

# OBITUARIES

## LEE THOMAS ETTERS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lee Thomas Eppers, 75, 804 Henry Street, died March 7, 2006 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Moore County, she was the daughter of the late William Vernon Thomas and Effie Pearl Garris Thomas. She was also preceded in death by half-brothers James F. Thomas and W. Gaylord Thomas, and half-sisters Rennie T. McLean, Glennie T. Long, Pearl T. Blue and Eunice T. Reynolds.

She was retired from Lithium Corporation after 35 years of service as bookkeeper. She was an active member of El Bethel United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Zeb Harold Eppers of Kings Mountain (Mr. Eppers is retired from Carolina Freight after 25 years); sons Harold Dean Eppers and wife Sandy of Kings Mountain and John Richard Eppers and wife Lesia of Kings Mountain; half-brother Bernie Garret Thomas of Kings Mountain; sister Betty Thomas Leonhardt of Gastonia; and five grandchildren, Justin Eppers and wife Beth, Josh Eppers, Meghan Eppers, Johnna Eppers and Caleb Eppers.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bobby Petree and Bruce Hobson at 11 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2006 at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Interment 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 or American Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 999, Charlotte, NC 28215-3220.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## BEATRICE RIPPY WOOD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Beatrice "Josie" Rippey Wood, 94, 308 Fairview Street, died March 11, 2006 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of York, SC, she was the daughter of the late Gilbert and Lousie McDaniel Rippey and wife of the late Rufus Marcus Wood. She was also preceded in death by sons James Wood, Eugene Wood, Richard Wood, and Billy Joe Wood; daughters Martha Sue Rippey, Joyce Hollifield and Nellie Peterson; brothers W.G. Rippey, Oalee Rippey and J.K. Rippey; and sisters Alma Snider and Irene Spurling.

She was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her sons, Clinton Wood and wife Ann, Don Wood and wife Earsie, and Jack Wood, all of Kings Mountain; daughters Irene Bernstein and husband Jim of Kings Mountain, and Darlene Bridges of Kings Mountain; 22 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Land at 2 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## NELLIE TAYLOR TURNER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nell Turner, 88, 100 Coleman Goforth Farm Road, died March 14, 2006 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland county, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Aquilla McSwain Taylor and wife of the late James C. Taylor.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. James Brackett at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## CATHERINE WALLACE EAKER

GROVER - Catherine Wallace Eaker, 81, passed away on March 10, 2006 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.



She was born in Kings Mountain. She was the daughter of the late Daniel Banks Wallace and Elizabeth Hord Wallace. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Marshall "Dick" Eaker, daughter Linda Randolph, grandson Michael Randolph and brother William Wallace.

She was a homemaker and a member of El Bethel United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. She was active at the Kings

Mountain Senior Center where she enjoyed working with ceramics. She was also a lover of animals, including her dog Heidi. Catherine's great will to love deeply, laugh often, and live on her own terms will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her sons, Richard "Dick" Eaker and wife Katherine "Kat" of Charlotte, and Ronnie Eaker and wife Brenda of Grover; sisters Mary Roberts of Lillington, Martha Ward of Greenville, NC and Banks Hart of Mt. Olive; grandchildren Susan Randolph, Michael Eaker and Katherine Eaker; great-grandchildren Brandon Eaker and Jeremy Eaves; and other relatives and friends.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Bobby Petree at 2 p.m. Friday at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation is from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Humane Society, 1609 E. Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150 or to El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## JAMES BAXTER HOBBS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mr. Hobbs 100, of Kings Mountain died in Kings Mountain Hospital on Wednesday, March 8, 2006. He was born in Knoxville, TN, November 22, 1905.

James was a true outdoorsman and equestrian, enjoying skeet shooting and quail hunting. He was the state champion skeet shooter in the fifties and in his later years he also enjoyed gardening. He was a member of Immanuel Reformed Fellowship Church. Mr. Hobbs received the National Ten Commandments Award from the National Clergy Council and the Outstanding Man of Liberty Award, Washington, DC.

Mr. Hobbs was preceded in death by his wife, Edith and sons, James and John Hobbs.

Survivors include his daughter-in-law, Etta Hobbs of Cornelius; grandsons, Joe Kruger and his wife, Joanne of Little River, SC and Rick Kruger and his wife, Beverly of Mooresville, NC; granddaughter Kris Huffstetler and her husband, Bobby of Kings Mountain, NC. Also surviving are his great grandchildren, Hannah Kruger and Davis Huffstetler.

Funeral service for Mr. Hobbs were held in the Dilworth Chapel of Hankins & Whittington on Saturday, March 11, at 2:00 PM with the Reverend Dr. William Allen Church officiating. Interment was in Forest Lawn West Cemetery on Freedom Drive.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Immanuel Reformed Fellowship Church, 506 E. Ridge Street, Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086

Arrangements were in the care of Hankins & Whittington Dilworth Chapel, 1111 East Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina. online www.hankinsandwhittington.com

## PETITION

From 1A

Moore said that soon after the first meeting with property owners March 2 the developers started making changes driven by concerns of residents of the area.

All the houses will be single-family units, some of them in excess of 3,000 square feet with 19 acres of the 119 acres owned by Randy Bates set aside for open space/recreational use.

In the statement supporting the Bates rezoning request, the planning board noted that the better fit for the property is residential use. The statement said the property should be rezoned to encourage owner-occupied housing units as opposed to renter-occupied and that as a new residential development it would be vital to the livability of the community and broaden the range of housing options in

Kings Mountain.

Steve Killian, planning administrator, said strong factual evidence was given to support compliance with the PUD requirements of the zoning ordinance, the city's plan for development and the economic impact of the project which could result in \$6 million in land improvements.

He said there is no moratorium on development on any road in the city. "There is no relationship with Housing and Urban Renewal on this project," he said, noting R-20 classification.

Fields said that the minimum house size would be 1500 square feet exclusive of a two car garage and basement in a price range of \$150,000. "We found that some of the neighbors had a fear of small houses being constructed here and that is not the case," he said. Board member Steve Marlowe said that the Indianapolis-based Mann Properties had

received national awards for high quality homes.

Responding to question of board chairman Jim Childers, Tim Stephens of Indianapolis said the first stage of construction would be 72 to 100 lots. "We'll probably start on the northern end and work our way southward," he said.

Johnny Rankin, who heads the Charlotte office of Mann Properties, displayed architect's drawing of the project.

"I've had lots of calls about this project and I have prayed about our decision tonight," said board member Tommy Hawkins. "I have lived in your area for 18 years and I know where you're coming from."

Board member Philip Hager, responding to a ques-

tion about conditional use, said there is no deviation from conditional use conditions once it is approved.

Thirty-five residents of the Countryside area attended the meeting.

In other business, the board denied the application for a text amendment by Mike Brown for automotive uses in the Neighborhood Business zone. Brown wants to sell used cars on his lot on East King Street which is zoned GB and which the zoning board had denied rezoning to NB. The board's ruling says the change would affect every neighborhood business in the future. Brown contends that some businesses are already "illegal" on East King as far as zoning.

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