

OBITUARIES

LILLIE EVANS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lillie Ruth Kilgore Evans, 80, 516 Kilgore Road, died October 25, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Robert F. and Venia Mae Horton Kilgore. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Pledger Evans; son Eddie Evans; and brother Thomas Kilgore.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Earl, where she was a member of the Usher Board for over 40 years, the Missionary Department and the Kilgore Choir.

She is survived by her daughter, Vanessa E. Dabbs and husband Dean of the home; brothers John R. Kilgore of Lowell and James A. Kilgore of Shelby; sisters Effie Mae Kilgore of the home, Emma K. Gillespie of Lowell, and Rebecca Curry and husband Lewis and Mary Curry and husband Gene, all of Kings Mountain; grandson Robert Dean Dabbs; and special friends Linda Mintz and Emma Odoms.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Simon McClain at 2 p.m. Thursday

at First Baptist Church in Earl. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Enloe Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

ALMA HAMBRIGHT

SHELBY - Mrs. Alma Jean Thomas Hambright, 66, H-1 Embert Lane, died October 23, 2003 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Herman Lee and Willie Irvin Thomas. She was also preceded in death by brothers Herman Thomas Jr. and Frankie Thomas, sisters Louise Hunsinger and Doris McSwan, and sister-in-law Billie Thomas.

She was a retired textile worker and member of Zoar Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Hambright of Shelby; daughter Debbie Hambright Keever and husband Jamie of Kings Mountain; son Doug Hambright of Mt. Holly, granddaughter Dana Britt Gordon and husband Tim of Shelby, grandson Levi Keever of Kings Mountain, brother Jimmy Thomas and wife Pat of Shelby, sister Cheryl Gallman and husband Steven of Shelby, and brother-in-law Cleatus Hunsinger of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Marvin Gobbe and the Rev. Barry Philbeck at 3 p.m. Sunday at Cleveland Funeral Services. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

MAGGIE FORD
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Maggie Wood Ford, 83, 301 Fairview Street, died October 22, 2003 at White Oak Manor.



A native of Cleveland County, she was the wife of the late Wade Ford and daughter of the late Hilliard and Susan Garver Wood. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Susie Ford, grandson Marty Ivester, sister Emma Greason and brothers Charles, Leroy and Rufus Wood.

She was a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church, and had previously been a member of Second Baptist Church for over 40 years.

She is survived by her sons, Ted Ford and wife Linda of Kings Mountain, and Charles Ford of Kings Mountain; daughters Barbara Bumgardner and husband Ken, Kay Moss and husband Reggie, Wanda Laughter and husband Keith, and Brenda Ivester, all of Kings Mountain; 19 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers at 2 p.m. Saturday at Christian Freedom Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christian Freedom Baptist Church Building Fund, 246 Range Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

PERRY VESS
"GROVER - Perry "Bill" Vess, 78, 2462 Brookfield Road, died October 22, 2003 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Roy G. and Ella Elizabeth Swink Vess. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Bobby and Worth Vess, and sister Margaret Vess.

He was retired from Ora Mill and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Michael Johnson of Shelby; brothers and sisters-in-law, Walter and Peggy Vess of Grover, Alton and Judy Vess of Grover, Charles and Betty Vess of Grover and Jack and Diane Vess of Grover; sisters and brothers-in-law, Ethel Patterson of Shelby, Ruth Hamrick of Grover, and Charles Washburn of Greenville, SC, Betty and Bob Warren of Grover, and Jeanette and Max Bridges of Mooresboro; grandsons Wesley Johnson and girl friend Julie Vaughan, and Brandon Johnson and fiancée Jolee Lewis; and special friend Barbara Cash.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Tim Trexler at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Building Fund, 1227 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DICK HUNNICUTT
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Harold Richard "Dick" Hunnicutt Jr., died October 23, 2003 in Hatteras, NC.

Dick Hunnicutt was born in Charlotte, NC on September 1, 1938. He was the son of H.R. Hunnicutt Sr. and Margaret Neisler Hunnicutt. He grew up in Kings Mountain, NC where he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, an Eagle Scout, and a graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

He attended Davidson College and was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He graduated from Belmont Abbey College in 1961 with a B.A. in Business Administration. He also attended N.C. State University where he was a member of Sigma Tau Sigma Honorary Fraternity and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Textile Technology in 1963.

After graduation, he worked at Parkdale Mills, Inc. in Gastonia for five years. In 1967, he co-founded Kings Mill, Inc. in Kings Mountain, NC where he served as Vice-President. In 1973, Kings Mill was merged into Tultex Corporation. He became President of the Tultex Yarn Group in 1976 and was elected Senior Vice-President of Tultex Corporation in 1976.

He was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Tultex in 1984 and was elected Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in December, 1988. He retired from Tultex on January 1, 1991 in order to pursue private interests but remained a member of the Board of Directors.

He was a Past President of the American Yarn Spinners Association, a Past Chairman of the National Knitwear Manufacturers Association, a Past President of the North Carolina Textile Foundation, and Commodore of the Hatteras Marlin Club.

He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute, the American Yarn Spinners Association, the N.C. Textile Foundation, the N.C. Textile Manufacturers Association, the National Knitwear Manufacturers Association, the National Cotton Council, the Board of Visitors of N.C. State University, the Hatteras Marlin Club, the Gaston Country Club, the Community Foundation of Gaston County and the Gastonia Board of BB&T.

He was a member and Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia and the Hatteras Marlin Club. He was a member of the Gaston Country Club for 30 years. His hobbies included big-game fishing, hunting, and golf. He resided in Hatteras, NC.

He is survived by three sons; Harold (Hal) Richard Hunnicutt III and wife, Melanie, of Burlington, NC; Minor (Chip) Adams Hunnicutt of Sunset Beach, NC; Reid Neisler Hunnicutt of Panama City Beach, Florida; and three grandchildren, Harold Richard (Ricky) Hunnicutt IV, Rebecca Blair Hunnicutt, and Andrea Reid Hunnicutt;

niece, Susan Neisler Smith of Durham.

A memorial service was conducted at First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC Sunday, October 26, 2003 with Dr. David Stoker officiating.

Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Dare Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 1000, Manteo, NC 27954.

Harris Funeral Home, Inc. Kings Mountain, NC was in charge of arrangements.

VICKIE CARTER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Vickie Scruggs Carter, 50, 806 Cleveland Avenue, died October 26, 2003 at Rural Hall, NC.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Bobby Dean Scruggs and Virginia "Jenny" Poole Scruggs of Kings Mountain. She was a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Rodney Dean Carter Sr. of Morehead City; sons Bruce Scruggs of Gastonia, Rodney Carter Jr. of Dallas, Jeff Carter of Morehead City, and Dennis Carter of Kings Mountain; brothers Ronnie Scruggs and wife Robin of Gastonia and Scott Scruggs and wife Tammy of Kings Mountain; sisters Shelia Wylie and husband James of Bessemer City, Myra Safrin and husband Johnny of Cramerton, and Lori Oliver and husband Ricky of Walnut Cove; maternal grandmother Mildred Poole of Gaffney, SC; 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Lewis Owens at 4 p.m. Thursday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bessemer City. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City, is in charge of arrangements.

RALPH EAKER

HICKORY - Ralph Hugh Eaker, 83, died October 28, 2003 at Brian Center in Viewmont.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late L.I. Eaker and Myrtle Costner Eaker. He was also preceded in death by brothers Gerald Eakers and Wilbur Eaker, and sister Helen Warren.

He was a member of St. John's Methodist Church. He was retired from General Electric and was a craftsman.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Plumley Eaker of Hickory; daughter and son-in-law Penney Diane and Wilbur J. Taylor Jr. of Wilmington; granddaughter and husband, Brandy Dianna Gussin and Alexander Anderson Gussin of Charlotte; step granddaughters Dr. Dawn Taylor Hunt of Newport News, VA and Mary Ellen Taylor Compton of Newport News, VA; step grandsons William Stuart Hunt of Newport News, VA, and Wilbur J. Taylor III of Wilmington; sisters Averice Bridges of Kings Mountain and Ruth Mayhew of Shelby; brothers Boyce Eaker and Jack Eaker of Kings Mountain; great step grandson Braden

Compton of Newport News, VA; and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Bruce Hobson at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at El Bethel United Methodist Church cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Catawba Valley, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

Fall backpacking at KM State Park

A fall backpacking event is set for November 8-9 at Kings Mountain State Park.

Participants will enjoy a moderately strenuous hike on the trails of Kings Mountain State and National parks. The hike will include 16 miles with inclines and fall scenery.

Take water for the first day and food for four meals and camping gear. The hike is designed for ages 10 through adult. An adult must accompany ages 10-17.

The fee is \$15 per participant. Register by November 3. Meet at the campground parking lot by 10 a.m. on Saturday. The event ends at 3 p.m. Sunday.

For more information call (803) 222-3209.

Trees of Crowders program Nov. 16

Trees of Crowders Mountain will be presented Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1-2:30 p.m. at Crowders Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain.

Participants will be able to identify and learn about a variety of trees in a question/answer session with a ranger.

Meet at the visitor center auditorium. For more information call 853-5375.

Christmas on Farm at KM State Park

Christmas on the Farm will be held Saturday, Dec. 13 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Living History Farm at Kings Mountain State Park.

The program is free with park admission. No registration is required.

The event will include an afternoon of music, story telling, blacksmithing and customs of the rural upcountry farmers. Their Christmas costumes were very different from today. They were very simple and sometimes they didn't even celebrate the holiday. Refreshments will be served.

Child care workshop set

Child Care Connections will hold a seminar on "Quality Child Care - What Parents Should Know" Thursday, Oct. 30 from 12-1 p.m. and repeated from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Call 487-7778 to pre-register. Attendees can take a sandwich, if desired.

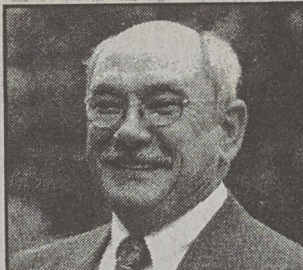
The seminar will be held in the conference room at Child Care Connection's office at 5 East Marion St., Shelby.

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