

RECORDS

Obituaries...

Averice Eaker

Bridges

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Averice Eaker Bridges, 96, a resident of 1107 W. Gold Street, died Thursday, December 17, 2009 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

Born in Lincoln County, daughter of the late Lafayette Ivan and Myrtle Costner Eaker, she was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Clyde McClain Bridges; brothers, Gerald Eaker, Dick Eaker and Ralph Eaker; sister, Helen Warren; and two sons-in-law, Edgar Charles Wiggins and Dennis Gold Beatty.

The oldest member of El Bethel United Methodist Church, she was involved in many ministries of the church including United Methodist Women, youth work, Sunday school teacher and was in charge of the altar and altar flowers. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, artwork and quilting. A graduate of Bethany High School, South Carolina, she was an inspector and retired from Lambeth Rope, Kings Mountain.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of White Oak Manor and to Hospice of Cleveland County and Dr. Cornelius Okonkwo.

She is survived by a son, Ned Bridges and wife Judy of Gastonia; daughters, Carolyn B. Ross and husband Manuel of Kings Mountain and Janice B. Raines and husband Bobby of Fallston; brothers, Jack Eaker and Boyce Eaker, both of Kings Mountain; sister, Ruth Gamble Mayhew of Shelby; grandchildren, Sherri Weeks and husband Paul of Shelby, Christy Bridges of Concord, Brian Beatty and wife Jennifer of Fallston; and great grandchildren, Morgan and Madison Weeks, and Brayden Beatty.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home

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A funeral service was conducted by the Revs. William Mandelstaum and Bruce Hobson at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 20, 2009 at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Visitation was held prior to the service.

Interment was at El Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, was in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Carolyn Gardner

SYLVA, NC - Carolyn Jonas Gardner, 66, of 3914 US 74E., Sylva, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Dec. 20, 2009 at her home.

She was born in Cleveland County to the late James Woodrow Jonas and Dorothy Virginia Greene Jonas and was also preceded in death by son, Preston Scott Gardner.

A Health Record Analyst at Gaston Memorial Hospital for 24 years, she was a member of Sylva United Methodist Church and the Jackson County Democratic Women's Association.

Surviving are son, James Trent Gardner and Monica Dover of Clover, SC and daughter, Ann Gardner of Sylva.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain. Rev. Tony Dowdy and Rev. Paul Christy will officiate.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home prior to the church service.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Jackson County, PO Box 389, Bryson City, NC 28713 or Jackson County Relay for Life, c/o American Cancer Society, 120 Executive Park

Building 1, Asheville, NC 28801.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home of Kings Mountain is in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Henry D. Hodges

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Henry D. Hodges, 78, of Kings Mountain, departed this life on December 22, 2009, at Wendover Hospice in Shelby. He was born May 15, 1931, in Franklin County, Va., to the late Fred W. and Ella Mae Hodges.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City.

Hodges is survived by his wife of 34 years, Laura McEntyre Hodges; stepson, Michael McEntyre; sons, Steve Hodges of Utah, Mark Hodges and wife Vickie of Wendell, NC; daughters, Judith Smith and husband Eugene of Troutville, VA, Ellamae Griggs and husband Wayne of Sutherland, VA, Jacqueline Lumden and Katrina Compton of Roanoke, VA; brother, Wilford Hodges of Callaway, VA; sisters, Martha Stilwell of Vinton, VA, Sarah Nichols of Hopewell, VA; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren

To offer condolences, please visit www.siskbutler.com

Arrangements were made by Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home

Lek Taylor

CLOVER, SC - Lek Taylor, 61, of 991 Love Valley Road, died Dec. 17, 2009 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Korat, Thailand, she was a homemaker and wife of Richard Taylor.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home

Police log...

ARRESTS

DEC. 15: Michael Anthony Brown, 52, Shelby, larceny and assault on a government officer, \$500 bond, secured.

DEC. 16: Chad Allen Martin, 22, 505 Broad St., statutory rape, a felony, \$30,000 bond, secured.

DEC. 17: Julius Keith Pagan, 40, 209 Waco Rd., possession of stolen goods, \$2,000 bond, secured.

DEC. 18: Marvin Bruce Phillips, 26, 517 Belvedere Circle, breaking and entering of motor vehicle and larceny, \$5,000 bond, secured.

DEC. 18: Kenneth James Clark Jr., 18, 411 York Rd., consuming alcoholic beverage, \$500 bond, secured.

DEC. 19: Robert Alan Payne, 62, 208 N. Dilling St., resist, delay and obstruct, \$500 bond, secured.

DEC. 20: Michael Scott Ramsey, 28, 2107B Cleveland Ave., breaking and entering, criminal summons.

CITATIONS

DEC. 14: Wendy Arwood, 20, 123 Rollingbrook Court, no insurance.

DEC. 14: Jody Dewayne Champion, 18, 319 Scotland Dr., running traffic signal.

DEC. 14: Jerry Mintz, 62, Boiling Springs, SC, unsafe movement.

DEC. 16: Jovan Wideman, 25, Bessemer City, no inspection sticker, expired tag, no insurance.

DEC. 16: Harvey Lee Toms Jr., 41, Shelby, no inspection sticker, expired tag.

DEC. 17: Martha Ford, 45, Bessemer City speeding.

DEC. 18: Melton Atkinson, 54, Bishopville, SC, violation of city ordinance, \$500 fine.

DEC. 19: Lissa Lynch, 24, Forest City, no inspection sticker, expired tag.

DEC. 19: Angela Madison, 43, Gastonia, red light violation.

DEC. 20: Crystal Jane Childers, 29, 506 Branch St., littering.

DEC. 20: Ralph Flack Jr., 61, N. Myrtle Beach, SC, no insurance, fictitious tag.

DEC. 20: John Deal, 53, 200 Spruce St. Apt. 6A, expired tag.

DEC. 21: Amanda Flowers, 24, Gastonia, no operator's license.

INCIDENTS

DEC. 14: Quality Inn,

722 York Rd., reported an office break-in and larceny of cash.

DEC. 15: Linwood Food Mart, 511 Linwood Rd., reported an incident of shoplifting.

DEC. 15: A resident of Waco Road reported theft of medication.

DEC. 16: A resident of W. Gold Street reported a break-in and damage to a door.

DEC. 16: Food Lion Store 2654, E. King St., reported an incident of shoplifting.

DEC. 16: A resident of Montview Dr. reported larceny at a residence on Walker Street.

DEC. 16: YMCA, Cleveland Ave., reported that someone spray painted signs and a power box.

DEC. 17: M&T Plumbing, 205 York Rd., reported larceny of a \$15,000 Ford van and a \$200 GPS unit.

DEC. 17: CVS Pharmacy, 1017 Shelby Rd., reported an incident of shoplifting.

DEC. 21: City of Kings Mountain, 101 W. Gold St., reported damage to a road sign (no truck crossing) and a cement flower pot.

WRECKS

DEC. 14: Officer S. M. Skinner said that a parked car owned by Hakim Roberts, 612 Charles St. Apt. 56, was damaged \$900 by a motorist backing from the parking lot who left the scene.

DEC. 14: Ptl. H. W. Carpenter said that vehicles operated by Lisa Cash of Blacksburg, SC and Robert Lee Trinidad, 38 Chesterfield Court, were involved in a bump up on Kings Mountain Boulevard doing \$400 damage to the Cash 2006 Ford.

DEC. 14: Ptl. P. W. Alexander cited Jerry Lene W. Mintz with safe movement violation after his 1999 Ford struck a 2002 Olds operated by Matthew Payne of Bessemer City. The accident happened on W. Gold street and damages totaled \$2,000.

DEC. 15: Ptl. P. W. Alexander said that a 1992 Chevy owned by Tangie Carroll of 802 First St. struck a parked 1997 Chevy owned by Roberto Reyes, 29 Chesterfield Court, in the parking lot of Chesterfield Apartments. Carroll said she had left her keys in the ignition and was not driving the vehicle.

DEC. 16: Ptl. T. D. Adams said that an un-

known driver left the scene after his car struck a 2004 GMC owned by Dennis Collins Sr. of Grover. The accident happened in the parking lot of the VFW on Margrace Road. Damages totaled \$3,000.

DEC. 17: Cpl. D. K. Davis said that Mildred Petrucelli, 500 S. Cherokee St., damaged her car slightly when she struck a City of Kings Mountain street sign at 101 E. Gold Street.

CLARIFICATION

Citations issued to Amanda Marshburn, of Gastonia; Guadalupe Martinez, of Gastonia; Edna Bowen, of Landing St.; Stephanie Carter, of Shelby; and Brian Hillman, of W. King St., on Dec. 11, accidentally appeared under arrests in last week's Kings Mountain Police Report in The Herald. These individuals received citations, but were not arrested.

KM woman nabbed in prostitution sting

A Kings Mountain woman was recently arrested in a three-day undercover sting operation that nabbed 10 people believed to be associated with prostitution.

Elizabeth Pruitt, 42, of 502 W. Gold St., has been charged with soliciting for prostitution.

Thirty-year-old David Gilmore of 301 Gould St. in Bessemer City, faces charges for manufacturing cocaine, conspiring to violate Chapter 90 (which deals with the practice of medicine), possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for controlled substance, and felony possession of cocaine.

Shonda Hagans, 27, with recent addresses in Bessemer City and Gastonia, has been charged with soliciting for a crime against nature and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers from the Gastonia and Mount Holly police departments conducted the sting, visiting areas in Gastonia known for prostitution. Ten suspects, in all, were either apprehended or were issued citations for charges ranging from solicitation of prostitution to drug violations.

Merry Christmas Mom

Mom, you left us four years ago and you have been greatly missed.

God saw you were getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his loving arms around you
And whispered "Come to me"
With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you passed away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

In loving memory of Lucy
Alice Leigh Lockridge
Forever in our hearts

Teresa Falls and Lawrence Ethers,
Laura Falls Blalock and Kyle &
Connor, Rhonda Falls Bullock and
Chris & Brandon, Mr. and Mrs.
Marty Lockridge and Marty and
Mandy, Mr. David Lockridge

New Year's Eve Celebration

8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31
Kings Mountain American Legion
•Breakfast included...served after midnight!



Featuring
**Mark Blanton
and
The
Mink Band**

\$15 single • \$25 couple

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**KM American Legion,
Oak Grove Grill,
or by calling 704-300-3493**

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Thursday, December 31, 2009
6:30 pm - 12:30 am

Music by: Frank Love Orchestra

Tickets \$25 per person or \$45 per couple

Tickets must be
purchased in advance
at the Neal Center
& include Dinner,
Dance, Party Favors
& a Midnight Toast

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