

OBITUARIES

SARA IVEY GEORGE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sara Ivey George, 82, 408 Scotland Drive, died Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at the Hospice and



Palliative Care, Shelby. She was born in Macon, GA, daughter of the late George and Lillie Osborne Ivey. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Paul, Alton, and Arthur Ivey and sister, Hazel Poteat.

She was a homemaker and member of First Wesleyan Church in Kings Mountain, where she taught the Ruth Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her husband, John I. George Jr. of Kings Mountain; sons Bart, Mark and Myron; daughters-in-law Dianne, Debbie and Joy; grandchildren Greg, David, Katie, Anna, Caleb, and Zachary; great-grandchildren Claire and Railey; and sisters Mildred Parker and Marian Cloninger, both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Don Williams and Dr. John Sloan at 1 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2005 at First Wesleyan Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150 or to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ROY E. MEDLIN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Roy E. Medlin, 56, 341 Oak Grove Road, died December 23, 2005 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Herman and Irene Gaffney Medlin. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. He served in the United States Army and he was an auto mechanic.

He is survived by his brother, James L. Medlin and wife Mary of Sylva; and sisters Janell M. Eng and husband Don of Concord, Judy M. Champion of Monroe, and Elizabeth M. Roberts and husband David of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robbie Moore at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Relay for Life, P.O. Box 856, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MADGE WRIGHT
GROVER - Madge A. Wright, 69, 138 Blackburn Drive, died December 22, 2005 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Roscoe and Nellie Mae Patterson Green. She was a homemaker.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Adam Green at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 24, 2005 at Ollie

Harris Memorial Chapel, Kings Mountain. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

VERA DUNST BECKER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Vera Dunst Becker, 72, 135 Persimmon Creek Road, died December 23, 2005 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.



A native of Milwaukee, WI, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Carl G. Dunst and Anne Megna Dunst. She was a member of

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain. She was a part-time employee of H & R Block, Kings Mountain. She was an avid bridge player. She was a devoted wife of 52 years. She was a loving mother, caring sister, and friend to many. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

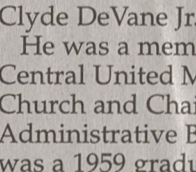
She is survived by her husband, Dale F. Becker of Kings Mountain; son Frederick C. Becker and wife Becky of Gastonia; daughter Dr. Gretchen A. Becker of Malibu, CA; brothers Karl Dunst of Campbellsport, WI, George Dunst of Madison, WI and Jerome Dunst of Polson, MT; sister Anne DeLeo of Wauwatosa, WI; and grandchildren Kelsey K. Becker of Gastonia and Dylan Karl Becker of Malibu, CA.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ken Killikin at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CARL B. DeVANE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Carl B. DeVane, 68, 1308 Wales Road, died December 21, 2005 at Hospice at Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Florence, SC, he was the son of the late James Clyde and Thelma Marshall DeVane. He was also preceded in death by his brother, James



Clyde DeVane Jr. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and Chairman of the Administrative Board. He was a 1959 graduate of Clemson University. He was a member and past president of the Kings Mountain Rotary. He was a master mason of Fairview Masonic Lodge and White Plains Shrine Club, Kings Mountain. He served as a Captain in the United States Army. He was a Councilman for the City of Kings Mountain for six years, serving Ward 5, and he was Mayor Pro-Tem for two years. He was a retired textile manager.

He is survived by his wife,

Barbara Hill DeVane of Kings Mountain; son David B. DeVane and wife Kim G. of Kings Mountain; daughter Leanne DeVane Martin and husband Steve of Santa Fe, NM; brother William C. DeVane and wife Dotty of Florence, SC; sister-in-law Barbara Keese DeVane of Florence, SC; and two grandchildren, Camden B. DeVane and Casey G. DeVane.

A memorial service was conducted by the Revs. Janice Combs and Ken Killikin at 11 a.m. Friday, December 23, 2005 at Central United Methodist Church. A Masonic graveside service was held at 10 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 113 South Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; Hospice and Palliative Care, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby, NC 28150; or Carolinas Neuromuscular-ALS Center, c/o Carolinas Medical Center, P.O. Box 32861, Charlotte, NC 28232.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOYCE BUCKNER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Joyce Downey Buckner, 60, 1243 Phifer Road, died December 21, 2005 at



Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late James Willie Downey and Hattie Hoyle Downey. She was also preceded in death by brothers Jimmy Downey and Richard Downey, and sisters Barbara Downey Black and Joan Downey Smith.

She was a member of Bethea Methodist Church, Bessemer City. She was retired from BellSouth, Gastonia, after 30 years of service. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

She is survived by her husband, Chester Norman Buckner of Kings Mountain; daughters Lisa Buckner Haas and husband Wesley of Fallston, and Suzie Buckner Bolin and husband Brandon of Kings Mountain; brothers Butch Downey and wife Diane of Bessemer City, and Buck Downey and wife Shirley of Bessemer City; sister Marelene Downey Childers and husband Sam of Cherryville; three grandchildren Kaitlyn Bolin, Haven Haas and Brandi Haas; and one grandchild on the way.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eddie Gray at 3 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2005 at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DEBRA SISK
GROVER - Debra Lingerfelt Sisk, 37, 204 M.H. Camp Highway, died December 24, 2005 at her home.



She was a native of Gaston County. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Ruby Lingerfelt, and her maternal grandparents, George and Sunnie Wright.

She was an employee of Cleveland County Schools, where she was a teacher assistant at North Shelby School. She was a member of Power of the Spirit Church in Belmont, where she served as a Board member, a member of the choir and was a Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin E. Sisk of Grover; son Travis Sisk of the home; daughters Becky Marie Sisk and Amber Lynn Sisk, both of the home; father Carl Lingerfelt Jr. of Gastonia; mother Patricia McAbee of Kings Mountain; paternal grandfather Carl Lingerfelt Sr. of Gastonia; brothers Jimmy Lingerfelt of Shelby and Aaron Bradley of Kings Mountain; sisters Linda Lingerfelt of Shelby, Christy Rutherford of Grover, Suzanne Pereira of Kings Mountain, Jennifer Lingerfelt of Cherryville and Audrey Lingerfelt of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Blackwell at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LAURA HOUSER
BLACKSBURG, SC - Laura Jane "Lib" Burton Houser, 305 Houser Road, Antioch Community of Blacksburg, died December 22, 2005 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Kings Mountain, she was the wife of Willie Henry Houser of the home. She was the daughter of the late John Harper and Laura Goforth Burton.

She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and Bethel Senior Day Care.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Vernon Craig at 3 p.m. Friday at Antioch Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bethel Senior Day Care, 218 Dr. L.M. Rosemond Lane, Gaffney, SC 29340.

White Columns of Blacksburg was in charge of arrangements.

MAMIE S. TESSENER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mamie S. Tesseneer, 94, died Monday, December 26, 2005 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was born in Lincoln County on April 8, 1911. She was preceded in death by both parents; mother, Cora Mae Sigmon; husband A.F. Tesseneer; daughter Margie Swanson; brothers Luther "Bill" Eli Sigmon; Coves and Jake Sigmon; and sisters, Beatrice Sigmon and Tannie Ware.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Edward Humphreys of Kings Mountain, Marilyn and Buddy Smith Sr. of Charlotte, Susie and Jerry Morris of Salisbury, and Joyce Tesseneer of Kings Mountain; eight grandchildren, Frank Humphreys, Teresa McElroy, Joseph Swanson, Dana Orban, Mindy Oldknow, Kyle Morris, Buddy Smith Jr. and Chris Morris; and eight great grandchildren, Michael Humphreys, Jordan Humphreys, Carolina McElroy, Paul McElroy IV, Joshua Wood, Victoria Wood, Gabrielle Morris and Sophia Smith.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Boyce Huffstetler at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jukes Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements were handled by Greene Funeral Service-West Chapel, Gastonia.

ELIZABETH McDANIEL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Elizabeth Leigh McDaniel, 80, 1517 Phifer Road, died December 27, 2005 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Martin William and Cansas Harmon Leigh. She was also preceded in death by brothers Jim Leigh, Herbert Leigh and Howard Leigh and sister Lucy Lockridge.

She attended Bethlehem Baptist Church. She was retired from the textile industry and she was employed with Mulls Greenhouses.

She is survived by her husband, Charles L. McDaniel of Kings Mountain; sisters Eva Moss, Irene Barnette and Betty Jo Carroll, all of Kings Mountain; and brother William Leigh of Shelby.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. David Blanton at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2005 at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Visitation was from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Harris Funeral Home.

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

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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