

OBITUARIES

LOUISE HEAVNER

KINGS MOUNTAIN

Louise Allen Heavner, 90, of Kings Mountain, died September 19, 2008 at Kings Mountain Hospital after a lingering illness.

She was born in Inman, SC. She moved to Kings Mountain as a child and it has been her home since. She was daughter of the late Charles and Eva Ramsey Allen. She was also predeceased by her husband of more than half a century, Plato Heavner. She was a member and leader of Grace United Methodist Church, an important part of her life's work.

She is survived by daughter, Carolyn Kasdorf and husband Cary of Cary; son, Jim Heavner and wife Pam of Chapel Hill; grandchildren, Marilou McFarlane and husband Craig of Mill Valley, Cal., Wendy Gressett and husband Randy of Cary, Casey Saussy and husband David of Chapel Hill, and Charles "Chuck" Warlick and wife Wendy of Apex; great grandchildren, Kelly McFarlane, Darcy McFarlane, James Gressett, Grace Gressett, Lianne Saussy, Caroline Saussy, Daniel Warlick and Lori Warlick.

A life celebration service was conducted by the Rev. Mike Harrill at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 21, 2008 at Grace United Methodist Church. Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 830 Church Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, in honor of Louise Heavner.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BUTCH PHILLIPS

KINGS MOUNTAIN

Butch Phillips, 56, of 1404 N. Piedmont Avenue, died September 19, 2008 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

He was born in Cleveland County, son of the late W. E. Phillips and Faye Willis and step-father, Buddy Willis. He



was also predeceased by his daughter, Jessica DuBose Phillips.

He was a retired truck driver after 20 years of service, most recently with Yellow Freight. He was a member of the Baptist faith, American Legion Post 243, AmVets, and the Moose Lodge #1803 in Gastonia. He participated in many fundraisers and motorcycle runs for people who were in need. He loved life on his motorcycle and his family. He served in the United States Army as staff sergeant, serving two tours of duty and serving in Vietnam.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Gillespie Phillips of Kings Mountain; daughter, Ashley Phillips of Sunland, Cal.; brothers, Gene Willis and wife April of Shelby, Danny Willis and wife Donna of Grover; nephews, Thomas and Jarrett Willis of Shelby; and nieces, Jennifer Letteer and husband Darrell and Amanda Lingerfeldt and husband Vergil.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Jimmy Maney at 2 p.m. Monday, September 22, 2008 at Mountain Rest Cemetery, where interment followed.

Memorials may be made to Children's Home of Cleveland County (for Toys for Tots) in memory of Butch Phillips, 425 Cherryville Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RACHAEL FARLEY

RALEIGH - Rachael "Cy"

Smith Farley passed away Sunday, September 21, 2008 after a brief illness. Through the end Cy maintained her trademark independence and determination.

She is the child of James Davis Smith II and Kate McLaughen Smith of Kings Mountain. Born February 7, 1923 she spent many carefree days with her childhood friends who have remained close friends. With a vocal scholarship to Meredith College, she arrived in Raleigh on the eve of World War II. Once war broke out, she immediately transferred to Charlotte Memorial where she completed her Nursing degree in 1945.



While at Charlotte Memorial she met her husband, William Winfree Farley, who was completing his first year of internship. Married on January 20, 1945 she continued on while he was dispatched to the Pacific. She joined the Red Cross in 1945, and worked in the D.C. area until the completion of the war. When Bill returned, they worked their way around North Carolina eventually settling in Raleigh in 1951.

Rachael was a life member of the North Carolina Art Society and the North Carolina Natural History Museum. Along with her close friends, she initiated the Raleigh Fine Art Society. While helping to get the organization going, she pushed hard to have both the carousel at Pullen Park and Chavis Park refurbished. They stand today as a part of her efforts.

While President of the Wake County Medical Auxiliary, she was approached by the Wake County Schools to help initiate a health program for children. With her efforts and the continuing efforts of her close friends, this concept found a home at the Poe Center in Raleigh.

Rachael is survived by her husband of 63 years William W. Farley; two children, William Winfree Farley, Jr of Chapel Hill and Mary Charlotte Farley of Raleigh; two grandchildren, William W. Farley III and Margaret Mason Farley both of Chapel Hill. More than anything, she is survived by her many countless friends both young and old with who she shared her life and experiences. They will miss her a great deal.

A memorial service will be conducted at White Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. A reception will be held after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Poe Health Center for Health Education, 224 Sunnybrook Rd., Raleigh, NC 27610.

Arrangements were made by Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, 831 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh.

ELLEN ELAM

Ellen Black McCurdy Elam, 88, passed away of natural causes Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in Chattanooga, TN.

She was born June 9, 1920 in Baden, NC, but most of her childhood was spent in Wingate with her beloved parents and siblings on the family

farm. A graduate of Wingate High School and Wingate College, she also attended Wake Forest College.

Kings Mountain was where she and her first husband, Fleete McCurdy, built their family businesses - McCurdy Dry Cleaners and the Cottonwood Restaurant - and reared their two daughters.

Organist for decades at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, Ellen also provided the music for hundreds of weddings and funerals. Along the way, she taught many children and adults to play the piano. Although she was a talented, trained and accomplished musician, she also had a particularly rare gift of playing the piano by ear. She was generous with her gift of music, sharing her talent with her family and friends almost until the very end. Indeed, music was her vocation, avocation and friend.

Ellen was predeceased by her first husband, Fleete McCurdy and their infant daughter, Marsha; her second husband, Broadus Elam; parents, F. Carl Black and Annie Perry Black of Wingate; brothers, Jerry, James and Layne Black; sister, Anne Black Merritt; and son-in-law, Wilson C. Bellenger.

She is survived by daughters, Ruth McCurdy Winston Bellenger of Birmingham, Ala., and Mary Anne McCurdy Bailey and husband Ronald of Chattanooga, TN; three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, September 26, 2008 at Lakeland Memorial Cemetery in Monroe. The family will receive visitors from 12:30-1:30 p.m., prior to the service, at Davis Funeral Home in

Monroe.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 786, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Condolences can be made online at www.lane-coulter-chapel.com

Lane Funeral Home, in Chatanooga, Tenn., is handling the out-of-state arrangements.

Local arrangements are being provided by Davis Funeral Home in Monroe, NC.

Drought assistance granted to farms in Cleveland County

U.S. Congressman Patrick McHenry recently announced that three counties in the 10th District have qualified for federal loan assistance stemming from the drought and excessive heat experienced in 2008.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has determined that there were sufficient agriculture production losses to warrant a disaster designation. This designation makes farm operators in Cleveland County and parts of Gaston and Rutherford Counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

For more information, farm operators are encouraged to contact their local FSA offices:

Cleveland County Farm Service Agency

844 Wallace Grove Drive
Shelby, NC 28150-9213
(704) 471-0235 ext 2

Gaston County Farm Service Agency

1303 Dallas Cherryville Highway
Dallas, NC 28034-7799
(704) 922-3806

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We've moved to our new location,

and we invite you to join us at
**210 South
Piedmont Ave.**
(Behind Kings Mountain
Baptist Church)



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