

OBITUARIES

Charles L. Alexander

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles Leonard Alexander, 88, a resident of Kings Mountain, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

He was born in Cleveland County to the late Leonard L. Alexander and Martha L. Bridges Alexander and was husband for 55 years to the late Ruby Moss Alexander.

A World War II Navy veteran, he was former Postmaster of Kings Mountain for 25 years, President of the NC Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and was a recipient of the prestigious award, Order of the Vest, one of four recipients by the National League of Postmasters.

A member of First Baptist Church for 48 years, he served as chairman of the board of deacons, chairman of the building committee for the new sanctuary and on various other committees. He helped organize and served as Scout-leader of the first Boy Scout Troop for First Baptist Church Troop 92. He was a member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club, Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, Kings Mountain Jaycees and Kings Mountain Lions Club.

An architect and local developer, he designed many homes in Kings Mountain and was in charge of architectural design for Macedonia Baptist Church.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Surviving are his son, Reg Alexander and wife, Dianne "Deco" Alexander, and daughter, Cindy Alexander Wood and husband, Larry W. Wood; brothers, James "Jim" Alexander and wife Margie and Dwight Alexander and wife Betty all of Kings Mountain; three grandchildren, Brandon Wood and wife Bonnie Haynes Wood of Nashville, TN, Lane Wood and wife Meghan Potter Wood of Raleigh, and Kyra Elizabeth Alexander and fiancé Andrew Turner of Kings Mountain.

The family received friends Thursday, August 26, at Harris Funeral Home.

The memorial service was conducted Friday, August 27, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Interment, with military honors provided by the Marine Corps League, was held 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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Funeral Home**

Edith Morgan

GROVER - Edith Neal Morgan, 91, of 211 Cleveland Avenue, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at her residence.

Born in Cherokee County, SC, on January 15, 1919, she was the widow of Louis Thurmond Morgan and daughter of the late Theodore Livingston and Edna Bolin Neal.

Surviving are her children, Vernon E. Morgan and fiancé Charlotte Adams of Gaffney, SC, Larry N. "Buzz" Morgan of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Janis M. Byars of Blacksburg, SC, and Phyllis M. Coyle and husband David of Gaffney, SC; her grandchildren, Brandon Morgan and wife Jill of Spartanburg, SC, Melissa D. "Sissy" Morgan of Gastonia, NC, Neal Morgan and wife Sylvia of Webster, NC, Carmen B. Myrick and husband Richard of Clover, SC; and great grandchildren, Kathleen Morgan and Peyton Myrick.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Vardell L. Neal and Robert E. Neal; her sisters, Lucille N. Shuster, Ola N. Carleton, Frances N. Borders and Mary Catherine Neal.

Edith was a lifelong member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon, taught Sunday school for 30 years, sang in the choir 50 years and provided flower arrangements from her garden for many years. She truly loved her Lord and showed it in many ways through her giving to her church.

She retired from the Kings Mountain School System after many years where she became an instant friend to children. She was a charter member of the Grover Woman's Club and was active in the Grover community. Edith was an avid gardener, wonderful cook, collector of "old" things and a wine maker. Her children were the most important part of her life.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Kim Haney, Linda McClain, Christina Hardin, Rose Schmidt, Sandy Shuster (Edith's niece) and Cleveland County Hospice, for all the caring and love they have shown Edith.

The family received friends on Sunday, August 29, at the residence in Grover. Services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 30, at Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Grover with Rev. Harold Hutchinson and Dr. Nancy Mugford officiating.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Hospice, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or Shiloh Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 76, Grover, NC 28073.

An online guest register is available at www.blakelyfuneralhome.com

Blakely Funeral Home & Crematory, Gaffney, SC, was

in charge of the arrangements.

Blakely Funeral Home

Broadus Pinkney Herndon

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Broadus Pinkney Herndon, age 90, formerly of Kings Mountain, died August 30, 2020 at Hospice of High Point. He was born in Cleveland County, son of the late William Pinkney and Alice McDaniel Herndon.

He was the service manager at the former Lewis Motors in Gastonia, NC, that later became Earl Tindol Ford where he retired. He was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Kings Mountain where he served as a former deacon. He loved his church and was loyal to it.

Mr. Herndon was a WWII Navy veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre and Guadalcanal.

He was a wonderful man and was willing to help anyone who needed it.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Emily Ashe Herndon of High Point, NC; a daughter, Beverly Herndon Wyatt and her husband James Allen of Jamestown, NC; grandchildren, Kim Sepich and husband Bryan of Winston-Salem, NC, Allen William Wyatt and wife Lori of Greenville, NC, and James Broadus Wyatt of Jamestown, NC; and a great-grandson Andrew James Wyatt. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Nina Jane Herndon, and a brother William A. Herndon.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 1, from 7-9 pm at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain. A funeral service will be held Thursday, September 2, at 11 am at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Kings Mountain with Rev. Steve Taylor presiding. Interment will take place at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home of Kings Mountain assisted the family.

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Kathleen Sloan

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Kathleen Hayes Sloan, 88, a resident of Summit Place,



Kings Mountain, formerly of Charlotte, went to be with the Lord Saturday, August 28, 2010 at Kings Mountain Hospice House, Kings Mountain, NC. Born in Mecklenburg

County, daughter of the late Ernest and Lee Williams Hayes, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, John W. Sloan, Sr.

After moving from Charlotte to Kings Mountain, she became a member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. She was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in Charlotte where she taught the adult ladies Sunday school class for 35 years. The class was recently named after her - The Kathleen Sloan Sunday School Class. She graduated from Berryhill School in Charlotte and was a homemaker.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs. Ruth Yarbro who was a great friend to their mother and a great help to them.

She is survived by her son, Dr. John W. "Chip" Sloan, Jr. and wife Martha of Kings Mountain; daughters, Kathy Sloan McIlroy of Mooresville, Donna Sloan Cox of Anderson, SC; grandchildren, Paige Meadows and husband Johnny of Mooresville, Stewart McIlroy and wife Amber of Charlotte, Jamey Cox and wife Kim of Anderson, SC, Kristen Lepper and husband Jason of Piedmont, SC, Erin Richardson and husband Jason, of Clemson, SC, Jennifer Wampler and husband Mark of Kings Mountain, John W. Sloan III of Charleston, SC, Joy Laney and husband Jason of Kings Mountain; great grandchildren, Kennedy, Kepli, Jentri, and Bentli Meadows of Mooresville, Alexis and Zachary McIlroy of Charlotte, Bryce and Ashleigh Cox of Anderson, SC, Katy and Arden Lepper of Piedmont, SC, Kenlee Richardson of Clemson, SC, Markie Wampler of Kings Mountain, and Hayes Elizabeth Laney soon to arrive.

The funeral service will be conducted by her son, Dr. John W. "Chip" Sloan at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 1, at First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

Visitation will be held immediately following the service in the Stained Glass Room of First Baptist Church and at other times at the home of the son, Dr. John W. "Chip" Sloan, 309 Country Club Acres, Kings Mountain, NC.

Interment and graveside services will be held at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, 7407 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, at 4 p.m. with the Revs. Brian Taule and Tony Harper officiating.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Building Fund or Mission Readiness Fund, 605 W. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Kings Mountain Hospice House, 321 Kings Mountain Blvd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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OPINION

Alexander - 'a special friend we will miss'

Charles Alexander, as architect and developer, and his wife, Ruby, Kings Mountain's first female general contractor, made their mark for many years on the business, religious and residential community of Kings Mountain.

The late husband and wife team developed and built many properties, including the residential area Gold Run, and Alexander was the architectural designer for Macedonia Baptist Church plus many homes and office buildings in town. Theirs was a close-knit family.

At his death August 25, 2010 at age 88, Charles and his beloved wife of 55 years are together again.

Alexander had been in declining health but his love was returning to Regal Ventures Creative Ministries downtown where he at one time operated a real estate office and spending time with his son, Reg and family and daughter, Cindi Wood and family. The Alexander building is across the street from the Kings Mountain Post Office and Charles liked to comment about the spacious building not far from the old post office, reminiscing about serving as Kings Mountain Postmaster for 25 years before he began in earnest his expertise in design. Long active in First Baptist Church, he chaired the building committee for the new sanctuary, organized the church's first Boy Scout troop and was active in numerous civic clubs. He doted on his three grandchildren and great-grandchild and the family news of another great-grandchild in the near future and also a soon-to-be grandson-in-law.

"My Dad had been winding up things of this world for the last four to six weeks. His body was collapsing speedier each day. Sunday, we were able to transfer him to the Kings Mountain Hospice," said Reg.

"Pop" was how granddaughter Kyra Alexander, who worked with us at The Herald last summer, affectionately

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We lost three, Heaven gained a whole lot more

Our loss is great, but Heaven's gain has been greater this month as we, a community, have said goodbye to those who have influenced our lives, made us smile and warmed our hearts.

We lost a great teacher. We lost a beloved postmaster and real estate entrepreneur. We lost a friend.

Edith Morgan passed away on Thursday at her home in Grover. She was a friend and a great lady. The last time I saw her was a couple of years ago. She was getting ready to celebrate her 90th birthday and was still doing her own housework and cooking, still mowing her own lawn and occasionally riding that lawnmower of hers to the post office to pick up her mail. She was still making quilts out of old scraps and aprons out of old feed sacks, still tending her flowers and her bottle tree.

She was still hosting parties and get-togethers. The doctors, who marveled at her rambunctiousness and had previously told her that they hoped to be as active as she

was at that age, had told her to slow down. She was fighting that

advice when I sat with her in her dining room, when she offered to make me a sandwich, a glass of iced tea and a slice of cake.

She may have been short in stature (about four feet) in her golden years, but stood tall, in my eyes, as a great lady. She had a pretty great life and I'm sure I'm not the only one who loved to hear her stories.

Growing up the fifth of seven children on her family's 100-acre farm in Grover's countryside, Edith not only finished high school, but earned two years of university studies at Berry College in Rome, Ga., where she worked off her tuition doing chores around the campus.

She worked as a dental assistant at Camp Croft in Spartanburg, where she met her husband, who was a

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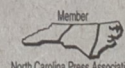
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