

## OBITUARIES

**WILLIAM ROPER**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - William "Junior" Roper, 71, 203 Fairview Street, died February 19, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Ivy and Mamie King Roper. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Lorena Falls.

He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and was retired as Chief of the Kings Mountain Police Department after 20 years of service. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty Gladden Roper of Kings Mountain; son, William Keith Roper and wife Tammy of Kings Mountain; daughters Cheryl Wray and husband David and Karen Gibson and husband Shane, all of Kings Mountain; brothers, Paul Roper, Nelson Roper and wife Billie, and Michael Roper and wife Gloria, all of Kings Mountain, Donald Roper of Grover, and Jimmy Roper and wife Barbara of Brevard; sisters, Margaret Payne and husband Lee, Mary Pearson and husband Lafayette, and Ivory Nolen and husband George, all of Kings Mountain, and Mildred Shytle and husband Tom of Blacksburg, SC; brother-in-law, James Falls of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren, Dana Wray Powell and husband Billy of Dallas and Alan Wray, Justin and Ethan Roper and Chase and McKenzie Gibson, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral, with Kings Mountain Police Department Color Guard, was conducted by the Revs. Eugene Land and Don Williams at 11 a.m. Friday at Eastside Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES F. WEBSTER**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - James F. Webster, 90, 121 Hickam Drive, died February 18, 2003 at Hospice of Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late Frank and Katie Tate Webster and husband of the late Annie Putnam Webster. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Victor, Leroy and Charles.

He was retired from Reeves Brothers, Osage Plant in Bessemer City. He was a farmer and member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church. He was a charter member of Temple Baptist Church and served as church treasurer and deacon.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby Webster and Annette and Norman Webster and Frankie, all of Kings Mountain, Jerry Webster and Patricia of Shelby, and Tim Webster and Susan of Clemmons; daughter, Becky Pruitt and husband Mike of Kings Mountain; brother, Daniel Webster of Charlotte; sisters, Louise Clemmer of Raleigh and Ruby Bridges of Gastonia; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tim Hendrick at 4 p.m. Friday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or Challenge Build, Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**PEARL PARKER**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Pearl Lee Parker, 54, 211 Bridges Street, died February 21, 2003 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Isaac and Bryte Pennington Cavender. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Parker of Kings Mountain; son, Kevin Parker and wife Paige of Kings Mountain; daughter, Shannon Parker of Kings Mountain; brothers, Charles Cavender of Gastonia, Joe Cavender of Bessemer City and Tommy Cavender of Knoxville, TN; sisters, Nancy Taylor of Sylva and Brenda Currence of Knoxville, TN; and one grandchild, Jordan Elizabeth Parker.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Larry Burns at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**JOHNNIE HARMON**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Johnnie Mae Lowery Harmon, 89, 4934 E. Dixon Blvd., died February 18, 2003 at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Cliff Lowery and Nora Dillingham Lowery. She was also predeceased by her son, Jack R. Harmon; brothers, Grover Lowery and Minor Lowery; and sister, Beatrice Lowery McSwain.

She was co-owner with her deceased husband Claude Harmon of Harmon Store in Kings Mountain for 50 years, and was an accomplished artist. She was a life-long member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church where she was secretary of the Mattie Sue Lowery Sunday School class for many years. She was a graduate of Number Three High School.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, JoAnne Harmon of Kings Mountain; granddaughter, Jacqueline Harmon of Kings Mountain; sister, Dorothy Lowery Crofts of Kings Mountain; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Douglas Dickens at 3 p.m. Friday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

## KM POLICE REPORT

**ARRESTS**

Frazier White, 19, no address given, simple assault, \$300 secured bond.

Victoria Bennett, 27, 612 Charles St., Apt. 93, worthless check.

Hampton Roberts, 49, 223 Walker St., interfering with telephone line, \$500 secured bond.

Robert Edgerton Jr., 32, 107 Jack Adams Rd., larceny, \$300 secured bond.

Philip Leonhardt, 22, 602 1/2 Phenix St., assault on female, no bond.

Kendall McGill, 47, 310 N. Dilling St., assault on female, no bond.

Charles Phillips, 18, 4 Bennett Dr., driving while license revoked, failure to stop for stop sign, \$500 secured bond.

Jesus Roscales, 26, Shelby, first degree breaking and entering (burglary), \$5,000 secured bond.

**INCIDENTS**

Torey Floyd, Gastonia, reported that someone threw bricks and broke two windows at the home of Torah Floyd on N. Sims St.

Mary Ethers, Cleveland County DSS, reported suspected child abuse.

Edgar Ingram, 528 Belvedere Cir., reported that someone broke into his home by removing a window air conditioner and stole a camcorder valued at \$250 and four diamond rings valued at \$3,000.

John Van Dyke Jr., 511 W. Gold St., reported that someone broke into his vehicle and stole a purse and billfold.

Stephanie Cartwright, 214 Orr Terrace, reported larceny of a 1990 Ford Taurus.

Kathy Gram, 200 Spruce St. Apt. 1A, reported that someone broke into her residence and damaged a door frame and cookie jar.

Timothy Patterson, 711 Linwood Rd., reported that someone broke into a building at his residence and stole a generator valued at \$569.99 and a wheelbarrow valued at \$40.

Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of medicine and white strips, total value \$53. Melvin Burch, 43, of Lincolnton was charged with three counts of misdemeanor larceny. His bond was \$300 secure.

Evelina Green, 21 Chesterfield Ct., reported larceny of a 1994 Mitsubishi.

Chad Borgo, 102 Castle Court, reported being assaulted at a restaurant on Shelby Rd. Frazier D. White, 29, of 1040 Barnett Dr., was charged with simple assault.

Food Lion, Shelby Rd., reported that someone cut a lock and stole 12 propane tanks valued at \$449.

Brenda Williams, 304 Wilson Terrace, reported that someone broke the front and rear windows in her vehicle while it was parked on Baker St.

Minit Man Express, 311 Industrial Dr., reported unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Amy Owenby, 936 New Camp Creek Church Rd., reported that someone broke into her vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot of KMHS and stole a purse and cell phone. Damage to the vehicle was \$200.

City of Kings Mountain reported tampering of a meter and larceny of power at Kingswood Apts.

Kings Mountain High School reported that someone broke into the building and damaged a metal door and two drink machines.

Frances Whitley, 802 Meadowbrook Rd., reported credit card fraud.

Shelah Galloway, York, SC, reported that someone broke into her vehicle while it was parked at the YMCA and stole a pocketbook, currency, gift cards and credit cards. Total value of stolen items was \$420. Damage to the vehicle was \$150.

Jody Rosenbech, 426 Fulton St., reported larceny of a bicycle valued at \$80.

Barbara Mosley, 612 Charles St., reported break-in and larceny of a printer valued at \$179. Damage to the door was \$350.

George Lublaneski, 137 E. Mountain St., reported that someone broke into his home and stole a set of keys and blank checks.

Ptl. K.L. Hamrick reported recovering a stolen moped owned by Christopher Dyke of Grover. It was located in a dumpster on Spruce St. Value of the moped was \$300.

Lane Logan, 600 W. Mountain St., reported break-in and larceny of \$600 worth of copper tubing.

Richard Stilwell, 109 Kimbo Dr., reported larceny of a 1996 Ford Taurus valued at \$1,000.

CVS, 1017 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of medicine valued at \$817.

**CITATIONS**

Kristal Hush, 268 Dillon Rd., speeding 52 in 25 zone, failing to carry driver's license.

Gary Scism, 1612 County Line Rd., expired registration plate

Harold Foster, 509 Landing St., speeding 60 in

35 zone, careless driving. Harold Foster, 509 Landing St., defective muffler system.

Francisco Tolentino, 115 Deal St., no driver's license, passing in no passing zone.

Brandon Hart, Grover, defective muffler system; failing to carry driver's license, failing to produce registration card; following too closely.

**WRECKS**

Vehicles driven by Terry Bridges and Cynthia Obrien, both of Kings Mountain, struck on US 74 at Watterson St. Damage to each vehicle was \$900.

A vehicle driven by LeeAnn Marshburn of Blacksburg, SC lost control on I-85 south near NC 161 and hit a guard rail. Damage to the car was \$1,000.

Vehicles driven by Don Henderson of Charlotte and David Carr of West End, NC struck on I-85 south near NC 161. Damage to the Henderson vehicle was \$1,200 and damage to the Carr vehicle was \$1,350.

Vehicles driven by Justin Frye and Susan Vestal, both of Kings Mountain, struck on US 74 at Cansler St. Damage to the Frye vehicle was \$800 and damage to the Vestal vehicle was \$1,700.

A vehicle driven by Alison Mitchell of Kings Mountain left the roadway on Waco Rd., hit an embankment and turned over on its left side. Damage to the vehicle was \$5,000.

A vehicle driven by Kenneth Bumgardner backed into a parked vehicle owned by the City of Kings Mountain at a residence on N. Piedmont Ave. near Chestnut Ridge Rd. Damage to the Bumgardner vehicle was \$500 and damage to the Bolin vehicle was \$1,000.

Vehicles driven by Ernell Langston of Suffolk, VA and William Wilkerson of Atlanta, GA struck on I-85 south. Damage to the Langston vehicle was \$2,600 and damage to the Wilkerson vehicle was \$1,800. The Langston vehicle also hit a guard rail, causing \$1,500 damage. The accident occurred during and ice and sleet storm.

A vehicle driven by William Dover of Shelby ran off the road on US 74, hit a ditch culvert and then went airborne and through a wooden fence and hit a tree. Damage to the vehicle was \$2,800. Damage to a wooden fence owned by Todd Cloninger was \$500, and damage to a mail box owned by Thomas Tindall was \$75.

## Gilbert named president of Chamber

Stuart C. Gilbert of Paducah, KY has been named president of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce. He will begin his duties Thursday, February 27.

Gilbert has served as CEO of three economic development agencies during his 22-year economic development career and holds national certification as a certified

economic developer. He currently serves as President and CEO of the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council.

"We are extremely pleased to have someone with Stuart's experience, proven track record, education and character joining our organization as president," said Greg Arrowood, Board Chairman. "Our search com-

mittee had a daunting task because the field of finalists was comprised of individuals who were extremely well-qualified. We believe that Stuart represents a great fit for our organization and for our county. He has extensive experience in bringing jobs to communities of Cleveland County's size through expanding the diversity of industry. This is extremely important to us due to the transitional nature of our local economy. He understands the economic road we are currently on and how to successfully

navigate it. We heartily welcome Stuart and his family to Cleveland County and are confident that he will be a catalyst for great things ahead."

Gilbert replaces Rob Youngblood, who resigned in November to return to his hometown of Rock Hill, SC. The selection committee spent over 400 hours in the search process and received nearly 100 resumes.

One of the first tasks Gilbert faces is hiring a Senior Vice President of Economic Development.

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