

OBITUARIES

MILDRED MULLINAX BRIDGES

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mildred Mullinax Bridges, 82, 1105 W. Gold St. Ext., went to be home with her God on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at her home.



She was born in Gaston County, daughter of the late Stacy Alexander Mullinax Sr. and Mamie Elizabeth Caldwell Mullinax. She was also preceded in death by her son, William Terry Bridges, brothers Edward Mullinax, Stacy Alexander Mullinax Jr., David Mullinax and Alexander Mullinax, and

sisters Dorothy Brown, Eunice Price, Ovella Barnes, Madge Goforth and Edith Mayberry.

She retired from Sadie Mills in Kings Mountain after 42 years. She was a member of Westover Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. One of her greatest joys was working in her flower garden and then being able to put fresh floral arrangements in her church.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 66 years, William Edward "Bill" Bridges; daughter Judy Bridges Putnam and husband Bob of Kings Mountain; granddog Opie; and sisters Patsy McMillian of Gastonia and Nancy Robertson of Asheville.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Dale Angel at 3 p.m. Monday, October 29, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28051 or Westover Baptist Church, 114 Westover Church Dr., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EVELYN C. HOLLIFIELD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Evelyn C. Hullender, 80, 205 Park Drive, died October 24, 2007 at her home.

She was born in Avery County. She was the daughter of the late Hardy Coffey and Lillie Gray Coffey. She was the wife of the late Earl D. Hollifield. She was also preceded in death by one brother and four sisters.

She was a homemaker and a great Mom.

She is survived by her sons, E. Morgan Hollifield and wife Debbie D. of Atlanta, GA, and Winston "Skip" Hollifield and wife Angela of Kings Mountain; sister Eva Keller of Elk Park, NC; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and special friends Gene Langley, Scott Chamberlain, Tim Pinson and Chris Moss.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Ronnie Pyatte at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Tanglewood Cemetery, Linville.

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

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BILLY E. CARPENTER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Billy E. Carpenter, 80, 526 Cleveland Avenue, died October 26, 2007 at his residence.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Walter Haywood Carpenter and Fannie Richardson Carpenter. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Alice F. Carpenter.

He was retired from Fredrickson after 40 years as

a truck driver. He was an Army veteran. He was a member of First Assembly of God, Gastonia. He loved to play the guitar. He was an avid gardener and started a lawn service after he retired.

He is survived by daughters and son-in-law, Janice and Keith Queen of Grover and Beverly Malone of Kings Mountain; sister Dorothy C. Clark of Bessemer City; grandchildren Adam Queen and Jason and Jarrod Malone; and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by Pastor David Scruggs and Rev. Lamar Creel at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2007 at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 201 West Marion St., Suite 306, Shelby, NC 28150.

Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

LEXIE LOVELACE HORTON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lexie Lovelace Horton, 87, of White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, died Saturday, October 27, 2007 at her residence.

Born in York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late William Ramsey and Lela Dellinger Lovelace. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Romey Raymond Horton, daughter Vernie Ynette Horton, and sisters Edith Kemp and Lois Ross.

She was a homemaker, a member of Temple Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and was a member of the Swinging Mountaineer Band and volunteered at the senior center for 15 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandy Scates and husband Don, Lona Freeman and husband Dean, all of Kings Mountain, Becky Davis of McConnells, SC, Peggy Hice and husband Clifford, Jewel Clarkson and Winnie Thrasher, all of Charlotte; son Raymond Horton and wife Ellen of Boiling Springs, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jody Griffin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in David Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC and White Oak Manor Activities, 716 Sipes Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUTH SPROUSE KEENER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth Sprouse Keener, 87, of Knightdale, NC, formerly of Kings Mountain, died October 28, 2007 at Wellington Nursing Center, Knightdale.

She was born in Cherokee County, SC. She was the daughter of the late Horace and Dora Wyatt Sprouse and wife of the late James "JC" Keener.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Jackie C. Keener and wife Joanne of Knightdale; brother Furman Sprouse of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by Bishop Phil Thomas at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 1, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LOCAL NEWS

City purchases land near Patriots Park

ELIZABETH STEWART

Herald Correspondent

Kings Mountain City Council voted 6-1 Tuesday night to approve BB&T's financing terms for two parcels of land on Gold Street near Patriots Park and in a second action voted 6-1 on a budget amendment of \$155,995 to pay for the two acres owned by the John L. and Lena Ware McGill Estate.

"This is a good business investment with a low interest rate of 3.60 percent," said Councilman Keith Miller who called the purchase of the land an asset for the city. Councilman Dean Spears said the city needs the land because of its prime location downtown and near the city-owned gazebo. After the meeting, Mayor Rick Murphrey called the board vote a good business investment and said the land could be used for more parking for the gazebo activities but could also be used for other things.

Councilman Jerry Mullinax, who cast the dissenting votes, asked the board to table its decision but his motion died for lack of a second. Mullinax said the city had earlier bought land for \$80,000 from the McGill Estate, now part of the gazebo property for parking.

In other action, Council passed a resolution honoring six Kings Mountain police officers, four state troopers and a Gaston County K-9 officer for the cap-

ture Sept. 2, 2007 in Kings Mountain of Daniel Keo Kung, one of the FBI's top "Most Wanted."

Additionally, Council passed a resolution in support of the newly organized Cleveland County Sports Commission. Former Mayor John Henry Moss told the board that activities will be planned county-wide and he was confident of its economic impact. Councilman Dean Spears will represent the city on the committee.

The city was recognized by the Kings Mountain Optimist Club with a plaque for installation of lights at the old City Stadium. Coach Jeff Putnam, who made the presentation, said that the original lights date to the late 1950s.

After Mullinax requested that the two items involving the purchase of land be removed from the consent agenda, the board approved by unanimous vote other consent items, including:

- + Lowered the speed limit to 25 mph on Edgemont Avenue and Williams Street and from 35 mph to 25 mph in the Country Creek Development and made Guyton Loop a one way street.

- + Approved agreement with the N. C. Department of Transportation for reinspection of bridges.

- + Set Nov. 27 for a public hearing on the adoption of the new flood damage prevention ordinance and new flood insurance rate maps.

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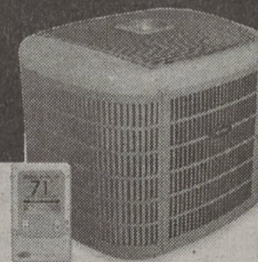
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