

OBITUARIES

Barbara Jean Barnett
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Barbara Jean Barnett, 76, died November 2, 2010, at Kings Mountain Hospital. She was born in Cleveland County on September 10, 1934, to the late Neal Thomas and Josie Bobbitt Barnett.

The funeral service was conducted by the Revs. Jimmy Maney, Tim Barrett and Daryl Lewis at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel, Bessemer City. Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Jerry Wilson
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Robert Gerald "Jerry" Wilson, 83, died Nov. 3, 2010 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Dr. John Sloan and Pastor Gene Alexander officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Dakota Goforth
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dakota Lee Goforth, infant son of Jennifer Michelle Goforth and Stacy Wells, died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Midview Baptist Church. Rev. Robbie Stinson officiated and interment was in Midview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Craig Griffin
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Craig Eugene Griffin, 31, died November 7, 2010. He was born October 30, 1979 in Cleveland County to Freida Blanton of Kings Mountain and the late George Eugene Griffin.



Craig was a member of True Gospel Holiness Church. He had the biggest heart and loved everybody.

A funeral service will be conducted by the Revs. Leann and Rick Chapman and Rev. Mike Whitaker at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 11, 2010 at True Gospel Holiness Church in Kings Mountain. The family will receive visitors 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Interment will be at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Craig is survived by his mother and companion, Freida Blanton and Kenny Cogdill; brothers, Brandon Griffin of Kings Mountain, Bradley Griffin of Blackburg, SC; sister, Angel Christopher of Gastonia; grandmother, Isabel Cook of Kings Mountain; uncle, Keith Blanton of Kings Mountain; and best friend, Ashley Moss Collins of Kings Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Freida

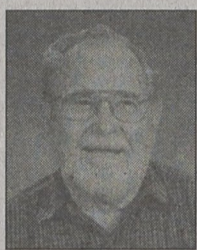
Blanton, 414 El Bethel Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 for funeral expenses.

To offer condolences, visit www.siskbutler.com

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

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Dathia Lee Sanders
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dathia Lee Sanders, 91, of 302 Plantation Dr., died Nov. 7, 2010 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.



He was born in Cleveland County to the late Rufus James and Flossie Ledford Sanders and was also preceded in death by his wife, Syble Wells Sanders; brothers, Rev. James Sanders, Fred Sanders, Boyd Sanders and Arshel "Bill" Sanders and sisters Cloe Bowen and Ruby Conner.

A member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, he retired from Foote Mineral Company after 22 years and also retired from Kings Mountain District Schools. He served in the United States Army, Pacific Theatre, during World War II.

A devoted husband, father and Paw Paw, he was also known to many as a master carpenter.

During the Cold War era he built the first fallout shelter in Cleveland County and then helped to construct shelters for others. He also spent several years in Hofuf, Saudi Arabia doing construction work that he was commended for. The family would like to extend a special thanks to White Oak Manor for their special care.

Surviving are his sons, David Sanders and wife, Debbie, of Gaffney, SC and Steve Sanders and fiancée, Teresa Melton of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010 at 4 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Rev. Don McSwain and Nathan Sanders will officiate. The family will receive friends from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery with full military honors conducted by the Marine Corps League.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150 or White Oak Manor, Activities Dept., 716 Sipes St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is avail-

able at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

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

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Alice Connor
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Alice Pearson Connor, 90, of Kings Mountain, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 8, 2010 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.



She was born in Cleveland County to the late William "Bud" and Mullie Wallace Pearson and was also preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Adam E. "Jim" Connor, daughter, Dortha Lyrene Connor, brothers James "Jim" Pearson, Robert Lee Pearson and William Pearson and sister, Annie Delinger.

A very active member of East Gold Wesleyan Church in Kings Mountain, she served as a Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School Director and was a member of the Women's Auxiliary and Women's Missionary Society. A prayer warrior with a strong faith in her Lord, she believed in Him unconditionally. She was a homemaker and stay at home mother.

Surviving are her sons, Buddy W. Connor of Wilkesboro, Gene Connor and wife, Marietta of Danville, Va. and Nelson Connor and wife, Hallie, of Kings Mountain; daughters, Grace C. Weaver and husband, John of Shelby and Kimberly Connor-McCormick and husband, Steve, of Clover, SC; 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and numerous other relatives.

The memorial service will be held Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 at 1 p.m. at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Rev. Daryl Lewis will officiate. Visitation will be immediately following the service in the fellowship hall of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, 701 East Gold St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Life Enrichment Center, 222 Kings Mountain Blvd., King Mountain, NC 28086.

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City presents awards



PHOTOS BY ELLIS NOELL

Top left: Abigail Litton, East Elementary kindergarten student, is congratulated by Mayor Rick Murphrey as a winner in the recent "Color the Mayor" coloring contest during the Gateway Festival. Students colored a picture of the mayor climbing a city utility pole as a feature of a City of Kings Mountain Electrical Department event during the festival.

Top right: Penny Fulton, Information Officer in the Kings Mountain Police Department, received a 15-year service award during City Council's Tuesday night meeting. Mayor Rick Murphrey, above, presented the award to Fulton and also a 15-year award to Johnny Putnam, Construction Supervisor in the Electric Department, not present for the meeting.

Below: Mayor Rick Murphrey presents a city plaque to Sharks Meet Director Jim Riggs, left, and head coach Dave Messenger, right, at Tuesday's city council meeting, recognizing the popular group of swimmers. More than 200 swimmers were involved in the program this year and some 400-500 are anticipated in next year's enrollment and events.



Above: John Harris, was the big winner in the City of Kings Mountain Electric Department contests during the Gateway Festival. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Harris, he guessed correctly that it would take the mayor 1 minute, 29 seconds to climb a city utility pole. Young Harris received a \$100 bill.



Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church celebrates 130 years

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 130th anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m. with guest speakers from the community, including Mayor Rick Murphrey, members of City Council, Rep. Tim Moore, and Rev. Eddie Ponder, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Prior to the afternoon event, Sunday School will be held at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:45 a.m. and lunch at 1:15 p.m. The public is invited to all services.

In 1880, (according to oral tradition) 20 years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, the first Mt. Zion church was established for Christian fellowship in a building located on Piedmont Avenue across from the Kings Mountain Herald building. The church relocated to West King Street in 1916 and between 1916-1974 underwent tremendous growth, according to a church history.

After the demolition of

Davidson High School, a deed was agreed upon between the Kings Mountain City Board of Education to secure a tract of land located on North Watterson and Parker Streets for \$8,300 and groundbreaking for the new church building was held on Oct. 7, 1973. On Nov. 3, 1974 Pastor J. S. Norris, the church family and friends marched hand in hand from the corner of Watterson and Parker Streets and the new church was filled to capacity for the dedication of the building to God.

In January 1987 the current Pastor C. A. Feemster was called to serve and was installed in May 1987. Under his leadership the church welcomed assistant pastors Rev. Ernest Simons, Rev. Lamont Littlejohn, Rev. William Sims, MD and at present Rev. Raymond Gardin and many 'sons' born into the ministry included Lamont Littlejohn, current pastor at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church; Brian Floyd, current pastor at Fully Committed Baptist Church; Carl Smith, current pastor at Williamsville Brooklyn AME Zion Church and Raymond Gardin, current assistant pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Rev. Garvin, Rev. Howard Shipp, current city councilman from Ward I, began his ministry. The church's first sister, Annie Thombs, began her ministry under the leadership of Rev.

J. H. Littlejohn. Numerous choirs lead in the music ministry of the church and the youth ministry is strong. There are also Ridgecrest retreats, marriage enrichment classes, after school homework and tutorial/educational programs for children, and seniors enjoy Golden Hearts and Golden Jubilee celebrations, Family & Friends weekend, Laymen League and Women's Missionary Ministries are only a few of the programs and events in the Family Life Center and church sanctuary.

Dr. C. A. Feemster served as moderator for the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association, received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Gardner-Webb University and in addition to serving as 'Under Shepherd' for Mount Zion Baptist Church directs the Pittman Center for Congregational Enrichment at M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs. Mount Zion Church is a strong supporter of the General Baptist State Convention through the Unified program.

The 30th anniversary theme, "Building the Kingdom of God through Celebration, Dedication, Inspiration and Adoration" enhances the church motto, Empowered for Excellence through Intentional Ministry, Matthew 28: 19-20, His Last command, Our first concern."



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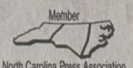
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