

OBITUARIES

John B. Anderson

KINGS MOUNTAIN - John Brown "JB" Anderson, 82, died Jan. 22, 2010 at Hospice at Wendover in Gastonia.

He was a loving husband to Betty Wyatt Anderson for 62 years, a loving father and grandfather.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 at Eastside Baptist Church of which he was a member. Rev. Ron Caulder officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

John David Bullock

CHARLOTTE - John David Bullock, 84, of 3301 Landerwood Rd., died January 20, 2010 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Peoria, IL, he was the son of the late Robert and Taully Bullock. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during World War II.

He was owner and CEO of Charlotte Basket Co. and Bullock Properties of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Frances A. Bullock of the home; son, Robert Wayne Bullock of Las Vegas, NV and granddaughter, Frances Bullock.

The memorial service was conducted Monday, Jan. 25, 2010 by Rev. Eddie Gray at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain. The family received friends at the funeral home from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment will be at a later date.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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David Thomas Hall

ROUND O, SC - David Thomas Hall, 49, of 17729 Round O Rd., passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at Colleton Medical Center in Walterboro, SC.

He was born in Gaston County on October 18, 1960, son of Jack Thomas and Nellie Huckabee Hall of Bessemer City.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Norman Thomas Hall, Mamie Knox Hall, John James Huckabee and Beatrice Crump Huckabee.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Foringer Hall; daughters, Natasha Roche and husband, J.D. of Walterboro, SC, Jessica Hall and fiance, Darrell Butler of Boiling Springs, NC, and Josie Griebel of Walterboro, SC; brothers, Michael Dennis Johnson Hall of Walterboro, SC, Jack Wesley Hall of Bessemer City, and Kenneth Michael Huckabee of Bessemer City; sister, Patricia Darlene Hall Earls of Bessemer City; two grandchildren, Damion and Cameron Roche.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Dick Hannah at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 23 at Sunset Lane Baptist Church in Bessemer City. Visitation was held on Friday night at the church.

Interment was in Bessemer City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sunset Lane Baptist Church, 1001 N. 12th St., Bessemer City, NC 28016.

Condolences may be made online at www.greenefuneral.com Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

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Jake Hicks

CLOVER, SC - Jacob George "Jake" Hicks, 83, died Jan. 19, 2010 in Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, Jan. 22 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain, NC, interment following in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Betty Mercier

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Bondurant Baker Mercier, 83, of 526 Cleveland Ave., died peacefully at her home on Jan. 23, 2010.

She was born in Statesville, one of 10 children of the late Joel Marvin Bondurant, Sr. and Willie Presnell Bondurant. She was wife of 13 years to the late Charles Ray Baker, Sr. and wife of 50 years to the late Jack Raymond Mercier. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was also preceded in death by her daughter, Mitzi Jean Baker, a granddaughter, Anna Mercier Bowman, three brothers and five sisters.

A member of First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, she served for many years in the choir. She was a devoted wife and homemaker, mother and grandmother as well as a friend to many.

Special thanks to caregivers Patti Williams and Vivian Landers.

Surviving are her sons, Wayne Mercier and wife, Tammy, of Kings Mountain, Steve Baker and wife, Joan, of Kings Mountain, Douglas Mercier and wife, Wendy, of Mt. Pleasant, TX, Charlie Baker, Jr. and wife, Virginia of Portland, OR, and Mark Mercier and wife, Jodie, of Asheville; daughters, Susan Canipe and husband, Richard, of Gastonia, and Mimi Bowman of Kings Mountain; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Jack Bondurant of Cherryville; and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service was held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Dr. John "Chip" Sloan, Rev. John F. Bridges and Rev. Ray Rippe officiated. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Monday evening, Jan. 25 from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

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

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Betty Ayers Merritt

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Ayers Merritt, 74, of 827 Ramsey St., died Jan. 22, 2010 at Kings Mountain Hospital. The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 at 4 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Rev. Travis Northcutt officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Shelly W. Naman

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Shelly Williams Naman, 36, of 126 Crickett Lane, died Jan. 19, 2010 in Shelby.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at New Camp Creek Baptist Church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Rev. Dale Thornburg

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dale Thornburg, 84, a resident of Kings Mountain, passed away Jan. 21, 2010 at Summit Place In Kings Mountain.

He was born in Cleveland County to the late William Henry and Pearl Hayes Thornburg and was husband of the late Eunice Eters Thornburg. He was preceded in death by brothers, Rev. George Thornburg and James Thornburg; and sisters, Mildred Wright, Wilma Byars and Thelma Thornburg.

A retired N. C. state employee, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain and served in the United States Navy during World War II. Retired after over 50 years of service, he was founding pastor of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church and served as pastor of Union Baptist Church, Piney Grove Baptist Church and Grandview Baptist Church all in Lenoir, and retired from Eastside Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, serving from 1982-1999.

He was a devoted servant of the Lord and loved people, a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Surviving are his sons, Mike Thornburg and wife, Donna, of Huntersville and Chris Thornburg of Cornelius; and daughter, Suzanne Thornburg-Klein and husband, Evan, of Atlanta, Ga; grandchildren, Kimberly Thornburg, Hayden Thornburg, Shane

Thornburg, Zach Thornburg, Elliott Thornburg, Merritt Thornburg and Jonathan Klein.

The graveside service

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Jan. 24, 2010 at First Baptist Church, Dr. John Sloan officiated. The family received friends prior to the service in the Stained Glass Room of the church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150 or American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28202.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Mary E. Weir

KING MOUNTAIN - Mary E. Weir, 94, resident of 1351 Robinwood Road, Gastonia, died Jan. 21, 2010 at Covenant Village in Gastonia.

A native of Georgia, she was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Sam Weir, and brother, John L. Ervin. She was a resident of Kings Mountain until 1998; a very active member of First Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain for over 50 years, a Sunday School teacher and choir member.

She was also a former member of the Kings Mountain Garden Club and was employed at Plonk Brothers for many years. The family would like to express appreciation to Dr. Henry Thomason and the loving staff of Covenant Village, especially the Garden Wing, for their devoted care and concern.

Surviving are her daughters, Marlene Allen and husband Art Allen of Charlotte, and Derice Falls and husband, Rev. Fred Falls of Gastonia; grandchildren: Heather Young and husband Matt Young of Spring Hill, TN, Audra Cooper and husband Donnie Cooper of Mount Holly, Theresa McNosh and husband, Mark McIntosh of Gastonia, and Chris Falls of Gastonia; sisters, Margie Glausier of Greensboro, Ann Moss of Huntsville, AL, and Dovie Dowell of Greensboro; great-grandchildren, Hayden Young, Amelia Young, Jarrett Cooper, Sara Cooper, Ava Cooper, Hope McIntosh and Holly McIntosh, a nephew and a number of nieces.

The graveside service

was conducted Monday, Jan. 25 at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Deacon Jack Weisenhorn officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Covenant Village Benevolent Fund, 1351 Robinwood Road, Gastonia, NC 28054.

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

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