

# OBITUARIES

**DEBORAH WILLIAMS BOONE** - Deborah Williams, 50, 3609 Meat Camp Road, died December 31, 2002 at the Watauga Medical Center.

She was a native of Mecklenburg County and daughter of the late Larry Garland Williams Sr. She was a former dispatcher for the Ashe County Sheriff's Department, and a former assistant teacher for elementary schools in Mecklenburg County. She received several awards in child development.

She attended Profits Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother, Lena Jo Beam Williams of Boone; brothers, Larry Garland Williams Jr. and wife Lynne of Florida and Joe Williams and wife Suzanne of Kings Mountain; and her sister, Kathy Griffin and husband Doug of Savannah, GA.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Don Williams at 11 a.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel in Kings Mountain. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte.

Memorials may be made to Make A Wish Foundation, c/o WWMG, Magic 96.1 FM, 801 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**FRIEDA TAYLOR** KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ms. Frieda Jo Spake Taylor, 58, 205 West Ridge Street, died December 30, 2002 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Woodrow Pershing. She was also predeceased by her brother, Nelson Spake.

She was retired from Sunnyside Convalescent Center where she was a nurse's aid. She was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother, Violet Hardin Spake of Shelby; daughter, Susanne Taylor of Hubert; son, Michael Taylor of San Jose, CA; sister, Violet Cheryl Peters Withelmus of Shelby; brother and his wife, Steven and Renee Spake of Newman, CA; and three grandsons.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jeff Hensley at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel. Burial was in Ross Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**CLAUDE BELL** KINGS MOUNTAIN - Claude Bell, 82, 1413 South Battleground Avenue, died December 31, 2002 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Grover, he was the son of the late James Curtis and Mamie Beam Bell and husband of the late Eula Foster Bell. He was also preceded in death by sisters Anne E. "Lib" Bell, Ida Lois Love, and Sallie Ethel Raines.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. He was retired from Burlington Industries after 35 years of employment. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his caregivers, Rick Asbury and wife Sherry, and their daughter Courtney Asbury, all of Kings Mountain; Bennie Beam of Kings Mountain; brother, Michael Wray Bell of Kings Mountain; and sister, Alda Mae Bell Hoyle of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bill Jeffcoat at 2 p.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**RENA SEIRER** SHELBY - Rena Ann Ellis Seirer, 38, 3163 Weatherly Lane, died December 30, 2002 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mary Goins. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Robert Eugene Ellis; niece, Sharon Ellis; and grandparents, Carl and Margaret Goins and Paul and Elizabeth Ellis.

She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Hubert Seirer of the home; brothers, Ronnie Ellis and wife Betty of Kings Mountain, Rocky Goins and wife Kathy of Shelby, Randy Ellis of Charleston, SC, and Ricky Ellis of Shelby; step-sisters, Angie Blanton and husband Tracy of Mooresboro and Donna Wood of Lincolnton; step-brother, Shannon Shaw of Forest City; special friend Harold Jay Flora of Shelby; and eight nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J.R. Robbins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Church, 1009 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of

arrangements.

**COLLIN MOREHEAD GROVER** - Collin Jay Morehead, 2 days old, 2301 Brookfield Drive, died January 1, 2003 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

He was a native of Cleveland County and son of Jessica Michelle Morehead.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Hugh J. and Elizabeth Dillingham, Marion Morehead, J.G. Hawkins, and George and Margaret Sistare.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his grandparents, Susan and Pete Hawkins of Grover and Frank and Helen Morehead of Newton; great-grandmothers, Evelyn Morehead and Fannie Jane Hawkins of Shelby; uncle Brad Hawkins; uncle and aunt, Brent and Sharon Hawkins; and aunt and uncle, Jennifer and Matt Alvarez.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by Larry Hawkins at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**POLLY BEAM LEDFORD** SHELBY - Polly Beam Ledford, 76, died January 3, 2003 at Hospice of Cleveland County.

A native of Grover, she was the daughter of the late Henry Lee Beam and Lela Westmoreland Beam. She was also preceded in death by her sister Betty, and brother Bob.

She was an active member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. She was a graduate nurse of Presbyterian Hospice School of Nursing in Charlotte. She was a member of CCWAG, Southern Arts Society, a past member of Shelby Art League, Charlotte Art League and Guild of Charlotte Artist.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Ledford; daughters, Terri Ramsey of Rock Hill, SC and Debbie and Mike Mackie of Granite Falls; son, Scott Ledford of Charlotte; grandchildren, Bryant Ramsey and wife Belinda, and Betty Ramsey Gentry, all of Rock Hill; Matthew Mackie and Erin Mackie, both of Granite Falls; and Alexandra Ledford and Dylan Ledford, both of Greensboro; and great-grandchildren, Jonathan Ramsey and Emily Ramsey of Rock Hill.

The funeral was conducted by Drs. Jim Richardson and Gene Watterson and Rev. Clyde Buckner at 3 p.m. Sunday at Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Poplar Springs Baptist Church Building Fund, or Hospice of Cleveland County.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**BEATRICE MORRISON**

SHELBY - Mrs. Beatrice Holland Morrison, 80, 515 Kings Road, died January 3, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

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

Holland and Bertha Bridges. She was also predeceased by her brother, Ben Holland, and sister, Lib Evers.

She was a cloth room inspector.

She is survived by her husband, Obie E. Morrison of the home; daughters, Rebecca Hampton of Mayodan and Brenda Herndon of Grover; granddaughters, Hollie H. Lawrence and husband Keith of Madison, Kelly H. Short and husband Duane of Cherryville, and Lou Ann H. Petties and husband Robert U II of Mayodan; great-grandchildren Addison and Peyton Lawrence and Nova Short; brothers, Herbert C. Holland of Tampa, FL and Gerald Holland of Burlington; and sister, Louise H. Russ of Greensboro.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Robert Andress and Reed Jones at 2:30 p.m. Monday at New Bethel Church of the Nazarene. Interment was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**ETHEL BARRETT**

SHELBY - Ethel Elizabeth "Sam" Allison Barrett, 53, 124 Lear Street, died January 4, 2003 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late William Hicks Allison and the late Mattie Mae Haney Allison and wife of the late Marvin Barrett.

She was a member of First Wesleyan Church and was a creeling operator at Dicey Fabrics.

She is survived by her son and his wife, Donald Ray and Barbara Humphries of Blacksburg, SC; daughter and her husband, Cara and Tim Ervin of Shelby; daughter Abby Beaty of Grover; brothers and their wives, Bill and Susan Allison of Gaffney, SC and Ray and Jill Allison of Grover; sisters and their husbands, Judy and Isaac Walker of Shelby, and Ann and Mike Lovelace of Forest City; granddaughters, Alyson Humphries and Chelsie Humphries of Blacksburg, SC; and grandsons Bryson Ervin and T.J. Ervin of Shelby and Ryan Oliver of Grover.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tommy Buchanan at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church cemetery.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

**MARVIN BARRETT**

SHELBY - Marvin Barrett, 51, 124 Lear Street, died January 4, 2003 at his home.

He was a native of Rock Hill, SC. He was a self-employed painter.

He is survived by his sons, Matt and Jason Barrett of Shelby; daughters, Lisa and Karen Barrett of Shelby; mother, Ruth Blanton Barrett; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**NEELY SHIRKEY**

SHELBY - Neely Keeter Shirkey, 95, of Brian Center, Mooresville, died January 5, 2003 at Brian Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late T.S. and Georgia Horence Roark Keeter and wife of the late James Leroy Shirkey. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Hoyt Keeter, R.B. "Bub" Keeter, Kermit "Tump" Keeter, and Thomas Tyree "Toots" Keeter; and her granddaughter, Robin E. Shirkey.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Mooresville, and was a retired Registered Nurse.

She is survived by her sons, James Thomas Shirkey and wife Sandra of Florence, SC and Ralph Keeter Shirkey and wife Linda of Westminister, SC; grandchildren, Patrick A. Shirkey, Teresa Childers, Emily Spearman, Jeff Lockman, Paul Lockman, Eric Lockman, Luke Shirkey and Jeana Shirkey; and great-grandchildren Morgan Childers, Jordan Childers, Ragan Childers, Moore Lockman, Anna Kate Lockman, Alexandra Lockman, Jonathan Spearman, Jakob Spearman and Montez Spearman.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Revs. Harry Rogers and Mark Pitts at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grover Cemetery. Visitation will be after the service at the cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**HOYT HICKS**

SHELBY - Hoyt O'Neal Hicks, 72, 510 Frost Place, died January 6, 2003 at his home.

A native of Inman, SC, he was the son of the late Arthur Whitlaw Hicks and the late Margaret Bradley Hicks.

He was retired from Lowes Foods where he was a retail store manager. He was a member of Crestview Baptist Church, and was a veteran of the US Navy with service in the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Lewallen Hicks of the home; sons and their wives, Danny Hicks of Shelby, Ronnie and Margaret Hicks of Charleston, SC, Bill and Sharon Hicks of Shelby, and Randy and Melanie Hicks of Shelby; stepsons, Scott Raines of Kings Mountain and Shane Raines of Charlotte; brothers, Harold Hicks and wife Sudie of Lenoir and Norris Hicks of Greenville, SC; special friends, Tammy and Brian Hawkins and Jacob and Jordan of Tryon; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Stan Webb and Brian Hawkins at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Crestview Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Crestview Baptist Church building fund, or Hospice of Cleveland County.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

# BRIEFS

## Health fair set in Shelby

The Cleveland County Council on Aging will hold a senior health care fair Friday, January 17 from 8:30-12:30 p.m. at the Leona Smith Neal Senior Center, 1266 Fallston Road, Shelby. Admission is free.

There will be screenings for blood pressure, height/weight, urinalysis, anemia/diabetes, hearing, vision/glaucoma, tetanus, and pap smear.

The only screening that requires a charge is the SMA 19 executive blood profile. It is \$15. For best results, fast after midnight except for water.

Juice and snacks will be provided after the screening.

For more information, call the Senior Center at 482-3488.

## Bingo on Monday at Senior Center

Monday night bingo is held from 7-10 p.m. each Monday night at the Leona Smith Neal Senior Center, 1266 Fallston Road, Shelby. There is a \$500 jackpot. The public is invited.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There is no admission after 7 p.m.

Hot dogs and other refreshments are available. Door prizes are presented.

For more information call the Senior Center at 482-3488.

## Singing Sunday at Harvest Time

The Praise Masters will be in concert Sunday, January 12 at 7 p.m. at Harvest Time Assembly, located on Second Street in Kings Mountain.

Rev. Gene Grigg, pastor, invites the public.

## Dixon to speak at Dixon Church

Sidney Dixon will fill the pulpit for the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain. The public is invited.

## Fettucini Brothers in Clover Jan. 23

The Fettucini Brothers will perform Thursday, January 23 at 7 p.m. at the Clover School District Auditorium.

Tickets are \$3 per person or \$8 for a family of three or more.

The Fettucini Brothers - Alfred and Aldente - perform a unique blend of physical and verbal comedy set against a backdrop of six foot unicycles, juggling clubs, flaming torches, razor sharp machetes and rapid fire comedy improvisation.

For more information call (803) 222-8018.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Dec. 30-Jan. 7	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.49	.28
Maximum 1 day	.27 (2nd)	.28 (7th)
Month to date	.49	.28
Year to date	.49	.28
Low temperature	24 (5th, 6th)	11 (3rd)
High temperature	60 (1st)	54 (7th)
Avg. temperature	38.6	35.3
*Rainfall for last year	47.27	38.84

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