



ANDIE BRYMER / HERALD

Maxine Bennett, right, helps cancer survivor Barbara Adams put her hand print and name on a banner during Relay for Life.

RELAY

From 1A

"A lot of the money has not been turned in because of the rain," Whitesides said.

Scheduled to finish at 11 a.m. Saturday, officials called the event at 8 a.m. Rain began at 1:45 a.m., according to Whitesides.

"You have to do what's in the best interest of the walkers," she said.

Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey welcomed a crowd of around 1,000 during Friday night's opening ceremonies.

"We have a lot of good volunteers in Kings Mountain," Murphrey said.

Both his wife Sandra Murphrey and his father are cancer survivors.

Rev. Chip Sloane of First Baptist Church led the opening prayer, remembered friends who had died from cancer and noted improvements made in treatment of the disease.

Cindy Roberts sang the national anthem.

"Overall it went very, very good," Whitesides said. "The prettiest thing was the luminary service with 'hope' spelled out on the hill."

The luminaries are purchased in memory and honor of people dealing with cancer.

Teams representing churches, businesses, families, friends and the City of Kings Mountain set up tents and campers, sold food and sponsored fundraising activities while bands played on stage.

Survivors gathered under a tent at the entrance to the walking track. Dorus Bennett was among those.

"I come out like the rest, to fight cancer. The main idea is to get all the money we can for research," he said.

Proceeds also benefit local programs which assist individuals with cancer.

BRYSON

From 1A

While some disabled individuals work in sheltered programs, Hall likes getting Bryson out in the community. Hall says Bryson and his parents are proud of the work he is doing.

Bryson admits his favorite part of the arrangement is earning a paycheck. Before this job, he had no spending money.

Bryson works between three and four two-hour shifts each week. Hall is helping him set up a checking account. He's saving to

purchase a cell phone.

Bryson's co-workers and most of the passing motorists have given Bryson a warm welcome. One young woman stopped to tell Bryson she was proud of him.

"That made him smile ear to ear," Hall said.

Bryson works afternoons and evenings and attends North Shelby High School weekday mornings.

When they're not working, Bryson and Hall spend time visiting the library, going to the movies and attending Wednesday night services at True Gospel Holiness Church.

OBITUARIES

VANCE R. STROUP

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Vance R. Stroup, 83, 213 Phifer Circle, died Thursday, April 29, 2004 at Wendover



STROUP

Hospice Unit in Shelby. A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William L. and Jessie Jenkins Stroup. He was

also preceded in death by his brother, Earl Stroupe, and sister Elva Bellamy.

He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and was retired from Fiber Industries. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah McDaniel Stroup of the home; sons Barry Stroupe and wife Barbara, and Ronnie Stroupe and wife Marilyn, all of Kings Mountain; daughter Annie Belle Shouse and husband Phil of Watkinsville, GA; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Blanton at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or to the Building Fund, Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1017 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES SHORT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles Leo Short, 59, 176



SHORT

Reep Road, died April 30, 2004 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mack

Floyd Short and Beulah Cleo Hamm Short. He was a member of Lighthouse Worship Center and was an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Jill McCurry Short; sons Charles Short, Kevin Short and Donnie Dixon; daughters Patsy Cochran, Karen Smith, Traci Black and Bonnie Parker; sisters Becky Childers and Mackie Ruff; and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Darrell Alexander at 2 p.m. Monday at Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel.

Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

MALLIE PARKER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mallie Ramsey Parker, 86, 1030 Dick Elam Road, died Sunday, May 2, 2004 at Cleveland Regional Medical



PARKER

Center, Shelby. A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Sidney Lee and Fannie Bell Campbell Ramsey.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Bill Robbs; daughters Elizabeth Mullinax and Shirley Staggs; brothers Crawford Ramsey, Carl Ramsey, Clifford Ramsey and Frank Ramsey; and sisters Elsie R. Morrow, Ethel R. Carter and Mary R. Smith.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and dedicated to community service, retired from Hamrick Industries in Kings Mountain, and was a member of El Bethel United Methodist Church, the Tuesday Morning Circle of the church, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Noble S. Parker of the home; sons Jim Robbs and wife Midge of Mooresville, Johnny Parker and wife Judy of Charlotte, David Parker and wife Sarah of Kings Mountain; brother Carmen Monroe Ramsey of Bostic; sister Sallie Lou Faulk of Charleston, SC; grandchildren Amy Robbs of Mooresville, Christy Jones and husband Jonathan of Salt Lake City, Utah, Debbie Mathis and husband George of Raleigh, Kenny Staggs and wife Valria of Florida, Ginger Parker of Charlotte, Todd Mullinax and wife Lynne of Shelby, Tony Mullinax and wife Mellisa of Waco, Cindy Cooke and husband Kevin, Natasha Yarbro and husband Gary, Matt Parker and Tim Mullinax, all of Kings Mountain; and 11 great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bruce Hobson at 11 a.m. Wednesday at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church Building Fund, 122 El Bethel Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. He was employed by James River Paper Co. before his retirement.

He was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church. He taught Sunday School and served as Sunday School Superintendent. He served 13 years on the Ashwaubenon School Board.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Johnsen Black; sons and daughter-in-law, Larry Black, Craig Black and special friend Jayne Huven, and Kevin (Michelle) Black; daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Don McNeill; grandchildren Nikki, Barney K II and Casey Rae Black; Katy, Alex and Brad McNeill; and Sam and Logan Black; step-grandson Alex Vandenhoeven; brother and sisters-in-law, Houston (Virginia) Black and Mildred Black; and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Earl Vorpapel III at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Lyndahl Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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He was a member of Central Baptist Church and was a retired packer with Rock Hill Printing & Finishing, Rock Hill, SC. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II.

He was a member of Philanthropic Masonic Lodge #32 where he was twice a Past Master, and also a Past Worthy Patron of Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth B. Jonas of York; son M. Gadsden Jonas Jr. of York; daughters Nancy A. Dickson of York and Nellie J. Pittman of York; brothers D.L. Jonas of Lexington, NC and William G. Jonas of Rockwell, NC; sisters Loraine Jonas of Kings Mountain and Louise J. Lynn of Kings Mountain; grandchildren John T. Dickson Jr., Tami D. Gibby, Damon K. Pittman, Derek K. Pittman, C. Brent Jonas, Meredith J. Clinton and Stephanie A. Jonas; and great grandchildren Dustin Cape, Mallory Cape, Pete Jonas, Helena Jonas and Colin Clinton.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Coyt Auten and Scott Cobb at 11 a.m. Thursday at Central Baptist Church. Interment will be in Lakeview Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 110 Ross Cannon St., York, SC 29745 or Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 993, Rock Hill, SC 29731.

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BOBBIE FAUCETTE

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bobbie Barnhardt Faucette, 76, 704 Marion Street, died May 4, 2004 at her home.

A native of Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late Clarence Wade and Catherine Ellen Barrier Barnhardt and wife of the late Melvin Clark Faucette. She was also preceded in death by her son, Melvin Clark Faucette Jr., and sister Berlie Deal.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She was a graduate of the nursing school at Rowan Memorial Hospital in 1946, and she was a labor and delivery nurse for 40 years.

She is survived by her sons Wesley Wade Faucette, Lee Welch Faucette and wife Tamara of Lenoir, and John David Faucette and wife Tammy of Kings Mountain; daughter Pam Faucette Huffling and husband Harold of Standfield; sister Pat Barrier Cooper of China Grove; 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Dale Swofford at 11 a.m. Friday at Grace United Methodist Church. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

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

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

COUNTY

From 1A

my best to keep the tax rate as low as possible and still provide services to our citizens," he wrote in a press release issued that same day.

He went on to praise the working relationship between the current commissioners. Bridges advocates more support of law enforcement and stricter video poker controls. Zoning also needs more work, he wrote.

Hutchins, a 57-year-old Republican, could not be reached at press time. He filed on Monday.

Will Troutman, a 28-year-old Shelby Republican, Robin Hendrick, a 48-year-old Shelby Democrat and Fast Freddie Ellis, a 62-year-old Lawndale Democrat, have also filed.

Republican incumbent Tim Moore, 33, of Kings Mountain is facing off against Kathryn Hamrick, a 57-year-old Democrat from Shelby, for the 111th State House seat.

Filing ends Friday.

TOWER

From 1A

designed the bell tower base. Styers' mentor, Shelby architect Bob Smith, has also helped with the project.

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Jacob Camps, 5, watches other youth participate in the fishing for a cure fundraiser during Relay for Life.

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