

## OBITUARIES

### BEATRICE JOHNSON

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Beatrice Elizabeth Johnson, infant daughter of Mitch and Cindy Sherman Johnson, of 232 Landry Drive, died Monday, September 29, 2008 at Carolina's Medical Center in Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Sherman.

She is survived by parents, Mitch and Cindy Sherman Johnson of Kings Mountain; brother, Graham; sisters, Casey and Haley; paternal grandparents, Brentice and Martha Johnson of Shelby; maternal grandparents, Bob and Gail Sherman of Cherryville; and numerous aunts and uncles.

A private family service was conducted by the Rev. Michael Daugherty.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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#### RHUA "BOBBY" FLOCK

May 3, 1922 - July 19, 2008  
Columbia, Md. - Rhua Vernice "Bobby" Flock, 86, died July 19, 2008 at Howard County Hospital in Columbia, Md. following a brief illness.



A full military service was held Thursday, October 2nd at Arlington National Cemetery and included a reading of the

Marine Women's Prayer, "A Band of Sisters", a 21-gun salute, presentation of the American flag to the family, and concluded with the playing of "Taps."

Bobby was born May 3, 1922 in Useful, Missouri, daughter of the late Phineus Rhoads and Myrtle Reed Rhoads. She attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse in Possum Town, Mo. which laid the foundation for a lifetime of learning. After completing high school she moved to St. Louis at the age of 17 to live with her sister.

Bobby entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944 during WWII and continued to serve until 1948. She was a lifetime member of the Women Marines Association and, over the years, held the offices of both President and Vice-President of the Atlanta, Washington D.C. and Baltimore Chapters. She was a regular attendee of the National Women Marines Convention and was planning to attend this year's convention in Houston, Texas. Bobby was also an active member of the local Marine Corps League of Howard County, Md.

She graduated from Olgethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga. in 1971 at the age of 49 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. She worked for the Atlanta Court System for several years, and is responsible for creating the first Volunteer Juvenile Probation Department in Atlanta. Later she obtained her real estate license and worked for the next 20 years, until the age of 72, as an accomplished real estate agent.

Bobby was an avid reader, a lover of history, and always kept up with politics and current events. She was a world traveler, having traveled to most of the continents at least once, and returning to her favorite locations many times. She continued to travel around the country until the time of her death, her last trip being to Boston to celebrate her 86th birthday just two months before she died.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Kathleen; two husbands, Arthur N. Wilcox and Arthur E. Flock; two sisters, Ruth Mason and Carol Moore; and two brothers, Ralph and "Teen" Rhoads. Survivors include her children, Steve Wilcox and wife Stephanie Knopp of Philadelphia, Katie Champion and husband Joe of Kings Mountain, Jim Wilcox of Boston, Patricia Segedy and husband Stephan of Boston, and Maureen Lynch and husband Michael of Columbia, Md.; seven grandchildren, Nathan, Kathryn, Ahron, Patrick, Emilie, Sam, and Joshua; five step-grandchildren, Tina, Jason, Danny, Sean, and Andy; one great-granddaughter, Mackenzie; two sisters, Laraine Maloney of St. Louis and Virginia Seidner of Jefferson City, Mo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bobby was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife, sister, aunt, and friend, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials may be made to Women in Military Service for

America (WIMSA) Memorial Foundation, Dept 560, Washington D.C. 20042-0560.

### JEANETTE C. PHIFER

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Jeanette Crawford Phifer, 89, of 109 Phifer Farm Road, died Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Hospice at Wendover, Shelby.

Born in Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late William Meek and Minnie Harmon Crawford and wife of the late Wendell L. Phifer, Sr. She was a designer and retired from Dicey Mills, in Shelby. She was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, in Kings Mountain, where she



was a Circle Leader, Sunday School Teacher and Assistant Sunday School Treasurer for over 60 years. She was preceded in death by four brothers Thomas Crawford, Lawrence Crawford, Raymond Crawford and Paul Crawford and one loving sister and friend, Martha Owens.

She is survived by sons, Wendell L. Phifer, Jr. of Denver, Col., Robert C. Phifer and wife June of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, James D. Phifer and wife Kimberly and Melisa D. Pierce and husband Dan, all of Denver, Col.; Rodney Jenkins and Cheryl Jenkins, both of Kings Mountain; great grandchildren, Heather Loomis and husband Greg, Brittney Phifer

and Courtney Phifer, all of Denver, Col., Bobby Williams, Victoria Jenkins and Ethan Jenkins, all of Kings Mountain; and great great grandchildren, Jacob and Landon Loomis of Denver, Col.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Doug Peterson at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at Boyce Memorial ARP Church in Kings Mountain. The family received visitors from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at Harris Funeral Home. Interment was held prior to the memorial service at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, 953 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC, 28150 and to Boyce Memorial ARP Church, Edgemont Drive, Kings Mountain, NC, 28086.

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## Oil prices down, gas prices high

### REBECCA PISCOPO, EMILY WEAVER

Even though a barrel of oil was trading for less than \$90 on Monday, at the lowest price in eight months, the average price at pumps across North Carolina remained over 30 cents higher than the national average Wednesday morning.

The gallon price for regular unleaded still floats around \$4 in and around Kings Mountain, weeks after Hurricane Gustav or Ike blew through the Gulf. But even if the motoring public is willing to pay the high prices, one obstacle remains - which station has gas?

Prices rose before the hurricanes hit the Gulf and were predicted to stay high, as refineries were shut down, until the storm passed and damages could be

assessed. After Ike, refineries reported minimal to no damages, citing power outages as their main problem. It was predicted that the pipeline would be running at full flow within 7-10 days later. That was weeks ago.

"We've had higher gas prices because of the gas shortages here for the past three weeks following hurricane Ike and Gustav. No there's not been a lot of damage to the refineries in the gulf, but there is still one major refinery that is not back up in operation," said AAA Carolinas Spokeswoman Carol Gifford.

She added that the main issue for the Carolinas is that we depend on two pipe lines to transfer a majority of oil products from refineries in the Gulf to local terminals for distribu-

tion. According to Gifford, it took a long time for the oil companies to return to operating at full capacity, which started last week.

"So we are still waiting," Gifford said.

#### Gas shopping continues

Many people in Kings Mountain are still calling gas stations to see whether or not they have gas before leaving their house or office.

"Sometimes people call me to see whether or not I have gas," stated Mountain Market General Store owner Jay Patel.

"Sometimes you take 20, sometimes 30 to 45 calls a day. You may have 10 or 12 in the first hour," said Bill Parker of Parker's Amoco Service Station about gas supply queries.

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