

OBITUARIES

HAZEL I. POTEAT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hazel Ivey Poteat, 72, 605 Mica Street, died June 12, 2003 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late George and Lillie Osborne Ivey. She was also preceded in death by her husband, the late John Alfred Poteat.

She was a member of Temple Baptist Church and was homemaker.

She is survived by her son Ricky David Poteat and wife Audrey of Gastonia; and sisters, Sara George, Mildred Parker and Marian Cloninger, all of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. J.R. Robbins Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Smyrna, TN and Robert Kirkpatrick and wife Mandy of Cary; one brother, R.B. Keeter and wife Madge of Lawndale; three sisters, Joann Hicks and husband Warren of Charlotte, Peggy Kish and husband Frank of Richmond, VA and Sue Hyler and husband Otis of Lancaster, SC; and five grandchildren, Brian, Craig, Emma and Jonathan Kirkpatrick and Chad Ezell.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tony Tench on Monday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Interment was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 120 N. Lafayette Street, 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.

Bessemer City; and four great-grandchildren, Steven Rector Jr., Kelley Rector, Jason Wells and Nikki Jones.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Dick Whitener at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home. Interment was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, PO Box 3948, Gastonia, NC 28054.

EVELYN B. THORNBURG

SHELBY - Evelyn B. Blanton Thornburg, 91, of Meritor, OH, died June 14, 2003 at her home.

A native of Shelby, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Dezzi Martin Blanton. She was preceded in death by her husband James Labon; a brother, Earnest Blanton; and sisters, Estelle Blanton, Marjorie Greenway and Lucille Anthony.

She was a member of Mentor Baptist Church. She loved to cook and sew.

She is survived by three sons, Danny Thornburg and wife Faith and William Thornburg and wife Janice, all of Mentor, and Steve Thornburg and wife Barbara Jane of Arlington, TN; one sister, Ella Wells of Aiken, SC; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Mark A. Van Der Hulst conducted the funeral Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Mentor Baptist Church. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Shelby. Burial will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Sunset Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mentor Baptist Church, Sound System Improvement Fund, 7500 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Mentor, OH 44060.

BOBBY E. JACKSON

SHELBY - Bobby Eugene Jackson, 49, of 117 Robb's Court, Grover, died June 12 at home.

Funeral services were Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Cleveland Funeral Services. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

KENNETH FORTENBERRY

SHELBY - Kenneth E. Fortenberry, 61, of 1469 Cherryville Road, Shelby, died June 13, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Sudie Mae Fortenberry and the late George Mills

Fortenberry. He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Edward Fortenberry.

He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and worked for Cleveland Lumber Company.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Hilda Fortenberry of the home; one son, Brian Fortenberry of Grover; two brothers, Carl Fortenberry and wife Faye of Clarksville, TN and Harry Fortenberry and wife Debbie Fortenberry of Fort Walton Beach, FL; three sisters, Nancy Rollins and husband Gene of Shelby, Linda Wright and husband Edward and Glenda Simpson and husband Lawrence, all of Grover; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. Monday at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel. Rev. Leland Kerr officiated. Interment followed in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church Bus or Building funds.

BUFORD B. HAMRICK

SHELBY - Buford Bane Hamrick, 82, of 800 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, died June 15, 2003 at Parkridge Living Center in Fletcher.

A Cleveland County native, he was the son of the late John Craton and Lillie McSwain Hamrick. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Anna Mae Jones Hamrick; his second wife, Aileen Bridges Hamrick, a brother, Horace Dean Hamrick; and two sisters, Edna Lancaster and Euzelia Holder.

He was a member of Crestview Baptist Church and formerly a member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. He retired from Ora Mill company and was also self-employed as a blacksmith.

Survivors include one son, Larry Jones Hamrick and wife Pat of Shelby; five sisters, Bertha Guffey, Lela Blanton and husband Carl, Ruth Wesson and husband Ben, and Gertie Guffie and husband N.P.; one step-daughter, Rita Street and husband Junior; two grandchildren, Rocky David Hamrick and Michelle Hamrick Varner and husband Keith; five step-grandchildren, eight step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-granddaughter.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Keith Dixon and James E. Holder Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Crestview Baptist Church. Interment was in Poplar Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Crestview Baptist Church.

Cleveland Funeral Services are handling arrangements.

VERNIE MAE F. ALLRAN

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Vernie Mae Fraley Allran, 83, of 113 Wells Street, Kings Mountain died June 16, 2003 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Ina Costner Fraley. She also was preceded in death by her husband Albert Asbury "Buck" Allran.

She was a retired supervisor for Mauney Hosiery Mills, a homemaker and member of Central United Methodist Church and its adult fellowship Sunday school class. She was a Pink Lady at Kings Mountain Hospital, serving over 1,000 hours.

She is survived by one son, Gary Allran and wife Shelby of Charlotte; three brothers, Bill Fraley and Kayhill Fraley, both of Gastonia, and Kirby Fraley of McAdenville; a sister, Peggy Spargo of Gastonia; one grandchild, Kevin Allran and wife Teresa of Charlotte; and three great-grandchildren, Cassie Teague, Jessie Teague and Austin Allran.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Janice Combs at 3 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church.

Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, PO Box 37, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARIE CARROLL

ASHEBORO - Florence Marie Carroll, 91, of Clapps Convalescent Nursing Home, died June 10, 2003.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late William Gordon and Florence Wells Hughes.

Survivors include her husband, William Isaac Carroll; two daughters, Nancy Carroll of Switzerland and Betsy Johnson of Greensboro; one son, William Carroll Jr. of Greensboro; one sister, Ruby Baker of Kings Mountain; one brother, Bob Hughes of Dunnellon, FL and four grandchildren.

She was a retired secretary at Balfour School and was a member of First Baptist Church, Asheboro.

No services will be held. Memorials may be made to Clapps Convalescent Nursing Home, 500 Mountain Top Dr., Asheboro, NC 27203

CORRECTION

The food rating for Griffin Drug Store in last week's Herald was incorrect. It was actually 98.5.

Two named at Gateway Properties

Debra Williams and Angelia Safrit of joined the staff of agents with Gateway Properties.

Williams is a member of the Cleveland County Association of Realtors and has been a licensed real estate agent for four years.

She received her professional real estate training from J.Y. Monk Real Estate in Charlotte. She is a native of Kings Mountain and the daughter

of Aaron and Annie Conner. She is married to Rev. Don L. Williams, pastor of First Wesleyan Church. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Safrit was a teacher for seven years at Burns High, Elizabeth Elementary and Leesville High in Raleigh. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education at Appalachian State University in 1996.

She is a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. She and her husband, Joseph, live in the Mt. Sinai community.

"We are pleased to have these two excellent agents join our growing team," said Steve Padgett, owner of the firm. "They both possess the positive attitude and professional, client-oriented spirit we seek."

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Methodist church planning activities

Grace United Methodist Church will sponsor a community, all you can eat, country style breakfast buffet Saturday from 6:30 to 10 a.m.

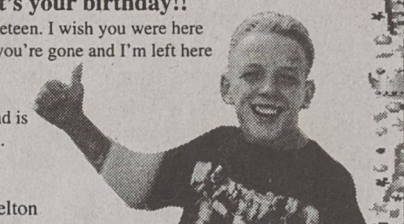
The buffet is open to the public. Group deliveries are available. The church is also sponsoring vacation Bible school June 23-27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Friday, Bible school starts at 6 p.m.

The theme is God's Lighthouse Kids. All children, ages 4 to 12, are welcome to attend.

The church is located at 829 Cleveland Ave. in Kings Mountain.


For more information, call 704-739-6000.

Happy Birthday!!
 Travis Causby, it's your birthday!!
 You would have been nineteen. I wish you were here to celebrate with me but you're gone and I'm left here all alone. Man I try hard to be strong, but I realize my best friend is gone. I miss you so much. I love you, Brother. Love,
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