

Records

Obituaries

DAVID BELTON SR.

GASTONIA - David "Dave" Nelson Belton Sr., 75, died Friday, April 17, 2009 at Robin Johnson Hospital House in Dallas.

He was a native of Mecklenburg County and the son of the late Walter Daniel Belton Sr. and Pauline Beatrice Caddell Belton.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 20, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Parkwood Baptist Church with Pastor Jeff Long officiating. Interment was private.

Mr. Belton was a retired sales representative for UNARCO Industry and the owner and operator of a material handling company. He was a member and Elder of Parkwood Baptist Church, member of the Baptist Layman's Foundation and a US Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Joann Godfrey Belton; sons and daughters-in-law, David N. Belton Jr. and Christine Belton of Birmingham, Michigan, Barry D. Belton and Amelia Belton of Rocky Mount; daughter and son-in-law, Paula Belton McDaniel and David McDaniel of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Amy Belton, Erin Belton, Katie Belton, Daniel Belton, Sarah Belton, Sloane McDaniel, Hannah McDaniel and Boone McDaniel; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob Belton of Mooresville, Dick and Diane Belton of Gastonia, Jim and Boots Belton of Brandon, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Bill, John and Jack Belton.

Honorary pallbearers were Rich Bourgeois, Jack Richards, Glenn Mace, Mike Lands and the Fertile Soil Sunday School Class.

Memorials may be made to the "Little One's" Fund, Parkwood Baptist Church, 1729 East Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054 or to Gaston Hospice, PO Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Condolences may be sent online at www.McLeanFuneral.com.

McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the Belton family.

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ORA BERRIER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ora P. Berrier, 69, of 114 Parkdale Circle, died Monday, April 20, 2009 at her home.

A native of Tuckasegee, NC, she was the daughter of the late Ed and Lucy Daves Powell and was widow of Howard Gordon Berrier Sr. and was also preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

A member of Tuckasegee Wesleyan Church, she was a provider and protector of her children and grandchildren. Her family wants to thank their friends and neighbors of Parkdale Circle. She was a homemaker and former owner/operator of the Silver Villa in Kings Mountain.

Surviving are three sons, George Ruff Jr. and fiancée Anna Wyatt of Kings Mountain; Edward E. Ruff of Kings Mountain and Charles David Ruff of Kings Mountain; daughter, Julia A. Ruff of Lancaster, Pa., brother, Jim Ed Powell of Tuckasegee; sisters, Lois Cogdill of Sylva and Agnes Powell of East LaPort, NC; grandchildren, Edward Ruff Jr., Floyd Ruff, Ashley Ruff, and Katelyn Ruff.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Rev. Jeffrey Powell and Jim Ed Powell officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

HORACE MORETZ

HICKORY - Horace Bruce Moretz, age 89 of Hickory, passed away Monday, April 13, 2009 at his residence.

He was born January 14, 1920 in Alexander County to the late Arthur Taylor

Moretz and Lela Honeycutt Moretz. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Lois Hall Moretz and a son, Alvin Bruce Moretz.

Mr. Moretz was an active member of Mt. Bethel United Methodist and a veteran of the United States Army during WWII.

Survivors include a daughter, Wayburn Mills and husband Gary of Wilson, NC; son, Dewitt Moretz and wife Sarah of Hickory; and daughter-in-law, Catherine E. Moretz of Kings Mountain; grandson, the Reverend Jim Moretz and wife Jenny of Asheville, NC, granddaughter, Kimberly Brendle and husband Jody of Rural Hall, NC; grandson, Jeremy Moretz of Chicago, IL; grandson, Jason Mills and wife Elizabeth of Raleigh, NC; granddaughter, Diana Windley and husband Paul of Winston-Salem, NC, grandson, Ed Campbell and wife Liz of Charlotte, NC; grandson, James Moretz of Greensboro.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, 2 p.m. at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church with the Reverend Steve Johnson and the Reverend Jim Moretz officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The family received friends on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. The body lied in-state at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 1:30 p.m.-2 p.m. prior to the service.

The grandchildren of Mr. Moretz served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Alexander County, 10 Lucy Echerd Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681, Alzheimer Association, 400 Oberlin Rd., Suite 220, Raleigh, NC 27605, or to Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 9042 Hwy 127, Hickory, NC 28601.

Bass-Smith Funeral Home is serving the family.

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ONTA SOURISOUD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Onta Sourisoud, 68, of 417 Bell Rd., died April 16, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Thoummar Sourisoud,

Police Report

ARRESTS

APRIL 11: Alan S. Oliver, 45, 209 Waco Rd., larceny, possession of stolen goods and driving while license revoked, \$500 bond, secured.

APRIL 12: Thomas Neal two sons, two daughters and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted April 20, 2009 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at 1 p.m. His son, Outhit Sourisoud of Kings Mountain officiated.

WOODROW STRICKLAND JR.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Woodrow "Woody" Strickland Jr., 60, of 201 Cleveland Ave., died April 20, 2009 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Woodrow Wilson Strickland Sr. and Ruby Edwards Neal. He was also preceded in death by daughter, Angela Strickland, and sister, Constance "Connie" Ried. He was retired from Phillip Morris, Concord, NC, as an electrician. He was a loving husband, wonderful father and a certified scuba diver. He served in the United States Marines during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife, Brandy Strickland, of the home; son, Hunter Strickland and daughter, Taylor Strickland, both of Kings Mountain; brothers, Dwight Strickland and wife, Drennan, Savannah, Ga., Randy Strickland and wife, Diane, of Kings Mountain; and Philip Strickland and wife, Nancy, of Kings Mountain and sister, Patricia McGinnis and husband, J. T. McGinnis, III, Kansas City, Mo.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 4 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Rev. Wayne Reese will officiate and interment with military honors will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home and other times at the home, 201 Cleveland Avenue.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Children's Organ Transplant Association, 2501 West Cota Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403.

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Sprouse, 27, 127 Old Home Place, simple possession and drug paraphernalia, \$3300 bond, secured.

APRIL 13: Ralph N. Flegel, 49, Shelby, felony possession Schedule II and possession drug paraphernalia, \$2500 bond, secured.

APRIL 13: Jimmy Lee Lingerfelt, 46, Shelby, felony possession stolen goods, \$2500 bond, secured. 1996 Altima impounded.

APRIL 13: Donald Wayne Robinson, Jr., 24, Bessemer City, felony possession stolen goods, \$2500 bond, secured.

APRIL 13: Rickie Joe Payne, 18, 630 E. Gold St., failure to appear misdemeanor larceny, felony breaking and entering, felony larceny after breaking and entering, \$6,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 14: Sterling Miller, 19, 703 Church St., no operator's license.

APRIL 14: Thomas Bess, 46, 285 Bess Rd., felony possession with intent to sell and deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia, \$10,000 bond, secured. He was also charged with failure to pay fine and \$900 bond was secured.

APRIL 14: Shane Lee Murray, 25, 310 Waco Rd., assault on female, no bond.

APRIL 15: Marvin Phillips, 25, 517-B Belvedere Circle, breaking and entering, larceny and possession of stolen goods, \$15,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 17: Charles Clifford Costner, 51, Blacksburg, SC, possession schedule II and resist, delay, obstruct, \$5,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 17: Travis L. McMurry, 24, 1506 N. Cansler St., driving while license revoked, \$326 cash bond.

APRIL 17: Deter Alexander, 28, 1018 N. Piedmont Ave., domestic violence protective violation, misdemeanor probation violation, \$1500 bond, secured.

APRIL 17: Alice C. Williamson, 60, 213 W. Ridge St., misdemeanor larceny, criminal summons.

APRIL 17: Lisa Dockery, 40, Blacksburg, SC, drunk and disruptive, two counts assault on government official, resist, delay, obstruct, no bond.

APRIL 18: Gary Lewis Hopper Jr., 32, 114 Peace Court, driving while license revoked, possession drug paraphernalia and possession Schedule VI, felony, \$12,500 bond, secured. 1998 Jeep impounded.

APRIL 18: Logan Junior Davis, 56, Baker St., possession with intent to sell and deliver Schedule II, felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$5000 bond, secured.

APRIL 18: Mandy Brooke Adams, 27, 421 N. Tracy St., two counts obtaining property false pretense, felonies, \$2,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 19: Bridgette Dawkins, 40, 803 Jackson St., simple assault.

APRIL 19: Steven Dills II, 32, Bessemer City, driving while license revoked, 1,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 19: Jason Smith, 34, 902 First St., resist, delay, obstruct and possession of drug paraphernalia, \$500 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

APRIL 10: A 17-year-old Kings Mountain High School student and a 16-year-old KMHS student were cited by police for intentionally dis-

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Local professor charged with soliciting minor for sex

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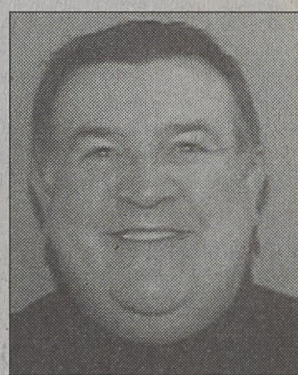
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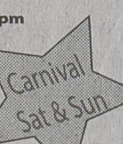
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9am-4pm

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8am-3pm Opening Day for Foothills Farmers Market - certified grow in & around Cleveland County

9:30am 4th Annual Step One Challenge Fun Walk at Shelby City Park

10am-4pm Tea at the Historic Bankers House \$7

10am-4pm FREE Trolley Rides from the Shelby City Park to Uptown Shelby

FREE Shuttle service will begin at 10:30 am and make 30-minute round trips from the Shelby City Park to parking in these locations: Uptown Shelby Lafayette Street, Shelby Middle School, Ingles Grocery Store on US-74 West and Lowe's on Earl Road US-74 West.

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