

OBITUARIES

LARRY OLIVER

POLKVILLE - Lawrence "Larry" Howard Oliver, 48, 3349 Charlie Elliott Road, died December 25, 2003 at his home.

He was a native of Muscogee County, GA. He was employed as a machinist with E-Flex. He was a member of Lawndale Masonic Lodge #486. He was active in the Cleveland County Relay for Life and was a member of the Cleveland Ambulatory Team. He was a member of Christopher Road Baptist Church.

He is survived by his father, Floyd C. Horn of Polkville; mother Peggy Davis Horn of Polkville; son Floyd Coleman Oliver of New House; brother and sister-in-law Buddy and Kathy W. Oliver of Alabama; sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth and Tim Russ of Casar; special friends Gail Bettis and Amelia Gant of Casar; nephews Ernest Oliver III, Jared Oliver and Philip Russ of Casar; and niece Kristin Russ of Casar.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Doug Pruett and Chris Sanders at 3 p.m. Sunday at Christ Covenant Church North. Burial was in Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to ACS/Relay for Life of Cleveland County, 500 E. Morehead St. Suite 211, Charlotte, NC 28202, Stamey Funeral Home, Fallston, was in charge of arrangements.

MARTHA SEWELL

SHELBY - Mrs. Martha Lee Smith Sewell, 73, 1527 Metcalf Road, died December 22, 2003 at her home.

She was the daughter of the late John Anderson and Millie Jones Smith. She was also preceded in death by her son Marvin Sewell.

She was a homemaker and retired from Magnavox in Johnson City, TN. She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by her husband, Aaron Joshua Sewell of the home; daughters Annas Sayers of Memphis, TN, Marchelle Allen of Gastonia, Tina Bardliving of Lawndale and Stacey Sewell of Gastonia; sons Eddie Sewell of Kings Mountain and Eric Sewell of Johnson City, TN; sister Phyllis Simpson of New York; special niece Shirley Leggett of Glen Birney, MD; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Ron Brooks Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

LIB AMOS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Elizabeth "Lib" Holland Amos, 79, 409 Edgemont Drive, died December 28, 2003 at Hospice of Wendover.



A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Paul R. and Ruby Smith Holland and wife of the late James E. Amos. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Col. Paul R. Holland.

She was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church and a graduate of the University of North Carolina. She was co-owner of Little Moo Dairy Barn, Kings Mountain, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Jim Amos Jr. of Mililani, HI; daughter Suzanne Holland Amos of Seneca, SC; and granddaughter Michele Glymph of Seneca, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Petersen at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Boyce Memorial ARP Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMIE JOHNSTON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jamie Darrin Johnston, 28, 101 Wade Drive, died December 27, 2003 at his home.

He was employed by Friendly Billiards in Kings



Mountain.

He is survived by his parents, Dean and Robbin Camp Goins of Kings Mountain; brothers Steven Johnston of Kings Mountain and Keith Goins of Columbus, GA; sisters Erica Johnston of Kings Mountain and Tabitha Hollins of Gaffney, SC; and nephew Steven Johnston of Patterson Springs.

The funeral was conducted by Shawn Wease at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELLA PARRISH

SHELBY - Mrs. Ella Mae Blanton Parrish, 79, 1201 Ridgmont Avenue, died December 26, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Dwella Link Grant and Jessie Burgess

Grant and wife of the late William Carlie Parris. She was also preceded in death by her stepmother, Ruby Carpenter Bridges Grant, and her daughter Patricia L. Wright and her husband R. Steven Wright.

She is survived by her daughters and their husbands, Suzanne B. Ivie and R.N. "Butch" Ivie III of Shelby and Sondra Faye Blanton Morales of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Melissa J. Ivie of Charlotte, Jennifer N. McSwain and Travis N. Ivie of Shelby; Johnny Burns of Charlotte; and Crystal Burns, Josh Worthy and Ronald Steven Wright Jr. of Kings

Mountain; eight great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Dorothy L. Curry of Charlotte, Wanda F. Getty and Barbara Lail of Shelby, Dwella Samuel Grant of Weatherford, TX and Jack Grant of Montana; stepbrothers and stepsisters, Charles Gene Bridges of Florida, Patricia B. McSwain and Jane B. Venter of Shelby; half brothers, William A. Grant of Asheville and D. Randolph "Randy" Grant of Polkville.

The funeral was conducted by pastor Neal Ebird at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel. Interment was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE T. OLIVER

ROCK HILL, SC - Willie T. Oliver, 85, 1090 Chandler Drive, died December 21, 2003 at his residence.

A native of Jackson County, GA, he was the son of the late C.R. Oliver and the late Lilla Mae Tucker Oliver. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Teresa Marie Oliver.

He was retired from Bowater Corporation with 17 years of service. He was a former member of the Frank Roach American Legion Post 34 and the Rock Hill Moose Lodge. He was a member of Mount Gallant Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Nellie Patterson Oliver of the home; sons Jerome Oliver of Rock Hill, SC and Roger P. Oliver of Sharon, SC; daughters Judy Wilson, Linda Kay Davis and Tina O. Carter, all of Rock Hill, SC; brothers Charles Oliver, Elbert Oliver and Don A. Oliver, all of Kings Mountain; sisters Peggy Jackson of Kings Mountain and Patricia Caison of North Myrtle Beach, SC; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Joey Nelson and James Garner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23 at Greene Funeral Home Northwest Chapel. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Blacksburg, SC.

Memorials may be made to Hospice & Community Care, Inc., P.O. Box 993, Rock Hill, SC 29731.

Greene Funeral Home Northwest Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

DEWEY E. GRIGG

BESSEMER CITY - Dewey Earnest Grigg, 63, 123 Sunset Lane, died December 28, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Floyd Earnest and Mary Sansing Grigg. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Mason Grigg, and brother Floyd Edwin Grigg.

He was formerly employed by Foote Mineral Co., Cablevision and the City of Kings Mountain. He was a member of Moose Lodge #1303 in Gastonia and American Legion Post 243 in Bessemer City.

He is survived by his son, Jeffrey Grigg of Charlotte; daughter Lynn Poston and husband Tim of Kings Mountain; granddaughter, Savannah Poston of Kings Mountain; brother, Everette Ray Grigg and wife Doris of Kings Mountain; sister-in-law Vickie Grigg of Bessemer City; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by the Jerry Jerry Milwood at 12 noon Tuesday at Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gaston Hospice, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JACK S. WELLS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jack S. Wells, 71, 316 Fulton Drive, died December 24, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Hunter and Lighttal Herndon Wells. He was also preceded in death by sisters Virginia Wells Blalock and Alton Wells Herndon.

He was retired from the textile industry and was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He is survived by his stepdaughter, Carolyn Greene-Tessner; brother Lee Mac Wells of Shelby; sisters Betty Falls and Margaret Wise of Kings Mountain; and granddaughter Caroline Tessner.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Blanton at 2 p.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church Building Fund, 1017 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HAZEL DOWNS

SHELBY - Hazel Killian Downs, 75, 934 West Warren St., Apt. D-3, died December 26, 2003 at her niece's home.

A native of Gibsonville, she was the daughter of the late Earl and Geneva Shelton. She was also predeceased by her husband David Downs, brothers Calvin Coolidge Killian and William Shelton, and sisters Della Hixon, Ella Mae

Sherrill, Patricia Duncan and Helen Hyatt.

She was a homemaker and care giver. She was a member of Royster Avenue Church of God.

She is survived by her son, Eugene Killian of Charlotte; brother Ernel Shelton of Kings Mountain; and 18 nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. C.L. Peterson at 2 p.m. Sunday at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

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

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELLEASE BROWN

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ellease Ford Brown, 79, 504 Bridges Drive, died December 25, 2003 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Vernon and Blanche Ford. She was also preceded in death by her son-in-law, Barry Walker.

She was a member of First Wesleyan Church where she was a member and former secretary of the Ladies Bible Class. She was retired from Belk's Department Store, Shelby.

She is survived by her husband, Elvin Brown of Kings Mountain; sons Robert Garrison Putnam Jr. and wife Shirley of Lincolnton, Elvin Edward Brown and wife Delores of Ft. Richie, FL, and Mike Brown and wife Cindy of Kings Mountain; daughters Carlotta Walker of Lincolnton, Jan B. Deaton and husband Clarence of Kings Mountain, and Liz Hill and husband J.C. of Kings Mountain; sister Nell Ford of Cherryville; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Don Williams at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Wesleyan Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to White Oak Manor "Alzheimer's Unit," 716 Sipes Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT McCUTCHEON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Robert Talmadge McCutcheon, 81, died December 22, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital. A native of Union County, SC, he was the son of the late A.B. and Emma Willard McCutcheon.

He was retired from textiles and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Smith McCutcheon of Kings Mountain; daughters Doris McGinnis and Angie McCutcheon of Kings Mountain; stepson William Knox of Grover; stepdaughters Louise Eng and Marie Helmes of Kings Mountain; sister Mary Joe Young of Union, SC; brother James R.

McCutcheon of Dallas; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Saturday at True Gospel Holiness Church.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

RUTH K. GOFORTH

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth K. Goforth, 86, of White Oak Manor, died December 25, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Daniel "Dock" Kimbrell and Addie Gantt Kimbrell Turner. She was also preceded in death by her husband, T. Blease Goforth; daughter Martha Frances Wilson; granddaughter Stella Wilson; and sister Margaret Wentworth.

She was a former Central Supply Technician for Gaston Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, Jerry D. Wilson and wife Carol of Cartersville, GA; daughters Linda W. Smith of Grover and Thelma G. Houser of Kings Mountain; special niece Mazie Chauvan; grandchildren Lisa Starry, Susan Rice, Charles Houser, Teresa Wilson, Ronnie Wilson and David Wilson; and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Larry G. Johnson Sr. at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 1229 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 109, Charlotte, NC 28204 or to the American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28202.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SAM WYATT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Samuel James Wyatt, 65, 7250 Ray Street, died December 24, 2003 at his home.

A native of Haywood County, he was the son of the late Frank and Martha Price Wyatt.

He was a machinist and was retired from St. Joe Container Corporation, Charlotte, after 23 years of service.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Reba Woody; sons Jim Stiles of Belmont and Mike Hull and wife Betty of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Richard Williams at 3 p.m. Saturday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel, Bessemer City. Interment was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

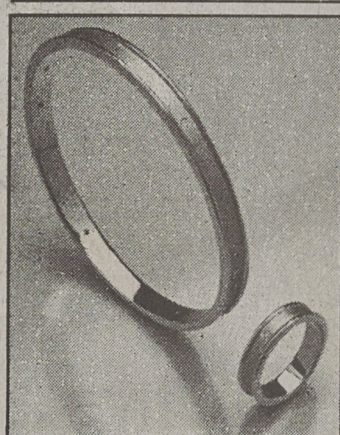
Pallbearers were Claude Gibson, Rusty Ellis, Max Crabtree, Randy Lovelace, Norris Woody and Berry Woody.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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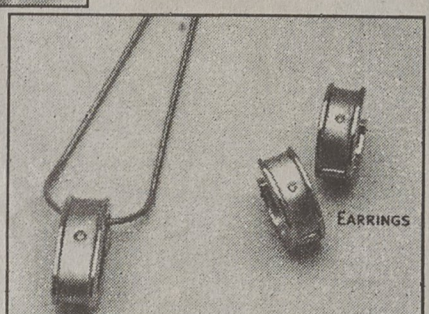
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Due to the New Year holiday our following newspaper offices:
Belmont Banner/Mount Holly News
132 N. Main Street, Belmont
Cherryville Eagle
107 1/2 E. Main Street, Cherryville
Kings Mountain Herald
284-1 E. King Street, Kings Mountain
will be closed on Thursday, January 1. Our offices will reopen Friday, January 2 on regular hours. Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Have a wonderful & safe holiday season.

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KM School Board to meet Monday

Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education has changed its scheduled January 12 meeting to January 5 at 7 p.m. at the Central office, 105 East Ridge Street.

The meeting is open to the public.

One agenda item is an update on the proposed merger of the Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County school systems. The Department of Justice is expected to make a decision on the merger by Monday, January 12. If the DOJ clears the merger, KMDS can appeal to the U.S. District Court in Washington, DC but school officials and their lawyers

have not indicated if they would do that.

If the DOJ clears the merger and Kings Mountain does not take the matter to the U.S. District Court, the merger will go into effect and KMDS and Shelby City Schools will cease to exist and become a part of Cleveland County Schools. Also on the agenda is a report from John Goforth, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum, and discussions of the ROTC program, energy education, student transfers, personnel, and substitute teacher additions.

A closed session is scheduled at the end of the meeting.