes and Zoning Enforcement Office issued the following building permits for the week of June 18-22.

6/18 - 406 Hawthorne Road, Wendell B. Feldman, renovations to single family dwelling, \$10,000.
6/18 - Ann Camp Bolin, 812, West Mountain St., addition of two car garage, \$1,500.
6/18 - 1301 Merrimont Ave., Luby C. Pulley, storage building, \$3,000.
6/19 - 107 Scarlet Drive, BDE Construction Company, single family dwelling, \$120,000.
6/20 - 116 Walnut Acre Drive, Edgar T. Guy, utility building, \$25,000.
6/20 - 301 South Battleground Ave., Robert Bolin, renovations of building, \$40,000.

KM FIRE REPORT

The Kings Mountain Fire Department responded to the following calls for the week of June 16-22.

6/16 - I-85 at exit 8, service call.
6/18 - 725 York Road, brush fire.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	June 12-25	Last Yr.
Precip.	.03	1.67
Max.	.02 (25th)	1.01 (22nd)
Mon.	1.44	3.52
Yr.	18.34	20.14
Low	56 (15)	63 (16th)
High	94 (12)	94 (14th)
Avg.	77.1	78.3

KM unity services successful

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

For the last night of "The Gathering" at the Family Worship Center, people voiced joyful feelings from beginning to end.

"Overall, we've had a very positive week and we thank God for that," Family Worship Center Pastor Roger Woodard said at the beginning of the Friday service.

The service was the idea of about 12 pastors who meet weekly to pray.

And while it was the one of the first multi-denominational services in the city, one pastor said there may be more to come.

"This is just a first of many to come," Lorenzo Miller, Grace and Mercy Ministries Pastor said.

That sentiment was echoed by River of Life Pastor Bobby Quinn.

"The prayer was we become one," he said. That was manifested during the week, he said.

People participating in the services also expressed their enjoyment.

"We need to come together more often," George Moore said.

The speaker for the week's services was not chosen until pastors drew a name.

Although someone else was already chosen, Rev. Billy Houze filled in and preached about unity.

One of the ways he tried to get people together more was by asking the people to sit beside someone they do not worship with on Sunday morning.

Houze talked of getting rid of a spiritual enemy and, while talking, he talked faster and had the crowd clapping their hands and saying "Amen."

"What gives us the right to say who God uses?" Houze said during his message.

Houze said although he may disagree with his brothers, he stands by them.

The people who carried out the September 11 attacks did not care about race, he said.

Houze had people chanting, getting up and pastors raised their bibles in agreement to what he said.

During his sermon, Houze would pause and people would ask him to keep going. He would also stop and wipe his face of perspiration.

Since the sermon included a varied group of people, so was one of the rituals.

When the offering was taken, people came to the front to give money with others holding the plate.

The offering will be used for the week's expenses and any left over will go to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, officials said.

At the close of the service, it was ended with one of the objectives of the week - unity.

Most of Friday's attendees held hands and stretched across the perimeter of the sanctuary's lower level.

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David Martin "Marty" Lockridge
son of Marty & Shawn Lockridge of Kings Mountain was 7 years old on June 8. He was given a party at Swogger Shack by his parents. He was given a special cake with firetrucks on it by his Aunt Teresa Falls and Lawrence Etters. This was his first year to play Coach Pitch and was chosen All Star Baseball Player on his team. Marty has an older sister Mandy, age 8. He is the only nephew of Teresa Falls of Kings Mountain and is a special boy and friend to Lawrence Etters. He is the grandson of Lucy & David Lockridge and Paula King all of Kings Mountain. He is the great grandson of Mrs. Harry Matthews of Shelby. Good byes were said from his great-aunts Laura Falls of Vale and Rhonda Falls of Kings Mtn.



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