

## OBITUARIES

### LOIS CLONINGER FALLS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lois Cloninger Falls, 92, 914 Sherwood Lane, died September 19, 2007 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.



She was born in Gaston County. She was the daughter of the late Marion Philo and Miley Medlin.

Cloninger. She was wife of the late Oliver T. "Red" Falls. She was also preceded in death by brother Everette Cloninger, sisters Helen Price and Doris Ware, and son-in-law Darrell Austin Sr.

She was a member of Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. She was an employee of Belk's, Charlotte, for 15 years. She was known for her baking.

She is survived by her daughter, Shirley F. Austin of Kings Mountain; two grandchildren, Amy Thomas and husband Rev. Lee Thomas of Kings Mountain, and Darrell Austin Jr. and wife Dana of Kings Mountain; and five great-grandchildren, Ben Austin, Will Austin, Austin Ware, Hunter Ware and Marina Thomas.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Lee Thomas at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 20, 2007 at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, 208 Cleveland Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### ERNEST ETTERS

GROVER - William Ernest Etters, 90, 107 Chestnut Street, died September 20, 2007 at his home.

He was born in Cherokee County, SC, son of the late Jesse Abram and Mamie Lee Montgomery Etters. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Mabel Etters Roberts.

He was retired from Minette Mills in Grover, and was a farmer. He was a lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church, Blacksburg, SC, and enjoyed gardening. He leaves cherished memories.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Runell Cochran Etters of Grover; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Vernon Craig at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 23, 2007 at Antioch Baptist Church

cemetery, Blacksburg, SC.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### ELAINE DEMITRI ROCKEY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Elaine Demitri Rockey, 71, a resident of Kings Mountain, died September 22, 2007 at Summit Place Assisted Living in Kings Mountain.

She was born in Stuberville, OH, daughter of the late Albert Demitri and Elizabeth Traversa Demitri. She was also predeceased by her husband, Dr. Arthur G. Rockey, and her brother, John Demitri.



Elaine Rockey was an accomplished professional artist and lover of the arts. She relished traveling to Italy, having the opportunity to paint in a castle north of Venice. Elaine's paintings can be seen at [www.ElaineRockey.com](http://www.ElaineRockey.com).

Her artwork, unlike most artists', spanned a variety of styles and media. She was always changing, always learning. Elaine was active in the Guild of Charlotte Artists, the N.C. Watercolor Society, the Southern Arts Society in Kings Mountain and the Charlotte Opera Guild.

She was a resident of Charlotte for four decades. She lived independently for twenty years after her husband, Dr. Arthur Rockey, passed away. She was proud of him and her daughters, Arlaine Rockey and Gina Collias.

Elaine enthusiastically supported her daughters' endeavors and loved spending time with her five grandchildren, who she taught to paint at a young age.

Elaine had many enduring friendships, each one of which she cherished. The most common remark about Elaine, uttered by friends, acquaintances, and even those who took care of her in her last year of life, was that she was one of the sweetest people they knew.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Gastonia. She truly enjoyed a well lived life.

She is survived by her daughters, Gina Collias and husband Dr. Dean Collias of Kings Mountain, and Arlaine Rockey of Marshall; brother Alfred Dimitri of Clearwater, FL; five grandchildren, Sabrina Collias, Ethan Collias, Celia Collias, Marissa Rockey and Justin Rockey.

A Rosary service was held at 7

p.m. on Monday evening at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain, with visitation immediately following.

The funeral was conducted by Father Roger K. Arnsperger at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Gastonia. Interment was in Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte.

Memorials may be made to guild of Charlotte Artist, c/o Rudy Torrico, 10113 Withers Road, Charlotte, NC 28278.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### RUTH MORRISON HOYLE

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth Morrison



Hoyle, 84, 618 Margrace Road, died September 23, 2007 at her home.

She was born in Gaston County,

daughter of the late Leslie Morrison and Lucy Dellinger Morrison and wife of the late Luke W. Hoyle. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cherryville and retired from Hoyle Inc. in Kings Mountain. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Leslie Hoyle Houser of Kings Mountain; sisters Edna Morrison of Cherryville and Mary Lou Walker of Valdese; grandchildren Michael Hoyle and Brittany Houser; and great-grandchildren Yasmim Hoyle and Karmen Ruthie Nixon.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Wayne Key at 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### TOMMY BLANTON

LINCOLNTON - Thomas Eugene "Tommy" Blanton, 55, of Lincolnton, died September 21, 2007.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Mayola Hayes Blanton and the late Burrell O. Blanton Sr. He was also predeceased by brother James Blanton and sister Fay Blanton.

He was a member of New birth Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC.

He is survived by his mother; brothers Donald Blanton of Rock Hill, Junior Blanton and wife

Rhonda of Fort Lawn, SC, Terry Blanton and wife Frances of Newton, Rick Blanton and wife Debbie of Kings Mountain; sisters Rita Young and husband James of Fort Lawn, SC, Glenda Buga and husband Jim of Newton, Kathy Elkins and husband Howard of Bessemer City, and Charlene Fullam of Mt. Holy; special nephew Billy Wall of Lincolnton; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Arnie McManus at 3 p.m. Monday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Chapel in Bessemer City.

Memorials may be made to Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, P.O. Box 366, Bessemer City, NC 28016.

To offer condolences, visit [www.siskbutler.com](http://www.siskbutler.com).

### JESSE W. MOREHEAD

Jesse William Morehead, age 70, of Rockingham died Monday, September 17, 2007 at his home.

Mr. Morehead was born June 25, 1937 a son of the late Worth William and Ethel Shehan Morehead. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge #339 both of Kings Mountain, N.C. He retired from Liberty Life Insurance Co. after 30 years of service where he was an agent, staff manager,

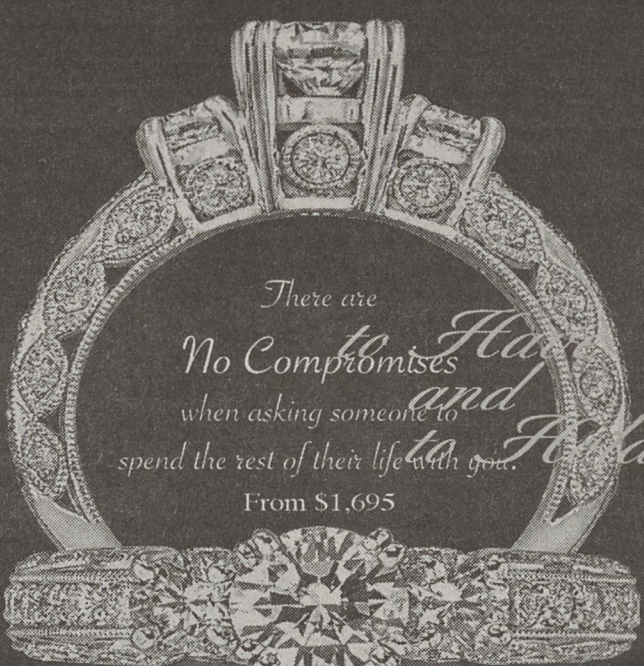
training assistant, and Manager of the Rockingham office. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School and was a member of the LUTC insurance underwriters. Before his illness, he was an avid fisherman; also loved to host cookouts for his co-workers of Liberty Life. He was preceded in death by a son William Christopher Morehead.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Jane Yarbrough Morehead of the home, one son Kevin Wray Morehead and wife Debbie of Rockingham, daughter Tammy and husband Kevin Pattan of Rockingham, grandchildren Seth Pattan, and Miles Pattan of Rockingham, Susannah Morehead of Hamlet and Stevie Allen of Pine Bluff, and one great grandchild Lexie Allen of Pine Bluff.

The funeral was held Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at Carter Funeral Home Colonial Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dwight Williams and Rev. Jerry Turner officiating. Burial was in Richmond County Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice 1119 US #1 North Rockingham N.C. 28379.

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