

OBITUARIES

CLYDE STRICKLAND
BESSEMER CITY - Clyde Nelson Strickland, 66, 105 Strickland Lane, died April 19, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Beulah Bullocks Strickland of Kings Mountain and the late Robert Edward Strickland. He was also predeceased by his sister Felicia Strickland.

He attended Harvest Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Shirley Huntsinger Strickland; sons, Kenneth Strickland and wife Sherri, and Rev. Scott Strickland and wife Elaine, all of Bessemer City; daughters, Anita Strickland and Lisa Patterson of Kings Mountain; sisters, Irene Queen, Ruth Johnson and husband Garland, and Joyce Revis, all of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Scott Strickland, Buddy Williams and Bob Hope at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Harvest Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Interment was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Memorials may be made to Harvest Baptist Church, 144 Ware Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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MARGARET TATE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Margaret S. Tate, 89, of Summit Place, formerly of 700 Crescent Circle, died April 17, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.



A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Winfield Scott and Pearl Long Styers and wife of the late Dexter Earl "Dickie" Tate.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and was active in the Eastern Star where she served as Worthy Matron. She was a charter member of Open Gate Garden Club. She was a member of Chapter AP of the P.E.O. She was retired from Dellinger Jewel Shop after 35 years of service.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Thomas A. Tate and wife Janet of Kings Mountain; sister-in-law, Delores Styers of Stephen City, VA; special niece, Billie Sue Edison of Gastonia; and a number of other nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 605 W. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or the Beautification Project of Downtown Kings Mountain, C/O Polly Phifer, Open Gate Garden Club, 209 Rollingbrook Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NETTIE SISTARE
CLOVER, SC - Nettie Jean Sistare, 72, 700 Self Street, Cherryville, formerly of the Bethany Community, died April 14, 2003 at Century Care, Cherryville.

A native of York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late James Hunter Sistare and the late Ida Veree Goforth Sistare. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Billy, George and John Sistare, and a sister, Angeline Sistare.

She was a star basketball player for Clover High School in the late 1940s. She graduated from Kings Business School in Charlotte. She retired from the State of North Carolina Agriculture Department.

She is survived by her

brothers, Henry Sistare of Ravenel, SC, Ben Sistare of Kings Mountain and Richard Sistare of Clover, SC; and sister Ethel S. Wells of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Donald L. Thacker at 2 p.m. Friday at M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service was held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Bethany A.R.P. Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethany A.R.P. Church, 1400 N. Hwy. 161, Clover, SC 29710; Clover Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 214, Clover, SC 29710; or Oakdale Presbyterian Church, 12585 W. Highway 55, Clover, SC 29710.

M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ANNIE MAE MESSER
CHERRYVILLE - Annie Mae Bice Messer, 85, of Century Care Nursing Home, formerly of Marion and King Mountain, died April 17, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Spartanburg, SC, she was the daughter of the late Pyck B. Bice and Noble Henderson Bice and wife of the late Arthur D. Messer. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Imogene Curtis.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by four daughters, Jacqueline Hoyle Scism of Oak Island, Betti Hoyle Bumgardner and husband Bill of Clyde, Diana Hoyle Hamrick and husband Rev. James Hamrick of Kings Mountain, and Juanita Hoyle Fleming and husband Dean Fleming of Kings Mountain; sisters, Janie Lou Morgan of Stanley and Joyce Dellinger of Cherryville; 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. James Hamrick, Dean Fleming and Bill Bumgardner at 4 p.m. Saturday at McDowell Memorial Park.

A memorial service was held for family and friends at 4 p.m. Sunday at 922 Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 550, Charlotte, NC 28210 in honor of Kendrick S. Breakfield.

Kirksey Funeral Home, Marion, was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN CRISP
BESSEMER CITY - Eulis "John" Crisp, 80, 511 E. Iowa Avenue, died April 19, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Marble, NC, he was the son of the late Ellis P. and Mary Holder Crisp. He was also preceded in death by his sisters Emma Griggs, Inez Wiggins, Ada Perkins and Pearl Hoyle; and brothers Edgar and Odell Crisp.

He was formerly employed by Gambrell Mills and retired as a machinist from Warner-Swasey Corporation after 20 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church and served in World War II in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sue Crisp; son Gary Crisp and wife Cathy

of Kings Mountain; sister Lucille Isenhour of Bessemer City; granddaughters Summer Leigh and Laura Jordan Crisp of Kings Mountain; nephews Paul Hager and wife Betty of Denver and Don Hager and wife Pat of Clover, SC; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by graveside by Dr. Ronald Pierce and Rev. Don Williams at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Westview Gardens. Military rites were by American Legion Post 243 Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 397, Bessemer City, NC 28016 or First Wesleyan Church, 505 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VIOLET JOHNSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Violet Davis Johnson, 89, White Oak Manor, died April 19, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late E.B. Davis and Lucy Jane Anderson Davis and wife of the late Albert Johnson.

She was a retired beautician and a member of Westover Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter Jane Lentz of Kings Mountain; sister Emelyn Gaines of Kings Mountain; three grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Buddy Williams at 8 p.m. Monday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Gardens.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUTH G. FRANKLIN
SHELBY - Ruth G. Franklin, 69, 114 Hatcher Road, died April 20, 2003 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Kuester Cleveland Gettys and wife of the late Irvin Franklin. She was also preceded in death by a grandchild.

She was a homemaker and member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Polkville.

She is survived by her mother, Pearl Wesson Gettys; sons and daughters-in-law Irvin D. and Lionellh Franklin of Sharon, SC and Garry and Lila Franklin of Shelby; sons and daughters-in-law, Winton Franklin of Fort Mill, SC and Robert and Lori Franklin of Jacksonville, FL; daughters and sons-in-law, St. Augustean and Jimmie Blanton and Alorie and Scott Hunt of Shelby, and Ava Kay Bowen and David of Grover; brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Stella Gettys, Charles and Judy Gettys, and Roger and Teresa Gettys, all of Polkville; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Billy Bowen and Dennis Dailey at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Way of the Cross Baptist Church. Interment was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of

arrangements.

FLOYD FALLS
SHELBY - Floyd Russell Falls, 92, formerly of 319 Elizabeth Avenue, died April 19, 2003 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late George Patrick and Nona Ada Kiser Falls. He was also predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Mildred Falls; brothers Curtis Falls and Craig Falls; and sisters Lola Ramsey, Carrie Bumgardner, Callie Bumgardner and Jessie Howard.

He was a retired supervisor after 29 years with J.P. Stevens. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and former member of Cleveland Lodge No. 202.

He is survived by his son, Russell Falls and wife Nancy of Gastonia; daughters, Iris Francis and husband Ray and Jane Mauney and husband Bill of Shelby and Gail Rogers and husband Kent of Asheville; brother Jonah Falls of Kings Mountain; sister Grace Falls Elgin of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Steve and Paul Francis, Helen Morris, Pat and Wendall Howard, Kelly Beasley, Eleanor, Glenn and Patricia Mauney, Kathy Eplee, Robert Falls and Leigh Ann Wilson; and 16 great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Drs. John Boggs and Joe Reeves at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 200 E. Marion St., Shelby, NC 28150 or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

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

QUEENIE KELLER
CARNESVILLE, GA - Queenie Louise Gladden Williams Keller, 85, 4344 Hunters Creek Road, died April 18, 2003 at Stephens County Hospital.

A native of North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Josie Spurling Gladden. She had lived in Carnesville for the past 21 years.

She was employed in textiles at Danco Industries for many years and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Toccoa, GA. She was a former member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, J.T. Keller of the home; daughters, Jo Neesmith, Betty Phillips and Cecile Reynolds, all of Kings Mountain, Annie Dixon of Shelby and Linda Ervin of Carnesville, GA; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; brother, Chappel "Chap" Gladden of Gastonia, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Paul Collins and David Sosebee at 11 a.m. Monday at New Hope Baptist Church. Pall bearers were Don Ervin, Gary Ervin, Mike Reynolds, David Neesmith and Travis Williams.

A graveside service was

conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt, Todd Reynolds and Mike Reynolds at 4 p.m. Monday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church cemetery, Kings Mountain.

The Acree-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

JUDY RUCKER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Judy Reynolds Rucker, 49, 200 Benfield Road, died April 21, 2003 in Coffee Springs, AL.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Raymond Reynolds Sr. and the late Lizzie Irene Whaley Reynolds. She was a homemaker and member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Rucker of Kings Mountain; sons Larry Dale Rucker and wife Jennifer, and Raymond Eugene Rucker and wife Amanda, all of Kings Mountain; brother, Raymond Reynolds Jr. of Kings Mountain; sisters, Barbara Ransom of Coffee Springs, AL, Elizabeth Carpenter of Bessemer City, and Margaret Anderson of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Eric, Alyssa, Samantha, Kandis, Katelyn, and Skylar.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Mitchell Pruitt and Dean Harris at 3 p.m. Friday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Awards night set
at KM High School**

Students in grades 9-12 at Kings Mountain High School will be honored at the Academic Awards Celebration Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Contact Leigh Bell, counselor, at 734-KMHS for more information.

**Hot dog supper
Friday at KMIS**

There will be a hot dog supper Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Intermediate School cafeteria.

Door prizes will be given away and the grand prize will be a TV-VCR combination.

All proceeds go to student activities.

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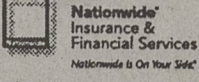


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