

OBITUARIES

VELMA NASH
KINGS MOUNTAIN -
Velma Ruth Mulligan Nash, 84, formerly of Greenville, SC, died November 30, 2003 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Anderson County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Andrew F. Sr. and Willie Pauline Elrod Mullikin and wife of the late George Rudolph Nash.

She was a member of Woodside Baptist Church, and a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Ellison and husband Larry of Kings Mountain; granddaughters Becki Ellison of Greenville, SC and Beth Sellers and husband Rodney of Kings Mountain; great grandchildren Dendy and Ellison Brooks of Greenville, SC and Hogan and Wil Sellers of Kings Mountain; great grandchild Daven Brooks of Greenville, SC; and brother Jack Mulligan of Greer, SC.

She was predeceased by three sisters, Mildred Mulligan Wyatt, Elizabeth Mulligan, Sybil Mulligan Gravelly; and two brothers, Mack Mullikin and Rev. Andrew Milligan.

The funeral was held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Thomas McAfee Funeral Home Downtown, Greenville, SC. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

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

LAWRENCE BENNETT
KINGS MOUNTAIN -
Lawrence "Tib" Bennett, 75, 1000 Brookwood Drive, died November 25, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Henry Wilson and Birdie Lynn Bennett. He was also preceded in death by brothers Jack Donald Bennett, Luther Bennett, and Henry W. Bennett, and sisters Lois Bennett Rikard and Louise Bennett Elgin.

He was a lifetime member of Grace United Methodist Church, where he served as superintendent of Sunday School for many years, financial secretary, Administration Board, trustee, and choir member. He was retired from BellSouth and was a member of the BellSouth Pioneers. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Colene Martin Bennett of Kings Mountain; son Scott Bennett and wife Barbara of Orlando, FL; daughter Reta Ramirez and husband Jesus of Panama City, FL; sisters-in-law Linda B. Bennett and Dorothy B. Bennett, both of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren, Michael Bennett and Gregory Bennett of Orlando, FL and Lauren Ramirez, Andrea Ramirez and Brandon Ramirez of Panama City, FL.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Dale Swofford and Dean Smith at 2 p.m. Friday at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 830 Church Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NANCY DANIELSON
APOPKA, FL - Nancy Allen Danielson died November 30, 2003.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Irvin M. Allen Sr. and the late Matilde Weathers Allen. She was retired from South Bell Telephone Co.

She was preceded in death by brothers J. Haywood Allen Sr. and George H. Allen of Shelby, Irvin N. Allen Jr. of Kings Mountain,

and Aaron M. Allen of Warrenton; sister Virginia A. Drake of Gastonia; and daughter Marion Hord Johnson of Orlando, FL.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Harry Danielson; and grandson, Ryan Hritz of the home; brother Wylie Allen of Kings Mountain; sisters Betty A. Deveny and Barbara A. Bridges of Kings Mountain, and Adelaide A. Hamrick and Freida A. Hawkins of Shelby.

A private memorial service was held in Apopka.

CARVETH WELLS
KINGS MOUNTAIN -
Richard Carveth Wells, 64, 139 Wells Road, died November 27, 2003 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Wayne and Leona McDaniel Wells.

He was retired from Western Auto and a member of Faith Ablaze Four Square Gospel Church. He was retired from the N.C. National Guard after 27 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Faye Jones Wells of Kings Mountain; sons Scott Wells of Kings Mountain and Rev. Robert Wells and wife Rhonda of Gaffney, SC; god son Christopher Jones of Kings Mountain; daughter Sandra Hall and husband Darryll of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren Holly Hall, Ryan Hall, Richie Wells of the home, and Nathan Wells and wife Brandy.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bill Maze and Robert Wells at 3 p.m. Sunday at Faith Ablaze Four Square Gospel Church. Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Faith Ablaze Four Square Gospel Church, 1128 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ERASTUS GREENE SR.
SHELBY - Erastus Francis "Rass" Greene Sr., 87, 115 Ralph Greene Road, died November 27, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late L. Ralph Greene Sr. and Ada Fowler Greene and brother of the late John L. Greene and Ralph Greene Jr.

He was retired from Daniels Construction Company and was also a retired carpenter and farmer. He was a member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret Mode Greene of Shelby; daughter and her husband, Helen G.

Crawford and Gene of Charlotte; sons and daughters-in-law, John K. Greene and Betty of Vernon, AL, E.F. "Shorty" Greene and Judy of Polkville, and Steve E. Greene and Kathy of Tarboro; sisters and their husbands Lillian and Sod Floyd of Lattimore, Annette Cook and Ernest of Greensboro, Charlene Allen of Kings Mountain, Vera Weathers of Shelby, Docia Clary of Greensboro, Lea Smith of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Blanch Walker of Boiling Springs, and Joanne Luckadoo of Nashville; sister-in-law Skeets Greene of York, SC; 12 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Paul Sorrels and Rev. Ken Pruitt at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 123 Beaver Dam Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

BROOKE PAYSOUR
GASTONIA - Brooke Caroline Paysour, 16, 137 Melody Drive, died November 24, 2003.

She was a junior at East Gaston High School and was an active member of First Baptist Church in Stanley, where she participated in two church events this summer, "World Changers," where she worked locally with other young people and adults to make home repairs, and "Centrifuge," a gathering of young people in Panama, FL.

She is survived by her mother and step father, Dana Dover and Stan Herriman of Gastonia; father Dean Paysour II and fiancée Deborah Lewis of Cleveland County; step father Steve Hinson of Dallas; maternal grandparents, Ron and Gale Dover of Bessemer City; maternal great grandmother Rosella Dover of Kings Mountain; paternal grandparents Dean and Faye Paysour of Shelby; paternal great grandparents Earsie and Don Wood and George and Sally Paysour, all of Kings Mountain; paternal great great grandmother Louise Allen of Kings Mountain; sister Emily Paysour of Cleveland County; brother Joshua Hinson of Gastonia; step sisters Beneth and Caitlin Herriman of Gastonia; and step brothers Brad Hinson of Dallas and Neil Herriman of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ron Caulder at 11 a.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church in Stanley. Interment was in Bessemer City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the World Changers Scholarship Fund, c/o First Baptist Church, 409 Old Highway 27, Stanley, NC 28164.

Woodlawn Funeral Home of Mt. Holly was in charge of arrangements.

BILL HANNAH
KINGS MOUNTAIN -
Charles William "Bill" Hannah, 55, 931 Church Street, died Saturday, November 29, 2003 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury.

A native of Greenville, SC, he was the son of the late David Luther and Bonnie Terry Hannah. He was also preceded in death by brothers David Hannah Jr., Elmer Clayton Hannah and Jeffrey Thomas Hannah.

He was a retired paramedic, having worked in Kings Mountain, Wilmington and Charleston, SC. He was a member of Harvest Baptist Church. He served in the United States Marines.

He is survived by his sister, Bonnie H. Lawson of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. James Williams at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Harvest Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 362, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WILBURN HAMRICK
KINGS MOUNTAIN -
Wilburn Bryant Hamrick, 93, 24 Bennett Drive, died December 29, 2003 at his son's residence in Kings Mountain.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Brice and Ida Morrison Hamrick. He was a textile supervisor, used car dealer and former owner of Dixie Cab of Kings Mountain. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his sons, Gilbert "Pee Wee" Hamrick and wife Shirley, and Kenneth B. Hamrick and wife Brenda, all of Kings Mountain; daughter Mona Scism and husband Jack of Kings Mountain; daughter-in-law, Mary Neal Hamrick of Spencer Mountain; brother Clyde Hamrick of Gastonia; sister Hattie Stewart of Gastonia; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Mary Jane Cook Hamrick; sons Virgil and William H. Hamrick; sisters Essie Bingham and Bessie Parker; and brother Junior Morrison.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tim Hendricks at 2 p.m. Monday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel, Bessemer City. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ETHEL GWINN
KINGS MOUNTAIN -
Ethel Wilson Gwinn, 83, of White Oak Manor, died November 25, 2003.

A native of Spindale, she was the daughter of the late David Preston and Hattie Boyd Wilson and wife of the late Gordon Gwinn. She was also preceded in death by her sister Dorothy Wilson Spivey, and brothers Clarence Wilson, Frank Wilson, and William Wilson.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Woodruff, SC, and was a retired floral designer.

She is survived by her sisters, Thelma Wilson Murphree of Kings Mountain and Hazel Hicks and husband Fred of Granite Falls; brother-in-law Steve Murphree of Kings Mountain; special friend Linda Jackson of Kings Mountain; and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Mike Chambers and David Fambrough at 11 a.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KARLA VAN DUSEN
RICHARD VAN DUSEN

TIERRA VERDE, FL -
Mrs. Karla Smith Van Dusen, 49, and Richard Van Dusen, 58, of Tierra Verde, FL and Spartanburg, SC, died November 26, 2003.

Karla was a native of Kings Mountain. She was the daughter of Billie Farris of Shelby and Kyle Smith of Kings Mountain. She was an independent court reporter who worked in Florida and Spartanburg and the founder and former owner of Freelance Reporting Services in Spartanburg. She was a member of the Children's Hospital Clown Ministries, received various achievements in her profession and was a member of the Reidville Road United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her son, Dr. James V. "Jay" Myers III of Charlotte; brothers and their spouses, Michael and Charlyne Smith of Youngsville, NC, Mark and Beth Smith of Kings Mountain, and Lee Farris of Shelby; nephew and niece Paul and Kimberlee Farris of Shelby; and her step mother, Mikie Baity of Kings Mountain.

Richard is survived by his parents, John and Esther Van Dusen; two daughters, three grandchildren and siblings from Florida, Alabama and New York.

The funeral for Richard will be held in Florida.

The funeral for Karla was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 3 at Reidville Road United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, SC. Burial was in Westwood Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Medical University of South Carolina Children's Hospital Fund, P.O. Box 250201, Charleston, SC 29425 (1-800-810-MUSC).

J.F. Floyd Mortuary North Church Street Chapel, Spartanburg, SC, was in charge of arrangements.

To the editor,
We would like to let the citizens of Kings Mountain know how fortunate we are to have a great hospital. Just because our hospital isn't as large as some of these hospitals in larger cities, some people think to get good service, you have to go to larger hospitals. But have you ever thought of great things coming in small packages? Several weeks ago my husband, Don McAfee was admitted to the Kings Mountain Hospital by his doctor E.B. Thombs with a bad and irregular heartbeat. He was in the ICU unit for 2 weeks. Talking about a great facility! This place is it! Dr. Thombs, ICU nurses, technicians and everyone who took care of him was fantastic. They treated him as if he was the only patient there and that is how they treat everyone of their patients. This hospital has the very best equipment to treat their patients, along with the greatest staff. The love, care, compassion and knowledge these doctors, nurses & staff and everyone employed at Kings Mountain Hospital have for their patients is the greatest. There may be bigger hospitals that have more equipment than we have, but someday we may be the best. Think about it! If you have to ever need a hospital try Kings Mountain Hospital. You won't regret it. Don is out of the hospital doing good with the help from God, Dr. Thombs, Dr. Andreou, all the ICU nurses & all the staff. Thanks for the visits, cards and prayers from all, our pastor Rev. Robert Haynes & wife Wanda & all the churches, love ones and friends and relatives. God bless all of you, Helen & Don McAfee, 200 Fairview St, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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