

# Records

## Obituaries

### Wilma Bunkowski

Wilma Roberts Bunkowski, age 91, of Perham, MN passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2008, at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, Golden Valley, MN. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 27, 2008, beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's



Lutheran Church, Perham, with Pastor Carl Noble officiating. Burial followed in Spruce Grove Cemetery, Menasha. Visitation was held Friday, December 26, at Schoeneberger Funeral Home, Perham, from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation continued one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Wilma was born March 9, 1917, in Spruce Grove Township, MN, the daughter of Walter J. Roberts and Bessie (Paulson) Roberts. She was raised in Spruce Grove, attended school there, romped in the woods with her cousin Millie, and at an early age, Wilma learned to dance, one of the joys of her life. While she may have outgrown romping in the woods, she never lost her love of dancing. In fact, not long ago she was delighted to learn that her granddaughter, Emma, participated in ballroom dancing.

As a young woman, Wilma's adventurous spirit took her to Washington State and Texas to see the country and spend time with aunts and uncles who lived there. She even convinced her cousin Pearl to travel with her to Corpus Christi. Wilma married Kenneth Bunkowski on July 17, 1945, and they briefly lived in Sausalito, CA, until Ken was discharged from the military. When Ken and Wilma settled in Evergreen Township, MN, and started a family, Wilma's lifelong profession of homemaking began. She was devoted to her family and home in every sense of the word. No matter where the family lived, (Evergreen to Minneapolis to North Carolina) Wilma's comfortable home, gentle smile, and homemade bread were always present. She not only took immense pride in the home she made for her

family but she also saw it as her responsibility and took it very seriously. She was a great wife and mother!

When their children were grown, Wilma's adventurous spirit once again took hold and she was able to resume her travels, though this time not alone. She and her lifelong partner and husband, Ken, motored throughout the United States, and traveling east to west and north to south, they saw nearly every state. Visiting family and friends or simply enjoying each other's company, they loved their times on the road. One of the highlights of their travels was spending their 50th Anniversary in Honolulu, HI.

Wilma is survived by her son, Kenneth (Karen) Bunkowski, Jr., Salt Lake City, UT; and daughter, Diana Valentine, Minneapolis, MN; four grandchildren, Lisa Caudill (David), Seattle, WA; Karen Grizzell, Cincinnati, OH; Matthew Bunkowski, Mauritius; Emma Katherine Valentine, Minneapolis, MN; great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Preceding Wilma in death are her parents; husband, Kenneth; a brother, Allen Roberts; and a sister, Janet Christen.

In lieu of flowers, send memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Perham, MN.

Schoeneberger Funeral Home, Perham, MN, is in charge of the arrangements. (218) 346-5175.

### Schoeneberger Funeral Home

### Frances Greene

GROVER - Frances "Gee-Gee" Byers Greene, 84, of 106 Star Drive, departed this life on December 27, 2008 to begin her journey in Heaven with her Lord.

She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Carrie Sue Price. In addition to her mother, she was also preceded in death by her first husband, Paul A. Byers, and her second husband, John "Bill" Greene.

Former owner and operator of Gee-Gee's Day Care, she was a retired nurse from Kings Mountain Hospital after 22 years of service and a member of First Baptist Church of Grover. She was a very giving lady, a loving mother and grandmother who enjoyed crafts and crocheting.

Surviving are two sons, Roger Byers of Cross, SC and Richard Byers and wife, Dana, of Grover; one daughter, Karen Byers Car-

roll and husband, Richard, of Grover; five grandchildren: Jody Byers; Dustin Mullinax, Ashley Rhodes, Kassi Howard and Stephanie Fowler; step-granddaughter Amber Patterson; and great-grandchildren Jordan Sutton, Morgan Rhodes, Anna Byers, Autumn Estes and Sidney Fowler.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Grover. Rev. John Barnhardt and Rev. David Saldo officiated and interment was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 403 Cleveland Ave., Grover, NC 28073; American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, 28202; and American Diabetes Association, PO Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio, 44720.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Harris Funeral Home

### Sesko White

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sesko White, 75, died December 24, 2008 at Crawley Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs.

A native of Dony, Ky., and raised in Boone County, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Elwood and Belle Gayhart White. He was also preceded in death by brothers, Terry White, Buddy White and Arnold White and sister, Ellie White.

A member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, he was a member of the Bethware Progressive Club, loved bowling and loved to watch his wife, Betty, play softball. A devoted husband, father and family man, he was a long distance truck driver and served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Betty White of the home; son Rick White and daughter, Debbie Sizemore and husband, Twain, all of Kings Mountain; five brothers, Willard White and Kyle White, both of West Virginia; Reford White of Pennsylvania, Carson White of Shelby, and Davey White of Alabama; one sister, Nellie Cook of Florida; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous special nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at 2 p.m. at Oak

Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Travis Northcutt officiated. Burial was private.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or Oak Grove Baptist Recreation Fund, c/o Teresa Bell, 1022 Oak Grove Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Pallbearers were Dale Oelkers, Michael Adams, Jason Sizemore, Matt Oelkers and Brandon Oelkers.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Harris Funeral Home

### Pauline Whitlock

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Pauline Wingo Whitlock, 91, of Summit Place Assisted Living, died Sunday, December 28, 2008, at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Born July 19, 1917, in Spartanburg, SC, she was the daughter of the late Andrew Jackson Wingo and Gladys Wingo and the wife of the late John Baxter Whitlock, Jr. A graduate of Spartanburg High School, she was retired from Western Auto Stores with nearly 40 years of service. She was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church of Kings Mountain, and formerly attended Montgomery Memorial United Methodist Church in Pacolet Mills, SC.

Survivors include a nephew, Ralph J. Wingo, Jr. and his wife Peggy of Kings Mountain; two step-daughters, JoAnn Green and Jan Goode, both of Spartanburg, SC; and a step-son, John B. Whitlock, III of Moore, SC. She was predeceased by three brothers, Ralph J. Wingo, Sr., Kenneth Wingo, and Johnny Wingo.

Graveside services will be conducted by Pastor Hobby Outten at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2008, at Pacolet Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends following the service at the graveside.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

The family is at their respective homes.

J.F. Floyd Mortuary in Spartanburg, SC, was in charge of arrangements.

### J.F. Floyd Mortuary

### Free computer classes at library

Free computer classes are available at Mauney Memorial Library Jan. 13 and Jan. 14.

"Introduction to Computer" will be taught from 4-5:30 p.m. and "Introduction to Internet" from 5:30-7 p.m. on January 13. "Email" will be the subject of the class on January 14 from 3:30-5 p.m. and "Introduction to Internet" from 5-6:30 p.m. Space is limited. Sign up by calling 704-739-2371, ext 5.

## Car-motorcycle wreck injures 2

Two people were transported to the hospital after a motorcycle/car wreck Dec. 21, according to the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Ptl. B. L. Wilkinson said that Alice Pearson Connor, 88, 210 Cleveland Ave., operating a Chrysler Van, was traveling on N. C. 161, moved into the turning lane in the 200 block of Cleveland Avenue in front of a northbound motorcycle driver. David Goodman, 44, whose motorcycle hit the passenger side of the van, and was ejected from his motorcycle. The Connor vehicle ran off the road into a ditch. Vehicles damages totalled \$10,000.

A second accident on Dec. 21 sent passengers in a 1998

Nissan to the hospital and there were damages of \$10,000 to the car, according to Cpl. D.K. Davis.

According to witnesses, Luis Navarrete of Lilburn, Ga. went to sleep at the wheel, the vehicle ran off the road, the driver overcorrected and the car ran off the right side of the road into a wooded area and hit a tree.

A two-car accident at E. Gold and Cherokee Streets resulted in \$3500 damage and Cleveland County EMS responded, according to Ptl. B. C. McGinnis. Both drivers, Dennis Jones of Gastonia and Tyron Roberts, 132 Goforth Rd., claimed the green light.

## Police log

### ARRESTS

Dec. 17: Travis Robinson, 23, 608 Bridges Dr., assault inflicting serious injury, criminal summons.

Dec. 17: Timothy S. Parker, 34, 1047 Mountain-Crest Dr., littering, driving while license revoked, communicating threats, \$10,000 bond, secured.

Dec. 17: Robert M. Leonhardt Jr., 32, Bessemer City, two counts possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, felony, sell and deliver marijuana, felony, maintain vehicle for sale and deliver of controlled substance, felony, \$25,000 bond, secured. His 2006 Kia was secured.

Dec/17: Edith Falls, 48, 519 Belvedere Circle, domestic criminal trespass.

Dec. 17: Eric T. Taylor, 28, 707 Alexander St., assault on a female, criminal trespass.

Dec. 18: Mellisa Pagan, 31, 110 Guyton Loop, possession of drug paraphernalia, second degree trespass and probation violation, 3 counts, \$167,000 bond, secured. Additional charges in 2008 were DWI, warrant date Oct. 15; simple affray, warrant date July 29; and driving while license revoked, warrant date Oct. 15.

Dec. 19: Russell Odell Walters, 35, 541 St. Luke Church Rd., possession of Schedule II, felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license revoked, \$1,000 bond, secured.

Dec. 19: Sterling A. Bess, 31, 107 Harmon Rd., breaking and entering and larceny, felonies, \$10,000 bond, unsecured.

CITATIONS  
Dec. 16: Ruby Ross Crocker, 46, 1536 N. Piedmont Ave., speeding.

Dec. 16: Austin Miller, 18, 511 Baker St., no operator's license, unsafe movement.

Dec. 17: Johnny Paul Moore, 32, 911 Second St., no inspection sticker, no operator's license, expired tag.

Dec. 17: Donnell Gill, 52, 102 Cameron Dr., expired tag.

Dec. 17: Laura Davis, 31, 907 Margrace Rd., Lot 4, no operator's license.

Dec. 18: Robert Spain II, 20, Lexington, no operator's license, unsafe movement.

Dec. 18: John Char-

jamouth, 24, Gastonia, speeding.

Dec. 19: Matthew Farish, 36, 2065 Bethlehem Rd. Lot 1, passing in no passing zone.

Dec. 19: Sharon Deticia Miller, 31, 207 E. Ridge St., no insurance, fictitious registration.

Dec. 20: Mabel Hemphill, 57, Gastonia, revoked license, no insurance.

Dec. 20: Karri Stanley, 24, Gastonia, expired tag.

### INCIDENTS

Dec. 9: Little Angels Pet Grooming, 405 N. Piedmont Ave., reported theft of statues and a dog wind chime.

Dec. 15: A resident of Lynn Street reported theft of assorted items.

Dec. 16: A resident of East King Street reported theft of a washer and dryer at a dwelling on Church Street.

Dec. 16: BB Auto Sales, Margrace Rd., reported damage to the rear quarter panel and tail light on a 2000 Toyota.

Dec. 16: A resident of Railroad Avenue reported that he received a \$20 counterfeit bill.

Dec. 16: A resident of First Street reported an incident or identity theft.

Dec. 16: A resident of Marcella Drive reported that her car was broken into and her purse stolen.

Dec. 17: First National Bank, 300 W. Mountain St., reported a customer cashed fictitious checks.

Dec. 17: Little Caesars, E. King St., reported that someone threw a brick and damaged a window and entered the building.

Dec. 18: A resident of Groves Street reported theft of an air conditioning unit.

Dec. 18: City of Kings Mountain, 1013 Piedmont Ave., reported theft of an electric meter.

Dec. 18: Advance Auto Parts, 512 E. King St., reported theft of a license plate.

Dec. 18: A resident of Guyton Loop reported theft of medication.

### ARRESTS

Dec. 23: Rhonda Rankin Miller, 46, 511 Baker St., driving while license revoked, fictitious registration and simple possession Schedule 6, \$1,000 bond, secured. Her 1997

Kia was impounded.

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