

Obituaries

DAVID HERMAN SHIRAH

PINEVILLE - David Herman Shirah, 58, of 12531 Buxton Drive, died December 22, 2008 at Carolinas Medical Center in Pineville.



A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William Grady and Bonnie Ollis Shirah.

A retired barber, he was a member of Steele Creek Church of Charlotte and of Men of Steele Ministries. David gave his life to God four years ago at Steele Creek Church of Charlotte. He was a man after God's own heart and had a big heart for the poor and a desire to mentor children. He was a generous person, full of life and his humor and wit will always be remembered. He loved his wife with all his heart and delighted in making her happy. He will be sorely missed by his wife, family, church family, neighbors and numerous friends.

Surviving are his wife, Robin McKee Shirah of Pineville; five children that he loved as his own: Nick Wilson, Yerix Lanza, Carlo Molina, John Nguyen and Joe Nguyen; five brothers, Tommy Shirah and wife Frances of Camden, SC, Ralph Shirah of Lake Jams, Danny Shirah and wife Wanda, Phil Shirah and Tim Shirah, all of Kings Mountain; six sisters: Libby Cash and Rebecca Lineberger and husband Larry, all of Kings Mountain, Margaret Stevenson and Gail Filsell and husband, Ed, all of Haines City, Fla., Martha

Boulet of Charlotte, and Rachel Ann Kimbrell of Fort Mill, S C; his aunt, Rennie Hepler of Charlotte; and 27 nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, Dec. 26, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Steele Creek Church of Charlotte, 1929 West Arrowood Road, Charlotte. Rev. Kevin Smith will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Hoskins Park Ministries, 107 Cromer St., Charlotte, 38208. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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JOHN HOWARD GOFORTH

CHERRYVILLE - John Howard Goforth, 89, resident of Century Care, died December 21, 2008 at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Dixon and Bessie Ware Goforth and was the husband of the late Norma Martin Goforth. He was also preceded in death by his son, Thomas Howard Goforth Jr.; daughter, Kathy Hodge; grandson Carl Thomas Goforth; two great grandchildren Carlette Goforth and April Dawn; one brother and three sisters.

He was a lifelong member of Oak Grove Baptist Church of Kings Mountain and was retired from Triangle Real Estate in Gastonia. He was a US Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his son, Rocky Goforth of Kings Mountain; his daughter, Diane G. Allen; one brother, Charles Goforth of Shelby; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-

grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

The visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008 from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. conducted by Rev. James Holder. Burial will be in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

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JEAN T. BARBER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jean Thompson Barber, 92, of 715 Williams St., died Friday, Dec. 9, 2008 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late George and Jean Moore Thompson.

She was married for 34 years to the late George Rhea Barber and was also preceded in death by two brothers, George Thompson Jr. and Robert Thompson and two sisters, Ruth Roark and Sarah Montoya.

A member of First Presbyterian Church for 70 years, she served as the first female Elder, a Bible Scholar and organist. A graduate of Gardner-Webb University, she retired from Dicey Fabrics, Shelby. She was always there when I needed her.

Surviving are her daughter, Carol J. Lewis and sister, Mary Sue Thompson, both of Kings Mountain.



The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Lee Thomas officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Senior Lunch Bunch Fund, 111 E. King St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to the charity of the donor's choice. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

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MAXINE SHORT PUTNAM

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Helen Maxine Short Putnam, 81, of 340 Oak Grove Rd., died December 19, 2008 at her home.

She was born in Cleveland County, daughter of the late William Clyde and Vertie

Susan Davis Short and was married for 56 years to the late Buren Russell Putnam and was also preceded in death by sisters Margaret Moore, Betty Mauney, Ruth Turner and brothers J. D. Short and Bob Short.

A member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, she worked with her husband for over 40 years in the family business, Putnam, Hosiery Company. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are sons, Roger D. Putnam and wife, Libby, and Gerald E. Putnam and wife, Stella, all of Kings Mountain; daughters, Debbie P. Van Dyke and husband, Richard, of Kings Mountain and Teresa P. LeMaster and husband, Haile, of Gaffney, SC;

grandchildren: Laura P. Evans and husband Reid; Jim Putnam and wife, Sarah; Susan P. McGorman and husband Keith; Katye F. Price and husband, Greg; Hunter Falls and wife, Julie; Sarah Beth LeMaster, Lee P. Howell and husband, Drew, Russ Putnam, Jordan Van Dyke and Meredith Van Dye; great-grandchildren: Zoe, Kara, and Erin Evans, Russell Putnam, Emma, Abigail, Jana and Judd Price, Brett Johnson Ryleigh Falls and Luke Howell; and sisters, Lois Eudy and husband, Grady, of Pageland, SC and Patsy Moore and husband, Jerry, of Marshville.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Dec. 22, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Patterson Grove Baptist

Church by Rev. Tim Hendricks and Rev. Richard Plyler, interment following in Patterson Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 and Kings Mountain Life Enrichment Center, 222 Kings Mountain Blvd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086. A guest register is available at Harris Funeral Home.

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Mary West YARBORO

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary West Yarboro, 88, of 1104 W. Gold St. Ext., died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Born in Rutherford County, daughter of the late Lewis H. West and Lillie Hill Byers, she was married for 70 years to the late Randolph Yarboro and was also preceded in death by brother, James West, and sisters, Cora Lee Jones, Louise Staley and Rachel Green.

She was a dedicated homemaker, a member of Westover Baptist Church, loved flowers and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are sons, Kenneth "Ken" Yarboro and Donald "Don" Yarboro and wife, Lynn, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Patricia "Pat" Robbs of Kings Mountain; brother, Carl West, of Blacksburg, S C; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by Rev. Dale Angel, Rev. Bob Hope, and Rev. Jimmy Maney, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Memorials may be made to White Oak Manor "Activities Department", 716 Sipes St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

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CYNTHIA J. THOMAS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Cynthia "Cindy" Jackson Thomas, 46, of 706 Williams St., died December 15, 2008 at Carolinas Specialty Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, she was a former employee of the Cleveland County Health Department as a Social Worker and was a member of Second Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

She loved her dogs, Wally and Little Max. She was an inspiration to a lot of people, fought her illness and always had a smile for everyone.

Surviving are her parents, Sonny and Brenda Greene Jackson of Kings Mountain.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. Roger Woodard officiated. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Wednesday night, Dec. 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Cleveland/Rutherford Kidney Association, 1017 N. Washington St., Shelby, NC 28150. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

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Fundraiser deadline extended

December is the month for giving and Jacob S. Mauney Memorial staff is encouraging Kings Mountain residents to do just that. They are extending the deadline for a special fundraiser for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry to January 10, 2009.

In exchange for each food item, canned goods, jars of peanut butter, jelly, etc., the library staff will cancel \$1 in late fines until Jan. 10. This offer can be used for fines due at the local library and at the Cleveland County Library System.

Autopsy reveals cause of death

An autopsy report released Monday morning lists the cause of death of Lucy Dye Johnson, 31, a Kings Mountain Hospital nurse, as two gunshot wounds to the head and not from a house fire that brought rescue workers to her home between Gastonia and Cramerton in July. The investigation is ongoing by Gaston County Police who have not yet made an arrest in the homicide. Johnson was shot once to the posterior left side of the head and another time just posterior to the right ear, according to the report by the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office. The autopsy report confirmed that Johnson was 15 weeks pregnant when she was killed. She had two other children, one 7 years and one 6 months, who were staying with relatives at the time of the killing.

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