

## OBITUARIES

**CAROLYN DILLING**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Carolyn Carpenter Dilling, 84, 202 Victoria Circle, died June 26, 2007 at Hospice/Wendover.

She was born in Cleveland County, daughter of the late Charles Troy and Ailene Ormand Carpenter Sr. She was also preceded in death by her son, Daniel Charles Dilling, and a brother, Meek Anderson Carpenter.

She was a member of Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, where she was a member of the Daughters of Wesley Sunday School Class, a member of Home Arts, Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain Women's Club and was a 1945 graduate of Limestone College.

She was the Secretary and Treasurer of Dilling Heating Company, Inc. for over 50 years. She loved all of her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, John B. Dilling; son David T. Dilling and wife Mary of Kings Mountain; daughters Frances Harper and husband Tom of Seneca, SC, Carol Parson and husband Ken of Morristown, TN, and Sharon Barney and husband, Art, of Ft. Hill, SC; brother Charles Carpenter of Raleigh; sister Dorcus Plonk of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Hal Schwantes at 10 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2007 at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 921 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**THOMAS STRINGFELLOW**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Thomas William "Tommy" Stringfellow, 42, 129 Lakewood Drive, died June 25, 2007 at his home.

He was born in Gaston County. He was son of the late Sybil Louise Blanton Stringfellow.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain. He was a graduate of Rochester Tech Institute, Rochester, NY majoring in Photography. He was a member of the Sigma Theta Fraternity, Rochester, NY. He was an avid Carolina Panthers and Clemson Tigers fan.

He is survived by his father, Bobby William Stringfellow of Kings Mountain; sisters Lyn Dimuzio and husband Michael of Kings Mountain, and Wendy Stringfellow of Greensboro; and two nephews, Jonathan Ballinger and Blake Ballinger of Greensboro.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Bill Jeffcoat at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC or NC School for the Deaf, 517 W. Fleming Drive, Morgantown, NC 28655.

A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**JOE HENRY LeCROY**  
GASTONIA - Joe Henry LeCroy, 44, of Gastonia, died Monday, June 25, 2007 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the LeCroy family.

**WILLIAM 'BILL' SUGGS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - William "Bill" Suggs, 83, 707 Meadowbrook Road, died June 22, 2007 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

A native of Conway, SC, he was the son of the late Willie C. Suggs and Sadie Gore Suggs. He was also preceded in death by son-in-law Dennis E. Porter and grandson Eddie Porter.

He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. He was also a member of the Fairview Masonic Lodge, Kings Mountain.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II, receiving the American Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was retired from the textile industry.

He is survived by his wife, Cornelia Suggs of Kings Mountain; sons Dale Suggs and wife Jane of Shelby and Jerry D. Suggs and wife Julia of Charleston, SC; daughter Wanda S. Porter of Shelby; brother Paul Suggs and wife Betty of Conway, SC; sisters Lucy Caddell of Hixon, TN and Eula Stevens of Lawrenceville, GA; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Eugene Land and Allen Davis at 11 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2007 at Eastside Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to White Oak Manor, Activities Dept., 716 Sipes Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Hospice and Palliative Care, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES HENRY LEWIS JR.**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James Henry Lewis Jr., 81, of Kings Mountain, died June 26, 2007 at his home.

He was born in Avondale, NC, son of the late James Henry Lewis and Jessie Wood Lewis Sr. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Flora Rose McCart Lewis, sons Claude Daniel Lewis and James Henry Lewis III, and sister Margaret Collins.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. He served in the US Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his daughters, Jessica Faye Lewis of Kings Mountain and Barbara L. Beard and husband John E. Beard III of Bailey; grandchildren James Henry Lewis IV and Libby, Danny Lewis and wife Shanna, Stephen Lewis and wife Jadie, and David Robbins; five grandchildren; and sisters Patricia King and husband Tommy of Kings Mountain, Dorothy Ledford of Kings Mountain, Ruby Voigt and husband Lou of Gastonia, and Peggy Costner of Cramerton.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation is from 11:00-12:30 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2007 at Harris Funeral Home prior to the service, and at other times at his home.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150 or to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, Parker Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**ZEB JUNIOR WOOD**  
BESSEMER CITY - Zeb Junior Wood, 77, 542 Kiser Road, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Charles Columbus and Kimmie Spurling Wood. He was also preceded in death by daughter Mary Roxanna Wood, brother C.R. Wood, and sister Bessie Wood Ware.

He was retired from McBess Industries, Bessemer City.

He is survived by his wife, Essie Kiser Wood of Bessemer City; sons Ricky Carl Wood and wife Beverly of Clover, SC and Roger Dale Wood and wife Diane of Bessemer City; brother Robert Wood of Kings Mountain; sister Margaret Brackett of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Jennifer McNeely, April Willis, Ricky Wood II and Roger Wood II; and great-grandchildren Kelsy McNeely, Taylor Willis Ryan Waters and Drake Wood.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by the Rev. Gene Land at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to the family to help with the funeral service, c/o Essie Wood, 542 Kiser Road, Bessemer City, NC 28016.

A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**STEVE REYNOLDS SR.**  
LAWNDALE - Steve Edward Reynolds Sr., 53, 308 E. Double Shoals Road, died June 26, 2007 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Howard Reynolds. He was a heavy equipment operator with Martin-Marietta and attended Northside Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Patterson Reynolds; mother Hazel Lee Ware Reynolds; sons Steve Reynolds Jr. and wife Anna Marie of Kings Mountain, Frankie Reynolds and fiancée Elizabeth Scoggins of Lawndale, Josh Reynolds of Lawndale, and Jamie and Gretchen Chitwood of Terre Haute, IN; daughters Michelle Dellinger and husband Shannon of Kings Mountain and Kristen Reynolds of Lawndale; brother J.R. Reynolds of Gaffney, SC; sister Sherry Lee Reynolds of Kings Mountain; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Neal Efrid and Robert Eng at 3 p.m. Friday at Northside Baptist Church. Visitation is from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday at Stamey Funeral Home, Fallston.

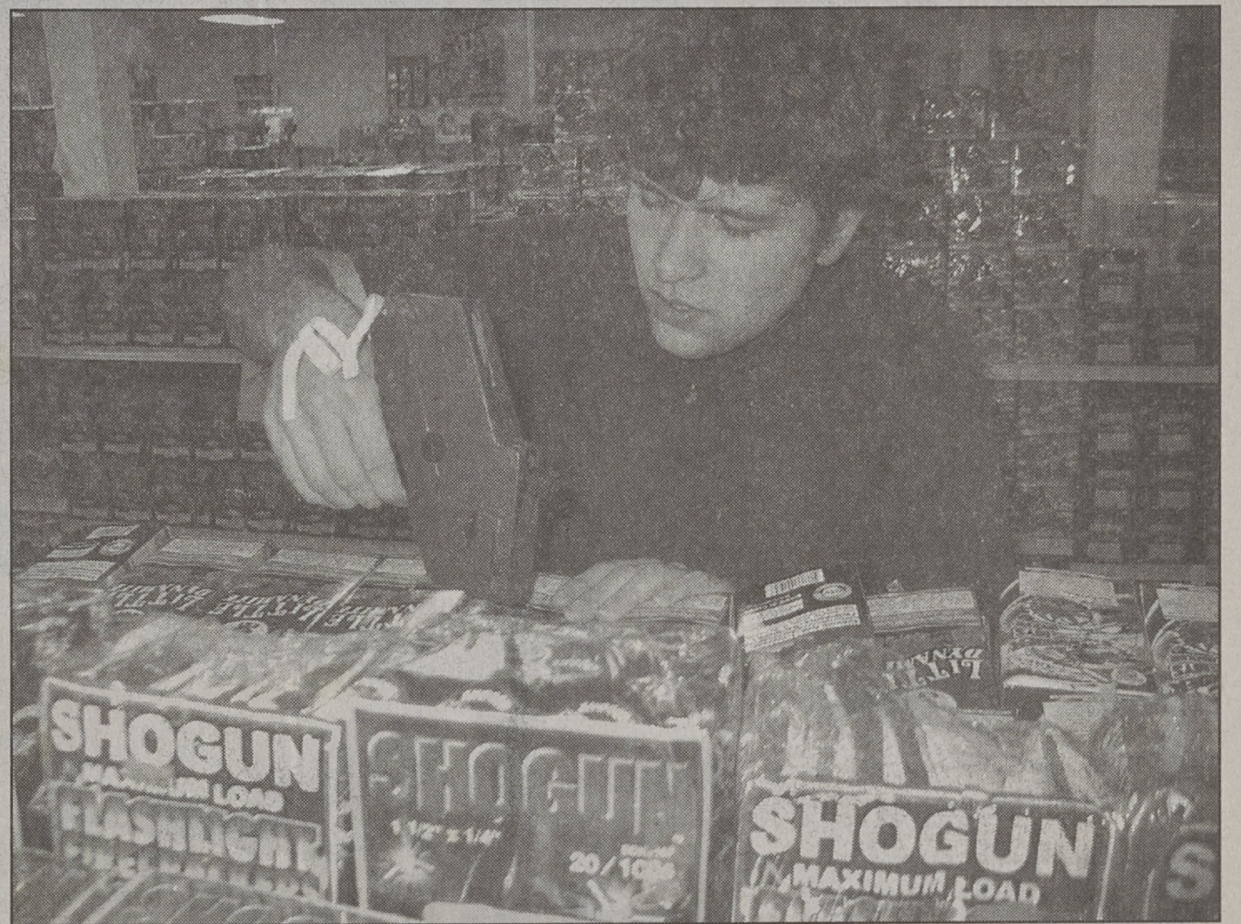
Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park.

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

A guest register is available at [www.stameyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stameyfuneralhome.com).

Stamey Funeral Home, Fallston, is in charge of arrangements.

## LOCAL



**EMILY WEAVER/HERALD**  
"Sonny" Cozart, of Cherokee Fireworks just across the South Carolina line in Grover, prices the fireworks in preparation for the big day. Not only can he help you find more "bang for your buck," he can also tell you what is legal to shoot in North Carolina.

## Tips for a safe July 4th

**EMILY WEAVER**  
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Getting "more bang for your buck" this 4th of July can result in a misdemeanor score on your criminal record if the fireworks aren't North Carolina-approved.

Here are a few tips to keep you safe and on the right side of the law this holiday. State laws mandate that any explosive fireworks or any that leave the ground, like roman candles and rockets, are not allowed for sale or use in North Carolina. Cleveland County Fire Inspector Bobby Horton said that fireworks in North Carolina also cannot have more than four grams of what is considered to be explosive material. According to [americanpyro.com](http://americanpyro.com), the ones that are allowed include: sparklers, fountains, smoke devices, snake and glow worms, trick noisemakers, and toy pistol caps.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety advises consumers to only buy fireworks from reputable, licensed dealers and never from an individual's house or on the street. Fireworks

should be marked with directions and/or warnings and with the country where they were manufactured. They should not be unpackaged or wrapped in brown paper bags. NCFS warns that handmade fireworks are not just illegal but they are often very dangerous and account for most of the injuries sustained from fireworks each year.

### Other safety tips from NCFS and Horton:

- \* Use common sense.
- \* Only use fireworks outdoors.
- \* Always read and follow label directions.
- \* Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- \* Children under age 16 should only use fireworks with adult supervision. An adult should always be present.
- \* Leave pets indoors when using fireworks or at home when going to a fireworks display. Pets, especially dogs, have very sensitive ears and the booms and bangs associated with fireworks can hurt their ears and possibly damage their hearing.
- \* Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- \* Light only one firework at a

- time.
- \* Always have a bucket of water, or water hose nearby.
- \* Never re-light a "dud" firework. Wait 15-20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water.

- \* Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- \* Never give fireworks to small children.
- \* Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then throwing them away.
- \* Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- \* Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- \* Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- \* The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- \* Don't drink and shoot. Never mix alcohol-consumption with using fireworks.
- \* Parents pay special attention to children using sparklers. This common childhood treat reaches temperatures up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. Children should not touch the lit portion of sparklers, throw them or play games with them.

## BBQ at Oak Grove to benefit Verleen Blanton

A barbecue benefit to help defray the medical expenses of cancer victim Verleen Blanton will be held Saturday, June 30 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Mrs. Blanton, daughter of Jeanette Ross, is a teacher at West Elementary School in Kings Mountain.

The barbecue is being sponsored by the Allnighters Competition BBQ Team.

Barbecue plates are \$7 and include barbecue, bun, slaw, sauce and beans.

Whole butts are \$35 and include slaw and sauce.

The Youth Department of People Baptist Church, 1010 Groves Street, Kings Mountain, will have a fund raiser July 13 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Hot dog plates and fish plates will be sold. Call-in orders are available and the church will deliver orders of 10 or more plates.

## KM WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	June 20-26	Last Year
Total precipitation	.92	2.66
Maximum 1 day	2.93	5.30
Year to date	19.92	16.53
Low temperature	60 (25th)	62 (25th)
High temperature	95 (24th)	99 (22nd, 25th)

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