

OBITUARIES

DALE LEDBETTER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dale Dwight Ledbetter, 55, 179 Mike Ledford Road, died November 20, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

He was a native of Cleveland County and graduate of Shelby High School and NC State University. He was CPA and controller for Value Incentives Inc. and Dale D. Ledbetter CPA. He was a CPA for 30 years.

He was a member of NCACPA, AICPA, The Wolfpack Club, and Bethlehem Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Dwight and Gladys Pheagin Ledbetter of Kings Mountain; wife, Cynthia Ware Ledbetter of the home; stepsons, Mark Johnson of Raleigh and Brian Johnson and wife Myra of Kings Mountain; stepdaughter, Jennifer Johnson of Wilson; son and daughter-in-law, William and Christine Ledbetter of Norfolk, VA, and sister and brother-in-law, Aloha and Bill Falls of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Blanton at 3 p.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cerebral Palsy Foundation, or Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1017 Bethlehem Road Building Fund, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Clay-Barnette Funeral

Home was in charge of arrangements.

RON MAPLES
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ronald Dewitt "Ron" Maples, 54, 1322 Phifer Road, died November 20, 2002 at his home.

He was a native of Cleveland County. He attended Central Piedmont Community College for two years and was employed as a tool and die maker and machinist at Sherrill Industries, Cherryville. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cherryville.

He is survived by his parents, Earnest Clyde and Mary Louise Long Maples of Kings Mountain; wife, Sylvia Naidean Dyke Maples of the home; son, Calvin Todd Maples and wife Tammy of Kings Mountain; daughters, Kellie Lynn Albright and husband Tony of Maiden, Angela Michele Toney of Gastonia, Lori Kay Canipe and husband Larry of Bessemer City, and Amanda Elizabeth McDonald and husband Ricky of Kings Mountain; brother, Archie Vincent Maples and wife Saralyn of Fallston; and grandchildren, Stephanie, Hannah, Melissa and Emily Maples, Tyler and Adam Albright, Jeremy Turner, Angela and Cody Bolding, William Towery Jr., Brandon and Courtney Towery, and Larry Canipe III.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Dick

Whitener, Dave Kohnen and David Blanton at 3 p.m. Friday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cherryville. Burial was in Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, 260 East Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054. Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RONALD BAGWELL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ronald W. Bagwell, 50, 305 Amhurst Drive, died November 22, 2002 at Hospice at Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Columbia, SC, he was the son of the late Rev. Winfred and Julia Lyster Bagwell. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Camille Leonard Bagwell of Kings Mountain; daughters, Claire Bagwell of Kings Mountain and Windy Phillips and husband Jon of Gastonia; brother, Tim Bagwell of Gaffney, SC; and grandchild, Nathan Phillips of Gastonia.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. John Sloan at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 605 West King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Cleveland/Rutherford Kidney Association, 1017 North Washington Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JERRY EDMONSON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jerry H. Edmonson, 62, 1209 Oak Grove Road, died November 23, 2002 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Henry and Carrie Pheagin Edmonson. He was a charter member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church. He was a former employee of Kings Mountain District Schools and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era.

He was well-known in North Carolina for his contribution to the development of bluegrass music. He was dedicated to the development of the instrumental portion of bluegrass music. He had written and played blue grass music for many years, having performed several times on the Grand Ole Opry. He is featured on the cover of a book titled "The History of Blue Grass."

He is survived by his wife, Donna Lovelace Edmonson of Kings Mountain; sons, Terry L. Edmonson and wife Tracie of Kings Mountain, Steven H. Edmonson and wife Tina of Grover, Brian H. Edmonson and wife Sarah of Kings Mountain, and Mark L. Edmonson of Kings Mountain; brother, Gene Edmonson of Kings Mountain; sister, Jan Stanley of Shelby; and three grandchildren, Brooklyn Edmonson, Mallorie Edmonson and Ambria Edmonson.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers and Sam Snyder at 2 p.m. Monday at Christian Freedom Baptist

Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby, NC 28150, or Cleveland Home Health Care, 1268 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CLYDE H. RANDLE

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Clyde Howard Randle, 74, 631 Bethlehem Road, died November 23, 2002 at Carolinas Medical Center.

He was the son of the late John Clyde and Lizzie Lee Herndon Randle and husband of the late Ruth Hoyle Randle. He was also preceded in death by his son, Rev. Dale Randle; and sister, Elizabeth R. Clay.

He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

He is survived by his sons, Tony Randle and wife Terri and Hoyle Randle and wife Sandy, all of Kings Mountain, and Larry Randle and wife Dawn of Grover; grandchildren, David Randle, Kerry Hamilton, Tim Randle, Cathen Randle, Christe Simms, and John, Josh, Tyler and Ryan Randle; brother, Walter Randle of Shelby; and sisters, Virginia R. Coon of Fallston, Geneva Randle of Kings Mountain, and Ruth R. Clay of Monterey, CA.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. David Blanton and Don Williams at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church building fund, 1017 Bethlehem Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LEONA DIXON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Leona Mills Dixon, 70, 114 Pepper Drive, died November 23, 2002 at home.

A native of Pitt County, she was the daughter of the late James Henry and Martha Ann Cannon Mills Sr. She was also predeceased by her brother, James Henry Mills Jr., and sister, Juanita Bryan.

She was formerly employed by Morrison's Cafeteria of Gastonia.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Ray Dixon and wife Tashya of Kings Mountain; daughters, Peggy Marie Dixon Perdew and husband Roy Sr. of Colfax, and Evelyn Dixon Lindsey and husband Gene of the home; sisters, Gladys Johnson of Trenton, Lossie Gates of New Bern, Edna Atkins of Kinston and Cammie Bryan of Farmville; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Fain Farmer at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 7, at the Mills-Cannon Family Cemetery in Greenville, NC.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Hospice, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150, or American Diabetes Association, 1820 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204.

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

EMOGENE DIXON
GROVER - Emogene Allen Dixon, 75, 108 Carolina Avenue, died November 23, 2002 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Riley and Florence Ledford Allen. She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Lanny Ray Goins.

She was a retired seamstress with 35 years service at Minnette Mills. She was a member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Thomas Frank Dixon of the home, sons, Mike Dixon of Kings Mountain and Daryl Dixon and wife Beth, Scott Dixon and wife Ann, and Paul Dixon and wife Sandy, all of Grover; daughters, Vickie Hamrick and Tracy D. Rippey of Grover, and Kathy Garcia and husband Mike of Kings Mountain; sisters, Phylis McSwain and husband David of Cherryville, Margie Ware and husband Gene of N. Wilkesboro, and Elaine Barrett and husband Don of Charlotte; brothers, DC Allen and wife Doris of Conover and Bernie Allen and wife Helen of Charlotte; grandchildren, Stacy Dixon, Shelli Burgan, Derrin Whisnant, Justin Rippey, Crystal Dixon and Shane Dixon; and great-grandchildren, Matthew and Chase Burgan and Chelsea and Meagan Whisnant.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday at Allen Memorial Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150. Clay-Barnette Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

OLLIE VEE RUPPE

GAFFNEY, SC - Mrs. Ollie Vee Ruppe, 83, 601 1/2 West Smith Street, died November 24, 2002 at Upstate Carolina Medical Center.

A native of Gaffney, she was the daughter of the late Clark McClure Jolly and the late Eva Duvall Jolly. She was the wife of the late Raymond Ruppe.

She was a retired seamstress and a member of West End Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Sylvia Moore and husband Lawrence and Helen Vassey, all of Gaffney, Frances Caveny and husband Sam of Kings Mountain, and Mary Lou Ellard of Louisville, KY; son, Joe V. Ruppe and wife Jean of Gaffney; brother, Orville Jolly of Gaffney; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Kevin Childs and Dewitt Clyde at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Shuford-Hatcher Chapel. Pallbearers are Larry Moore, Dale Caveny, Dennis Caveny, Joseph Ruppe, Chris Ruppe, and Daniel Vassey.

Burial will be in Frederick Memorial Garden. Memorials may be made to Senior Center of Gaffney, 499 West Rutledge Avenue, Gaffney, SC 29340.

Shuford-Hatcher Funeral Home was in charge

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county on behalf of Kings Mountain Hospital. The outstanding indebtedness of these bonds is \$2.4 million.

"This is a historic moment for Cleveland County," said CMRC President John Young, who will manage both facilities. "Our hope and vision for Kings Mountain Hospital is exciting and robust," he said. His excitement was mirrored in the statements made by board members and the applause generated when the final action was taken about 9:45 a.m. following similar action by trustee groups.

Both J. C. Bridges and Scott Neisler of the KM board called the deal a "win win" situation for Kings Mountain and they made the motions to proceed with hospital integration following approval of the trustee advisory council. Other local board members Pat Trammell, chair, Joe Piedmont and John Sullivan concurred.

"It behooves us to move with the times and to be able to compete and keep people closer home for health care," said Neisler, who said that every time he sees the painting of hospital benefactor Lottie Goforth on the hospital wall he looks for a smile on her face.

With the merger on January 1, the two hospital boards will consolidate into one board. There will be eight trustee council members from Kings Mountain and 12 from Cleveland Regional.

The adopted resolutions state that with the new health care system, high quality, patient centered care and customer satisfaction shall remain driving themes for service delivery. The strategy of developing a single health care system in Cleveland County, with two primary acute care providers, is to:

+maximize clinical quality, customer satisfaction and access to care.

+improve the clinical services provided to Cleveland County residents, through expanded centers of excellence in the acute care settings at both Kings Mountain Hospital and Cleveland Regional Medical Center

+improve local access by minimizing patients leaving the county and the system.

+improve the financial viability of both KMH and CRMC.

+assure that sufficient ongoing capital investment is made at the Kings Mountain Hospital location, and the Cleveland Regional Medical Center location, in order to provide excellent acute care services and to maintain and grow market share in Cleveland County and the surrounding region.

+assure that ongoing routine investments and replacement schedules are sufficient to maintain or enhance the competitiveness of Kings Mountain Hospital and Cleveland Regional Medical Center in the marketplace.

+assure that access to care is maximized by service offerings at both the locations, where sufficient volume exists to assure clinical or financial viability.



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Cleveland Center Mental Health/Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Area Board
Cleveland County Nursing Home Advisory Board
Cleveland County Planning Board
Cleveland County Private Industry Council (Region C)
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