

# OBITUARIES

## ALMA SELLERS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Alma Bell Sellers, 84, 101 Water Oak Street, died March 3, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Marcus L. and Elizabeth Jackson Bell and wife of the late George William Sellers. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Letha Stewart.

She was a member of Dixon Presbyterian Church, where she served as Elder and former church choir member and pianist. She was retired from Margrace Mill.

She is survived by her sons, Donald Sellers and wife Freda, George W. Sellers Jr. and wife Karen, and Bill Sellers and wife Brenda, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Doris S. Cloninger and husband Kenneth of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren, Adam Sellers of Kings Mountain, Aaron Sellers of Boone, Sherri Fort and husband Hilton of Louisville, KY, Donald Sellers Jr. and wife Sherry of Kings Mountain, Leslie Ramsey and husband Rev. Doug Ramsey of Blacksburg, SC, Jeff Cloninger and wife Lorri of Kings Mountain, Mark Cloninger of Raleigh, Penny Mertz and husband Johnny of Kings Mountain, and Rodney Sellers and wife Beth of Kings Mountain; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Doug Ramsey and Alan Sinclair at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dixon Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## FRANK SMITH

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Andrew Franklin "Frankie" Smith, 39, died February 25, 2003 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Sam and Irene Smith; maternal grandparents, Henry and Pearl Padgett; and brother-in-law, Charles Bell.

He was a member of Long Branch First Baptist Church of Grover, where he served on the Usher Board and Trustee Board. He was one of the original members of the Double Deuce softball team which was established in 1992. He was a 1981 graduate of Crest High School and served three years in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Angela B. Smith of the home; sons, Courtney Franklin Smith and Derrick Jamaal Smith of the home; father, Andrew Smith of Shelby; mother, Henrean P. Lockhart and husband Ben of Kings Mountain; brothers, Danny Smith of Gastonia, Wayne Smith and Jacqueline of Kings Mountain, Kevin Smith of Gastonia, and TyVin McSwain of Shelby; sister, Sandra Wilson and Kenneth of Shelby; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Rev. Rebecca and Roy Bell Jr., brothers-in-law Irvin Bell and Nette, Rev. Kenny Bell and Nadine, and Vernon Bell and Josie, sister-in-law, Rachel Reid and Herbert, all of Grover; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. William Thompson and Larry H. Dixon at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Peter Baptist Church, Grover. Also participating in the service were the Revs. John Houze and Marjorie Benson, TyVin McSwain, and Ken Bell, Rachel Reid, Vernon Crocker, Sybil Littlejohn and Nate Jefferson.

Pall bearers were Ben Brown, Howard Dawkins, Leonard Flack, Stanley Humphries, Jerome Parker, and Tyree Surratt. Honorary pall bearers were Aaron Anderson, Marlon Byers, Curtis Elder and Teddy Wilson.

Flower bearers were Darlene Byers, Randi Downs, Brendle Freeman, Cheryl Goode, Jackie Hopper, Mary Ann McClain, Tammy Nichols, Gaye Parker, Delores Turner, Lois Hoskins and Gloria Vinson. Interment was in Long



Branch Cemetery. J.W. Gill & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## BETTY HILL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Jean Grigg Hill, 68, 816 Grace Street, died February 27, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Mae Phillips Grigg and wife of the late John G. Hill. She was also predeceased by her brothers Jerry Grigg and Jackie Grigg, and sister Aleen Buchanan.

She was a homemaker. She is survived by her son, Jeffery Scott Hill and wife Kathy of Kings Mountain; daughters, Rosa Ledford and husband Wayne, Delores Suttles and husband James, and Amy Phillips, all of Kings Mountain, Tina Bowen and husband Fred of Blacksburg, SC, Denise Hartman and husband Mike of Vale, and Darlene VanDyke and husband Bobby of Gastonia; sister, Lola Mae Hedrick of Dallas; eight grandchildren, Daniel Hill of Grover, Nikki Rhames of Kings Mountain, Michael Hartman of Vale, David Suttles of Kings Mountain, Bobby VanDyke Jr., Nikisha VanDyke and Catherine VanDyke, all of Gastonia; and one great-grandchild, Alex Rhames.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Wayne Worchester at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



grandchildren, Daniel and Dylan Brooks, Mike McKee, Beth Canipe, and C.J. and Adam Brooks; and great-grandchildren, Kacie McKee and Ben and Patrick Canipe.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Carroll Page and Rev. Keith Dixon at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Burial was at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Boiling Springs Baptist Church, P.O. Box 917, Boiling Springs, NC 28017 or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

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

## NELL SMITH

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nell Mauney Smith, 78, died February 28, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late John Bryson and Iona Davis Mauney and wife of the late Russell E. Smith. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Roy C. Mauney.

She was a member of Central United Methodist church and was active in the United Methodist Women. She was a retired bookkeeper and office secretary.

She is survived by her daughter, Alice Faye Bennett and husband Thomas S. of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Russell Bennett and wife Michelle of Indian Trail and John Bennett of Manassas, VA; and one great-grandchild, Justin Bennett.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Janice Combs at 4 p.m. Sunday at Central United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Russell Christmas Project, Central United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 37, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## PATRICIA WRIGHT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Patricia Wright, 57, 204 Blanton Street, died March 2, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Leroy Blanton. She was also preceded in death by her step-father, W.C. Parrish.

She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Steve Wright of Kings Mountain; mother, Ella Mae Grant Blanton of Shelby; son, Ronnie Wright and wife Teresa of Kings Mountain; sisters, Sondra and James Worthy of Kings Mountain and Suzanne Ivie and husband R.N. Ivie III of Shelby; grandchildren, Ashley and Dale Summitt and Mike and Nathan McKinnish; great-grandson, Kaleb Patrick McKinnish; and six nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Sherman Branch at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## WELFORD S. BULLOCK

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Welford S. Bullock, 90, 300 Garrison Drive, died March 2, 2003 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Middlesex, he was the son of the late W.P. and Elizabeth Smith Bullock. He was also preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters.

He was a member of the Seaboard Lions Club for 50 years and was a Mason and member of the American Legion for over 50 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Seabee in the Pacific. He was retired owner-operator of Bullock Brothers of Seaboard, NC.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Williams Bullock of the home.

A memorial service was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church building fund, 605 W. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## HARRY L. TAYLOR

BESSEMER CITY - Harry L. Taylor, 82, 1013 Ramseur Road, died February 26, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Joseph and Mamie Jenkins Taylor. He was also predeceased by his son, Tommy Taylor, and sister Lois Peeler.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was a former employee of Rhyne's Dairy. He was a charter member of the Kings Mountain Saddle Club.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Cudd Taylor; son, Larry Taylor and wife Betty of Bessemer City; daughters, Linda T. Day and husband Tommy of Bessemer City, and Debbie Ruff of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Tessie and Robbie Ruff of Kings Mountain and Josh Day of Bessemer City.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Millwood at 2 p.m. Friday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Heart Society of Gaston County, 220 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054 and American Diabetes Association, 1820 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## BILL LYNN

KINGS MOUNTAIN - William Hood "Bill" Lynn, 81, 1219 Sparrow Springs Road, died February 25, 2003 at his home.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Newman Thomas Lynn and Trassie Flume Lynn. He was also preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Macie Lynn Champion, Anniebell Lynn Huffstickler and John Martin Lynn.

He was a member of Independent Baptist Tabernacle. He was an ordained deacon for over 40 years. He was retired from Southern Gear. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army

with service during World War II.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Larry Lynn and Beverly and Peggy Badger and Dennis, all of Gastonia; brother and sisters, Percy Lynn, Mary Lynn Champion, Betty Lynn Lutz and Barbara Lynn Bohannon, all of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren, Lisa Spencer and Dennis Badger Jr., both of Gastonia, and Crystal Lynn Dockery and Kimberly Keene Lynn, both of North Myrtle Beach, SC; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ralph Carver, Luther Carver and Richard Horney at 4 p.m. Friday at Greene Funeral Service West Chapel. Burial was in West View Gardens, Bessemer City.

Greene Funeral Service West Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

## MYRTLE TRULL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Myrtle Lockridge Trull, 89, 2093 Bethlehem Road, died February 26, 2003 at the home of her daughter in Connelly Springs.

She was a native of Cleveland County and wife of the late Coleman Calvin Trull. She was a homemaker and a member of Love Valley Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Ernest Trull of Kings Mountain and Calvin Trull of York, SC; daughters Aileene Watts of Connelly Springs and Sulrish Plumides of Charlotte; brother, Jack Harlow of Kings Mountain; sister, Grace Ramsey of Kings Mountain; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Barry Philbeck and Kenneth Frady at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Republicans elect officers

The Cleveland County Republican Party elected officers for the next two years during its annual convention Saturday.

Wes Westmoreland was elected chairman, Kathy Livsie vice-chair, Billy Estes secretary, and Gaines Washburn treasurer.

Westmoreland served as chairman for the past year and outlined goals for 2003.

"We are the party of fiscal responsibility; the party people look to for leadership in Raleigh and Washington as well as Cleveland County," he said. "The Republic Party is larger and stronger than it has ever been in Cleveland County, and continues to grow. My goal is to involve more people in the regular meetings of the party - to increase communication with our base in Cleveland County."

The party agreed to change the regular meeting day to the second Monday of each month. Meetings are held at Jackson's Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

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