

OBITUARIES

George "Bill" Blackwell
MAULDIN, SC - George W. "Bill" Blackwell, 79, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

Born in Kings Mountain, NC, he was the son of the late Harrison Bright and Novella Lee Shipman Blackwell.

He was a staff sergeant in the US Air Force and served in the Korean War. He was a NASCAR Chief Steward with the Greenville Pickens Speedway for 47 years and a member of Shriners.

He was a car salesman, owning his own lot as well as worked for the Greenville News for over 20 years as a typesetter.

Surviving are his son, William Steven Blackwell of Easley, SC; his daughter, Anne Marie Blackwell of Mauldin, SC; a sister, Faye Adkins of Port Richie, FL; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Anne Blackwell of Rock Hill, SC and Donald R. and Ruth Blackwell of Mauldin, S.C.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Long Blackwell.

A memorial service was held at New Life Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010 at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Life Baptist Church Hwy. 253, 2691 Blue Ridge Dr., Greenville, SC 29611 and/or McCall Hospice House, 1836 W. Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC 29760.

Woodlawn Funeral Home, Greenville, SC, was in charge of arrangements.



Betty N. Bowles

SHELBY—Betty Nelson Bowles, 67, of 313 S. Post Rd., Apt. 1 B, died Feb. 5, 2010 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 at 4 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Interment followed in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Lillie Gordon

KINGS MOUNTAIN—Lillie Gantt Gordon, 90, of 1304 W. Gold Street Extension, died Feb. 3, 2010 at home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Drury Wilkin Gantt and Julia Ann Pryor Gantt. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Lee Winfred Gordon, brothers Paris Gantt and Carl Gantt, and sisters Selma Jolley and Lona Crouch.

She was a member of Westover Baptist Church in Kings Mountain for over 50 years. She was a homemaker, wonderful wife and mother.

Surviving are her daughters, Linda Goins and Brenda Frazier, both of Kings Mountain, and brother, Clarence Gantt of Hickory.

The family received friends Saturday evening, Feb. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

The funeral service was

conducted Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. at Westover Baptist Church. Rev. Dale Angel and Rev. Roger Webb officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

James A. Hall

KINGS MOUNTAIN—James Arvil Hall, 90, of 2020 Shelby Rd., died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 at home.

Born in Gaston County, he was the son of the late Sebastian and Mary King Hall and was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby and Leroy Hall, and sisters, Annie Hines and Fannie Messner.

A Civil Service employee for 14 years in California, he was a member of Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and NARFE. He served 10 years in the US Army and was at Pearl Harbor during World War II. He also served 10 years in the US Air Force where he retired.

Surviving are his wife, Sara Champion Hall of the home; sons, James Arvil Hall Jr. and friend, Helen Clayton, Steve Clary and wife Violet, Kenneth Clary and wife Judy, and Ricky Hall and wife Lisa, all of Kings Mountain; daughters, Pam Turner and husband, Wayne of Kings Mountain, Sara Paulette Towery and husband David of Grover, Kathy Childers and hus-

band Tommy of Gaffney, SC and Karen Bess and husband Robert of Kings Mountain; sister, Julia Gregory of Walland, TN; special niece and nephew, Glenda and Charles Caldwell of Walland, TN; niece, Lois Poplin of Maryville, TN; nephews, Roger Gregory, Raymond Gregory and Ronald Gregory, all of Maryville, TN.; 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Sunday evening, Feb. 7, from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home and at other times at the home, 2020 Shelby Road.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Rev. Jody Griffin and Rev. Ron Caulder officiated and interment with full military honors was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Dorothy Howell

KINGS MOUNTAIN—Dorothy Owens "Dot"

Howell, 76, a resident of 3138 Harmon Home-SteAd Road in Shelby, died Feb. 3, 2010 at her home.

Born in Gaston County,



she was the daughter of the late Gaddis and Mary Lou Blackwood Owens, and was also preceded in death by her husband of 26 years, Harry Ray Howell, Sr.

An active member of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, she taught Sunday School and helped in the office.

Sgt. Dorothy "Dot" Howell was Kings Mountain's first sworn female patrol officer and retired from the Kings Mountain Police Department after 20 years of service.

Surviving are her daughter, Sherri Howell Crisp and husband, Roger of Shelby; sons, Ray Howell and wife, Cindy, of Jacksonville and Michael Howell and wife, Joyce, of Covington, GA; brother, Robert Gaddis Owens and wife, Linda, of Clover, SC, and granddaughters, Laura Howell Snyder and husband, Andy, of Raleigh, and Jaclyn Davis and husband, Caleb, of Gastonia.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m. at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Rev. Jimmy Maney and Rev. Tim Barrett officiated, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Sunday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the East Gold Street Wesleyan Fellowship Hall prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, 258 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Margaret Hull

GORDON TAYLOR—Mrs. Margaret Hull Gordon Taylor, 92, formerly of Battle Forest Apartments, Kings Mountain,

passed away on Monday, February 8, 2010 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. A native of Gaston County, she was born August 21, 1917, a daughter of the late Grace Pearl and John Shuford Hull.

She retired from Arlington Mills, Gastonia. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She was an amazing lady who believed in godly family values and wanted to make sure the family stayed close to one another. She loved her family; but most of all, she loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a



member of Covenant United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; Alphonso Gordon; two brothers: Wilford and J. W. "Doug" Hull; two sisters: Beatrice Tate and Evelyn Davis.

Margaret is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law: Joyce Duncan and husband Bill of Gastonia, Rickey Austin and husband Mike of Shelby; her four grandsons, which she dearly loved, Todd Hoffmann and wife Pam of Bessemer City, Sidney Hoffman and wife Michelle of Gastonia, Jason Austin and wife Lisa of Dallas, Ron Austin of Clayton, Ga.; fourteen great-grandchildren: Erica Kelly and husband Brad, Spencer, Taylor and Alexis Hoffman, Josh, Brooke, Maddy, Aerial, Harlee, Haven, Seth, Aleesa and Praise Austin, Megan Garland; three great-great grandchildren: Madison and Paylin Kelly, Kinsley Hoffman; a special niece: Tanka Dellinger of Clover, S. C. and special nephew: Terry Hull and daughter, Ginger Hull of Clover, S. C., several other nephews and great nieces; brother-in-law: Robert Tate of Gastonia

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 P.M. Thursday at Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia.

Funeral services will be 3 P.M. Thursday at The Colonial Chapel of Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia with the Rev. Steven Blanton officiating.

Interment will be in the Singing Tower Section of Gaston Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be her beloved grandsons and great grandsons: Todd Hoffman, Sidney Hoffman, Jason Austin, Ron Austin, Josh Austin, and Spencer Hoffman

The family would like to express its gratitude and appreciation for the loving care received from the nurses and staff on the Sixth Floor of Gaston Memorial Hospital, to Gaston Hospice for its support, to Alexandria Place for the wonderful care given to our Mother these past four months and to Abingdon Place for its wonderful care also given to Mother, and to the dear friends she made while living at Abingdon Place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Covenant United Methodist Church, 801 W. Franklin Blvd, Gastonia, N. C. 28052 and to Gaston Hospice, P. O. Box 3984, Gastonia, N. C. 28054

Online condolences may be made at: www.carothersfuneralhomegastonia.com; please click on obituaries.

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