

# Browns celebrate love 68 years of marriage

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Their love is constant after 68 years of marriage, say Norman and Evelyn Brown, who plan to spend a quiet Valentine's Day Sunday with family.

What is their secret of long wedded life?  
"We love the Lord, we work at it (marriage) and there's a lot of give and take," says Brown, a Baptist minister for over 60 years, adding, "If I hadn't found the Lord when we got married our life would not have been blessed."

Evelyn Vaughn was 17 and Norman Brown was 21 when they tied the knot after a three month courtship. They met when Norman was dating Evelyn's friend and Evelyn was dating her preacher's son. Norman had an eye for Evelyn and asked her out. It was love at first sight, he said.

Mrs. Brown said they were riding around one Sunday afternoon and stopped at Morgan Memorial Baptist Church, now New Cherry Dale Baptist in Greenville, SC, and asked Rev. J. L. Flowers if he would officiate their May 25, 1941 nuptials. Evelyn laughed, "We couldn't ask my preacher to marry us because I broke up with his son." That church, in addition to the many churches the couple has pastored, has special memories for them.

Brown graduated from Parker High School and worked in textile mills in Greenville, SC, until he was drafted by Uncle Sam and served in the US Army Infantry during World War II. He graduated from Furman University on the GI Bill, accepted the call to the ministry and finished Southeastern Theological Seminary.

Evelyn Brown graduated from Greenville High School and became a full time homemaker, working side by side with her husband as they pastored churches including Bethlehem Baptist Church in Kings Mountain from 1957-61. In 1979 the Browns were appointed by the Baptist Mission Board as missionaries to Germany and lived in Osterholz-Scharmbeck six years. Their evangelistic work included ministering to American military and founding churches in small villages.

They retired in 1986 and returned to Kings Mountain and are members of First Baptist Church. Since 1992 they have resided on Southridge Drive.

Norman, 88, and Evelyn, 85, have three children: the late Ray-



MR. AND MRS. NORMAN BROWN

mond Michael Brown, who died two years ago; Elaine Brown of Kings Mountain, formerly of Atlanta, GA. and a retired flight attendant after 24 years with Eastern Airlines, and April and Jerry Morris of Kings Mountain.

They are proud grandparents of Neil and Nicole Morris, Amy and Tim Reed and Chris Morris, all of Kings Mountain, Jeremiah and Jenny Brown and Jessica and Scott Jenkins, all of Anderson, SC. The Browns are proud great-grandparents of Jamie McGinnis, Sydney and Evelyn Morris, Carter Grace Reed and Chloe Brown.

"We have seen a lot of changes in the past 68 years," says Mrs. Brown. Faith and family are priorities.

Their love for each other and their dedication as Christians to God's calling remain the focus of their lives.

# Remembering 'Ms. Winnie'

By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

The bells tolled this week for many special people who each left their mark on this world. One of those was Wynolia (Winnie) Hart Griggs Robinson, who passed away last Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, at Hospice.

A native of Bessemer City, who grew up in Cherryville, she was wife to the late Frazier "Slow" Robinson, of the old Negro Baseball League. She was mother to three children, Carolyn Robinson of Kings Mountain, and the late Edward Griggs and Benjamin Griggs.

But in her 81 years, she became more than just wife and mother. She left her mark on this community.

Known by friends and family as Ms. Winnie, she was an avid reader since a young age. She studied Child Psychology and English in Penn., and became an assistant director in her aunt's nursery and school.

She later moved to Cleveland, Ohio and took advanced studies in art and interior



decorating, which led to her becoming a display manager over five Lerner department stores for 10 years. She moved to Los Angeles, Calif., and worked for the Federal Employees Discount Corp. and AC Winkelman Company for the next 10 years.

Then, Ms. Winnie and (Mr. Bob) "Slow" Robinson took over Carolyn and their son-in-law, Rev. James Robinson's Sweep-It-Rite Industrial Sweeping Main-

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LIB STEWART photo  
Sgt. Lisa Proctor is commended by Mayor Rick Murphrey for her diligence and commitment to police work.

## DRUGS

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a pill or \$1 per milligram. Pain killers like Hydrocodone, Morphine and Percocet are the sought after prescription drugs. Xanax is also a popular item.

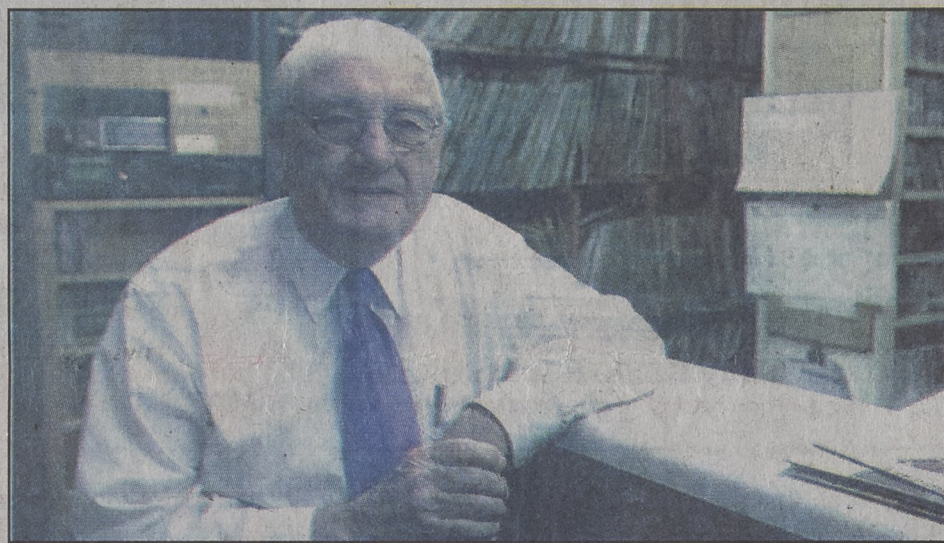
Kings Mountain pharmacists are proactive and work with police to combat what has become an increase in doctor shopping and abuse of prescription drugs," she said.

Proctor, daughter of Benny and Rebecca Capps of Grover, graduated from Crest High School and took police training at Isothermal Community College. She was hired by former Chief Warren Goforth as a rookie cop and one of her first jobs was working the D.A.R.E. program in the schools. As she worked with other former chiefs Bob Hayes, Richard Reynolds, Houston Corn, and her husband, Melvin Proctor, she was promoted through the ranks to

Patrol Sgt., Detective Sgt. and currently Narcotics Sgt. She is also over the K-9 and Community Oriented (C.O.P.) program.

"We all work hard as police officers but we need and appreciate the public's help to keep drugs off our streets," said Sgt. Proctor.

# 'Voice of KM' now silent



Jonas Bridges at his desk at Radio Station WKMT

The signing-on of WKMT Radio in Kings Mountain 56 years ago was another sign of the community's growth, bulwarked by the building of the hospital, the opening of the library, and other needed public facilities.

Jonas Bridges, who died Feb. 1, 2010, at age 80, was called "the voice of Kings Mountain" by scores of listeners who tuned in every day from the station's beginnings.

His expertise in broadcasting gained Jonas a high reputation for professionalism in the vocation he loved but which happened by accident back in 1953 when he

came to Kings Mountain for a week's vacation to help put WKMT on the air and stayed to move up in the company as owner and president.

His pleasing radio voice was a big plus for WKMT which he signed on the air March 12, 1953. Busy as a "one arm paper hanger"

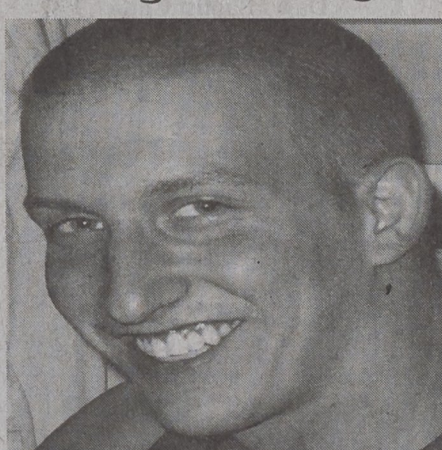


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**In Loving Memory of Kenny Bush**  
The family would like to express our sincere thanks for all the love and support during our time of loss  
May God Bless


**In Loving Memory**



Always in my heart.  
Love, Mama

Andrew David Bunch  
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**Desman Devon Thompson**  
Feb. 16, 1990 - Feb. 14, 2009



To my beloved son,  
You have been gone a year and there hasn't been a day that you weren't missed and thought of. You have given me the strength to go on because I know one day we will be together again. Can't wait to see your smiling face and hold you in my arms.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Devin, Deon, and Ron

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