SKIN BUMGARDNER BESSEMER CITY - Linard Franklin "Skin" Bumgardner, 88, died October 29, 2006 at Summit Place in Kings

Mountain. He was born July 21, 1981, in Gaston County, son of the late John Franklin and Candace Hancock Bumgardner.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ronnie Wilson at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral



Home Chapel. Interment i t v Memorial Cemetery. Skin

was retired from Jenkins Metal Shops in Gastonia after 42 years as a shop foreman. He also was formerly employed by Diane 29 Theater for over 30 years and also served as a Gaston County Deputy Sheriff for many years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Bessemer City and served in World War II with the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his son, Robert L. Bumgardner and wife Kathy of Dallas; daughter Sandra B. Reynolds of Gastonia; son-in-law Paul Reynolds of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Brad Reynolds, and Brandon and Ashley Bumgardner; and great-grandchildren Meagan and Alex Reynolds and Hunter Bumgardner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Jane Jenkins Bumgardner; three brothers and one sister.

To offer condolences, visit www.siskbutler.com.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City, was in charge of arrangements.

Pvt. Hart completes training

Army National Guard Pvt. Kendricus J. Hart has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and

field training exercises. He is the son of Rebbcca Hart of Mullinax Drive, Grover.

LOCAL

Teens explore police work

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Local teens are taking aim at their future through a program called Police Explorers. Capt. Robert Medlin, 19, Sgt. Shon Sheffield, 17, Lt. Robyn Medlin, 17, and Corp. Kelly McCrary, 15, were all at the KM Police Firing Range off of Police Lake on Monday practicing tactical maneuvers with KMPD Ofc. Todd McDougal. From fingerprinting and crime scene investigations to traffic stops and task force scenarios, about 15 youths enrolled in the program are learning more than ever before.

"When I was in the program as a boy, we didn't do half as much stuff as these guys are doing," said Sheffield's father. He said that they used to do simple things like finger-printing, but nothing like live tactical scenar-

McDougal went through the hand signals that officers and S.W.A.T. teams use when they approach a possible dangerous situation. He instructed them to rally around him and they quickly formed a tight circle. He described the situation and told them to circle around a nearby plot of land, exhibiting their task-force-like maneuvers. Each of the officers carried BB guns in the form of rifles, hand guns and semi-automatics. Sneaking low through the land using trash tans and trees as occasional cover they secured the perimeter in true police fashion.

"They are all excellent shots," McDougal said, as they practiced with their air-soft projectile BB weapons in the firing range. To the left of the firing range are wooden walls and pillars which are used to create the scene of a building. Bad guys with weapons drawn are posted on some of the walls. The young officers were told that they were going into a store or building in ew Orleans. After the flood, lawlessness spread through the city and there is no way of knowing how many bad guys may be in the building or what their actions will be, McDougal told them. Each one went through the scenario telling the knife or gun wielding criminals to drop their weapons. None of the posters complied so they practiced their shots, moving in "real time" (as fast as they would move in real

A squad car and McDougal's personal car were set up in the field for a traffic stop scenario. McDougal jumped in the car and told two of the officers to standby as back-up and the other two to hop in the squad car and practice a routine traffic stop. Lt. Medlin and Corp. McCrary called in the incident to the backup officers on their walkietalkies. They approached the vehicle, cautiously, as they had been instructed, making sure the trunk was closed and checking for any surprises that may await in the car. After "running McDougal's license" they found that he had murdered a man and instructed him to get out of the car. Lt. Medlin frisked the perpetrator and with a big grin on her face, placed McDougal in handcuffs and escorted him to the squad car.

They also practiced their hostage negotiation skills as McDougal held me at his side with a BB handgun. On Capt. Medlin's cue. I moved to the side and they took down McDougal with a couple of BBs, which he said really stings. But their practices and drills aren't just fun and games. The teens are also warned that being an officer means your life is constantly at

Capt. Medlin joined the program when it began in Kings Mountain in February 2003. He was fittingly named captain for being the longest member. He is currently attending Cleveland Community College but plans to join the Air Force. Sgt. Sheffield, Lt. Medlin, and Corp. McCrary also received titles for their seniority and active work in the program. They are all attending Kings Mountain High School. All four of the Police Explorer officers have aspirations of joining the law enforcement field. McDougal said that when they go to BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training) school or begin their Criminal Justice courses they will be head and shoulders above the rest, simply because of their training and experiences in Police Explorers. The officers conduct each assignment with pride and respect, as every move shows it's never to early to get prepared for the rest of your life.

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Capt. Robert Medlin, Corp. **Kelly McCrary** and Sgt. Shon **Sheffield practice** tactical maneuvers through the **Police Explorer** program at the **Kings Mountain Police Firing Range at Police** Lake. Left, Lt. **Robyn Medlin and** Corp. Kelly **McCrary practice** pulling over someone for running a stop sign.

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