

# RECORDS

## Obituaries

**DR. BILL AMOS**  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA - Dr. William E. (Bill) Amos, 78, died July 1, 2009 at home.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was born June 28, 1931 to the late MC and Bertie Amos.

A graduate of Wake Forest College and Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, he completed his internship and Dermatology residency at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Amos was Chief of Dermatology at the 130th Station Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany for three years. In 1964 he began Dermatology practice in Phoenix at the Park Central Medical Building, retiring from active practice in 1995.

Bill was a very giving husband, father, grandfather and uncle.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; their two daughters, Laura Murphy and Audrey Ozols; granddaughters, Jennifer and Heather Larsen and Annika and Abigail Ozols; niece, Suzanne Amos, nephew, Jim Amos, son-in-law, Art Ozols and daughter-in-law, Lisa Pike. Private services have been held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mental Health of America Arizona, 6411 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or National Alliance for Mental Illness, 2210 N 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85006.

**GAIL H. CARPENTER**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Gail Hamrick Carpenter, 58, of 1304 B West Gold St. Extension, died July 6, 2009 at home.

The graveside service will be held Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 4 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. James Lochridge will officiate.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 9, 2009 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

**DAVID P. SMITH SR.**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - David P. Smith Sr., 88, of 703 Bethlehem Rd., died July 3, 2009 at Cleveland Regional Hospital, Shelby.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday, July 5, 2009 at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Rev. Steve Taylor officiated and interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

**MARY DONALDSON**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary "Tootie" Helen McGinnis Donaldson, 60, died July 3, 2009 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte. She was born June 7, 1949 in Kings Mountain to

the late Willie Anderson McGinnis, Sr. and Melinda Katherine Blanton McGinnis.

"Tootie" was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Kingston.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis "Red" Daniel Donaldson; sons, Larry Dean Donaldson and wife Janice Lynn of Shelby and Rickey Dale Donaldson and wife Brandy of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sherry Ann Whitaker and husband Craig of Boiling Springs, Angela Lynn Smith and husband James of Kings Mountain and Neva Jo "Suzie" Blanton of Grover; brothers, Willie Anderson McGinnis, Jr. and Kenneth Craig McGinnis, both of Kings Mountain; sister, Connie Melinda Conner of Kings Mountain; 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Dennis Harmon and Chad Irvin at 2 p.m. Monday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City. Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received visitors from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be made online at [www.siskbutler.com](http://www.siskbutler.com)

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City, is in charge of arrangements.

**Sisk-Butler  
Funeral Home**

**MILDRED KEENE**

MORGANTON, NC - Mildred T. Keene, M.D., 82, of Skyland Drive, Morganton, died Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at Grace Hospital. Born in Lake Butler, Fla., on January 28, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Vernon Keene and Eva Mary Edenfield Keene Pearce. She was of the Methodist faith.

Following her graduation from the University of Tennessee, she joined the U.S. Air Force from which she retired as a lieutenant colonel. She was active in politics, prompting her to be one of the first women to run for congress and the U.S. senate.

Dr. Keene received numerous prestigious awards, including the Long Leaf Pine and the Korean National Defense Medal, presented by the United Daughters of American Confederates.



She held medical licenses in psychiatry, dentistry, and emergency medicine. She was the director of Mental Health in Fulton County, Atlanta, Ga., and later joined the Charlotte Psychiatric Associates. For several years she practiced emergency medicine at Kings Mountain Hospital. She relocated to Morganton where she practiced psychiatry until her retirement. She continued to work locum tenens until her death.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, John Richard Keene; and sisters, Mary Lee Keene Johnson, Evelyn Strickland, and Eleanor Kieloboski.

Dr. Keene is survived by a brother, Wayne Pearce and wife, Hazel, of Gainesville, Fla.; a sister, Bonnie Parker and husband, Glen, of Gainesville; a special cousin, Gerry Vaughn of Bunnell, Fla.; a special niece, Mary K. Sumner of Jacksonville, Fla.; a special nephew, Joshua C. Shelton; and other nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Saturday, July 4, 2009 from 9-9:30 a.m. at Sossoman Funeral Home in Morganton.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Burke Memorial Park with Gerry Vaughn officiating. Valdesse American Legion Post #234 provided military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church, Mt. Moriah Church Road, Casar, NC 28020. Condolences may be made online at [www.sossomanfuneralservice.com](http://www.sossomanfuneralservice.com). Sossoman Funeral Home, Morganton, was in charge of arrangements.

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**JOHN HENRY MOSS**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - "Mayor" John Henry Moss, 90, of 504 Crescent Hill Rd., died July 1, 2009 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was born in Cleveland County, the son of the late Manuel A. Moss and Amanda Oates Moss. He was the husband for 46 years of the late Elaine Caroline Beilke Moss. He was also preceded in death by



two sisters, Margaret Moss Johnson and Elizabeth "Lib" Dalton.

Mayor of the City of Kings Mountain for 24 years, he was President of the South Atlantic League of Professional Baseball Clubs for 50 years and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. He was a World War II veteran of the US Army.

Mayor Rock Murphrey has ordered that all flags in the City of Kings Mountain fly at half mast in honor and in memory of Mayor John Henry Moss.

Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews.

The memorial service was held Monday, July 6, 2009 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Rev. Bill Jeffcoat, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, officiated, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gardner-Webb University, John Moss Stadium, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28107; Cleveland County Sports Commission, 315 E. Grover St., Shelby, NC 28150; and Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Harris  
Funeral Home**

**GLADYS PORTER**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Gladys Porter, 88, of 716 Sipes St., died July 1, 2009 at White Oak Manor.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, July 3, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, the graveside service following at 4 p.m. at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery in Charlotte.

**RANDY BLANTON**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Farchel "Randy" Blanton, 54, of 610 Landing Street, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2009, at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Farchel L. and Juanita G. Blanton of Kings



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## Police Report

### Police rule Bunch death 'unavoidable'

Kings Mountain Police have completed their investigation into the death of Andrew Bunch, 21, and have ruled the accident unavoidable.

Bunch was struck by a car operated by Sharon Krummow Murry early Saturday, June 20, 2009 on the Kings Mountain Bypass at the Oak Grove exit. Murry told police she thought she had hit a deer in the roadway.

No charges will be filed, said Det. Sgt. C. N. Moore.

## Police log

### ARRESTS

JUNE 29: John Raymond Walker, 51, 5026 Harmon Rd., DWI and littering, \$1000 bond, secured. Order for arrest.

JUNE 29: Anthony Neal Fuller, 40, Blacksburg, SC, larceny, \$1000 bond, secured.

JUNE 29: Racheal Danielle Schiff, 20, 109 N. Deal St., assault, no bond.

JUNE 29: Douglas Eugene Drum, 32, 109 N. Deal St., assault on female, no bond.

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Mountain. He was employed as a dispatcher and customer service representative for Carolina Heating and Cooling, after having worked 22 years with Wix DMC in Gastonia.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Blanton is survived by his wife of 30 years, Verleen R. Blanton; two sons, Ian Randy Blanton of Charlotte and Ethan Sean Blanton of Greensboro; sister, Leigh Ann Blanton Long and husband Bryan of Kings Mountain; and niece, Kristen Leigh Long of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Randy Patterson and Bryan Long at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009 in the chapel of Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Brian Clanton, David Smith, Jamie McSwain, Wes Dixon, Gene Wells, and Marty Gilley.

Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The family received friends at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon and at other times at the home of Mr. Blanton's sister, 713 Sandhurst Drive, Kings Mountain.

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

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**Cecil M. Burton  
Funeral Home**

### Revival at Bynum

A three-day revival will be held July 8-10 at Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church on N. Cansler Street in Kings Mountain.

Services are at 7 p.m. each night and will be led by Rev. Henry McNeal,

pastor of First Baptist Church of Kannapolis.

The services are sponsored by the July Birthday Club members Betty Jordan, John Frank Burris, Eula Frazier and minister Alexander Shuford III. Pastor Sylvia Perry invites the public.

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