

**OBITUARIES**

**WILLIE SMITH CABLE**

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Willie Smith Cable, 92, 23 Bennett Drive, died Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

She was born in Andrews, NC. She was daughter of the late W.F. Smith and Elda Josephine Holland Smith. She was also preceded in death by sisters Dessie Farley, Lessie Cable, and Mable Ross; and brothers Leonard Smith, Clarence "Grassy" Smith and Fred Smith.

She was a member of Missionary Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. She was retired from Craftspun Mill, Kings Mountain and from Kings Mountain Hospital. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved the outdoors.

She is survived by her husband of 72 years, James Ira Cable of Kings Mountain; son James Glenn Cable of Gastonia; daughters Betty Cable Lewis and husband Gordon of Gastonia, Barbara Cable Hawkins and husband Travis of Kings Mountain, and Phyllis Cable Gunning of Gastonia; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. James Hamrick at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Harris Funeral Home.

A guest register is available at WWW.HARRISFUNERALS.COM.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIAM EDWARD STONER**

**VALDESE** - William Edward Stoner, 90, of Valdese, passed away Friday, April 14 at Grace Hospital in Morganton.

A native of Miami Missouri, he had lived here most of his life. He was a retired construction worker and a World War II veteran having served as a Sergeant in the Army. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Valdese. He will also be remembered as an avid sportsman.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Emma Foote Stoner; four sisters, Margaret Steffens, Anna Wright, Mildred Willis and Mary Heying; and one brother, Robert Stoner.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby Wilson Stoner of Valdese; one sister, Maude Sims of Sweet Springs, Missouri; a special niece, Emma Clause; he is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A graveside funeral was held Monday, April 17 at 2 p.m. at Burke Memorial Park. Officiating were Chaplain Francis Wilson and Rev. Andrew Brown.

Services were under the direction of Valdese Family Funeral Care.

**CARL DAVIS**

**CHARLOTTE** - Carl Davis, 90, died April 19, 2006 at his residence.

A service to celebrate his life was held at 2 p.m. Friday at McEwen Charlotte Chapel with Revs. Shane Doty and Macil Duncan officiating. A private interment followed at Elmwood City Cemetery.

A native of Charlotte, he was the son of the late F. Atlee and Mary Todd Davis. He was a member of Mulberry Presbyterian Church and before retirement was associated with Henry V. Dick Inc. Surviving are his wife of 29 1/2 years Doris R. Davis; sister Ms. Freida Vick of Salisbury; grandsons Rev. Shane Doty and Chris Doty, and Matt and Todd Davis; and great grandchildren Jordan and Ryan Doty.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Davis was preceded in death by a son, Rev. Wilson Davis, a daughter Sylvia Morgan, and their mother, Mildred Davis.

Arrangements were by McEwen, Charlotte Chapel.

**KAREN BIVINS IVEY**

**GASTONIA** - Karen Bivins Ivey, 54, 123 Chrisco Lane, died April 18, 2006 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Alston Flay and Edna Helen Bridges Bivins. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Howard "Gene" Ivey, brother Gerald F. Bivins, and sister Gay Walters.

She was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church, where she was a member of WAC and Golden Age Club. She retired from Gaston County School System after 17 years of service as a cafeteria manager.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Angela Bivins of the home and Crystal and Tony Adams of Gastonia; son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Crystal Bivins of Gastonia; grandchildren Allison Lail, Kaylynn Bivins of Gastonia; special nephews and spouses Lance and Tracy Bivins of Virginia Beach, Va, Bart and Tessa Bivins of Bessemer City, Brian and Jennifer Bivins of Gastonia, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Friday, April 21, 2006 at 2 p.m. at First Freewill Baptist Church. Pastor Dr. Randy Sawyer and Rev. William Calvert officiated. Interment was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to First Freewill Baptist Church, 2316 Union Road, Gastonia, NC 28054 in care of W.A.C.

Arrangements were by Greene Funeral Service-South Chapel.

**DENNIS PORTER**

**SHELBY** - Dennis Edwin Porter, 58, 5100 Ridge Street, died April 21, 2006 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Eugene Porter and Annie Fitch Porter of Cherryville. He was also preceded in death by his beloved son, Dennis "Eddie" Edwin Porter II.

He was a 1965 graduate of Cherryville High School and received two Associate in Arts degrees from Cleveland Technical College in 1974.

He was a Vietnam War veteran who served in the army and was a faithful member of Landmark Baptist Church of Shelby. He retired from (Hoechst-Celanese) Koch in 2005 after 37 years of employment.

He was a devoted husband, father of three and grandfather of four.

He was an avid collector of Ford Mustangs. He proudly owned a red 1964 1/2 coupe, a white 1984 anniversary convertible and a red 2003 Mach 1. His last Mustang was a yellow 2006 convertible.

Dennis was a giving person who came to the aid of many and was very much loved and respected by all those who knew him. His quiet manner and kind heart will be missed.

He is survived by his mother, Annie Fitch Porter of Cherryville; wife of 31 years, Wanda Anita Suggs Porter of the home; daughters Salli-Denise Smith and husband Jim of Irmo, SC, and Jaime Shareen Porter Earle and her husband Rusty of Gastonia; grandchildren Brittany, Mary Elizabeth and Jacob Smith, and Ryder Edwin-Marion Earle; brother Michael Porter and wife Louise of Shelby; sisters Barbara Troutman and husband Freddy, Dorothy Costner, Becky Bolin and husband Ronnie, all of Shelby, and Mary Sanders and husband Al of Boiling Springs; mother- and father-in-law Bill and Cornelia Suggs of Kings Mountain; brothers-in-law Dale Suggs and wife Jane and Jerry Suggs and wife Julia; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Allen Davis and Graham Lewis at 2 p.m. Thursday at Landmark Baptist Church. The body will be placed in the church 30 minutes before the service. Interment will be in Cleveland Memorial Park, with military honors.

Memorials may be given to Thanks and Giving, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**LOCAL**

**Why do you relay?**

By JENNIFER HAMMER-STEIN  
Special to The Herald

Do you participate in the Relay for Life efforts in your community because your workplace has a team and you're expected to? Or do you Relay because of the loss of a loved one or friend? For a majority of Relay for Life participants it's because they've lost a family member or dear friend to cancer.

After, Renee Sisk lost her sister, Gwen Ellis, from a short battle with cancer in 1999 she began volunteering with Relay for Life and helped tally the money raised. Since that time she has lost still another loved one to cancer, her mother Annette Head.

This year Sisk has joined her employer's team at C.A. Short Company. This is the company's first year participating in Relay for Life, and Sisk's family and co-workers are ready to raise more money than they have before. She and her sister, Kathy Williams, ask that you consider purchasing a raffle ticket to win a quilt made of blood, sweat, tears and love from Relay T-shirts from previous years. Sisk says, "this quilt was made with blood from sticking our fingers with needles and pins; sweat from trying to figure out how to put it together; tears from the laughter and missing those we've lost; and love for all the memories that

they've left us. You see we did this in memory of our mother and sister." Their sister, Gwen, went to be with the Lord in 1999 after a very short battle of rapid spread small cell carcinoma. She was only 43 years of age.

After a fall doctors thought Gwen had ruptured a disk in her back. But the CT Scan, MRI and other tests revealed the cancer. She was diagnosed on August 3, 1999, and passed away on August 31, 1999. Just 28 days later. Prior to the diagnoses Sisk had heard of people losing their battle, but never realized it could take someone's life so quickly.

Nearly five years passed before Sisk and Williams would be forced to think about the threat of losing another loved one. In July 2004 their mother, Annette, was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma. She went through several treatment options because the cancer was in its early stage, but Sisk says, "Mother was already weak due to having quadruple bypass surgery in 2002."

Despite her weakness Sisk says, "she decided to have a mastectomy to ensure the disease was removed from her body." All went well says Sisk, "she didn't have to have chemo or radiation and there wasn't any sign in the lymph nodes, everything looked good." Then in October 2004, she began having difficulty walking,

developed slurred speech and problems with her memory. After thorough testing, the family was told the cancer had metastasized to her brain. After considering how weak she was from her previous surgeries, the loss of her husband of 48 years, and the loss of her daughter Gwen, Annette decided not to have brain surgery to remove the tumors and she also refused any further treatments. On March 18, 2005, Annette went to be with the Lord.

"I had been involved with the Relay and wanted to do more, that's when my sister and I decided to make this quilt to help raise money to fight this deadly disease. I strongly advise men and women to have their yearly physicals, mammograms, and prostate checked."

Anyone wanting to purchase \$1.00 tickets can contact Renee Sisk at 704-669-2215 or email rsisk@cashort.com. They can also contact C.A. Short team captain Mary Conner at 704-669-2296 or email mconner@cashort.com. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 20, 2006. The quilt will be on display at team captain meetings the second Tuesday of the month at Elizabeth Baptist Church and at the Cleveland County Relay for Life Event May 19 - 20, 2006. The winner will receive the quilt, a pillow and an antique quilt rack donated by C.A. Short

**RELAY**

From 1A

Cross Reference will sing at 8 p.m. and DJ Ron Richardson will spin records from 9:30-10:30.

The very popular Womanless Beauty Pageant will be held at 11 p.m.

The closing ceremonies begin at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Tammy Hogue and Tammy Wright are co-chairs of the event.

Hogue, whose lost her mother Mary Ann Hutchins to cancer, believes this year's Relay has the potential to be the best ever.

"We raised \$92,000 last year and we have kind of said if we can at least get that we'll be happy," she said. "Last year we brought in almost \$60,000 the night of the relay, so there's a very strong possibility we'll at least get that \$92,000. My personal goal is I would like to see \$100,000 raised."

The weatherman is calling for clear skies and warm weather on Friday and Saturday, so Hogue and other volunteers want to see all Kings Mountain area folks out supporting the walking teams.

"Last year the weather was good and it brought the crowds out," she said. "We're hoping that will bring everyone out again this year."

**KM approves farmer's market**

Produce from local gardens will be available to the public this spring/summer at a Farmer's Market to go up in the parking lot between Cherokee and Battleground (behind the Red Cross building.)

City Council unanimously approved the creation of a market Tuesday night.

Planning Director Steve Killian said that although one has operated before at the train depot site, it has not been as successful as desired and the spin off for downtown merchants was not realized.

Killian said the planning board's recommendation in support of the plan was that a downtown market may bring additional customers and businesses to the downtown area. The ordinance text approved by the board stipulates that the market would operate up to 10 hours during two days per week and materials not permitted to be sold or traded at the market include live animals and durable goods such as electronics, clothes, household items, tools, car parts and other non food items.

Farmers can pick up an application form at city hall.

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