

OBITUARIES

Helen S. Allison

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Helen Stiles Allison, 89, formerly of Shelby, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2010 at White Oak Manor in Shelby.

The graveside service will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 30, at 1 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery with Rev. Terry Byrd officiating and interment to follow. The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, Kings Mountain Hospice House, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or Shriners Hospital, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, NC 29605.

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

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

Harris Funeral Home

Barbara Bridges

Barbara Allen Bridges, 78, 618 Dixon School Road, died Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.



She was born in Cleveland County to the late Irvin M. Allen and Maude Weathers Allen and was also preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

A member of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, she was a homemaker, loving wife, mother and grandmother. At a young age while raising her own children she also raised three of her husband's youngest siblings after the death of their parents. She was a wonderful cook, avid gardener, reader and loved needlework.

Surviving are her husband of over 60 years, Bobby C. Bridges of the home; sons, John "Eddie" Bridges of Fort Mill, SC and C. Kevin Bridges and wife Trudy of Kings Mountain; daughter, Diana Bridges of Kings Mountain; brother, Wiley Allen of Kings Mountain; and sister, Freida Hawkins of Shelby; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by the Revs. John Sloan and Lee Thomas Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Beulah Costner

GROVER - Beulah Allen Costner, 82, 314 Mallard Dr., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010 at home.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 3 p.m. at New Buffalo Baptist Church. Rev. Adam Green officiated and interment was in Grover Cemetery.

Gertrude Gore

ROLLA, MO - Gertrude Caldwell Gore, 99 of Rolla, Missouri, formerly of Kings Mountain, NC, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010.

She was born in Kings Mountain Sept. 30, 1911, to William Henry and Effie Mullis Caldwell and was married to William Partee Gore in 1932.

She was preceded in death her husband, a daughter, Janice Midkiff, her parents, and siblings, Hunter Caldwell, Dewey Caldwell, Bess (Mrs. George) Adams, Ada (Mrs. Jess) Jenkins, Millard Caldwell, Flora (Mrs. Lester) Welch and Ruby (Mrs. Tom) Smith.

A member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Kings Mountain she had been living with her daughter in Rolla, MO since 1999. She will be greatly missed by her family.

Surviving are her son, Philip Gore and wife, Helen, of Lenoir City, TN; daughter, Jean Hickle and husband, John, of Rolla, MO; three grandchildren, John Hickle Jr. and wife, Sofia, of Orlando, FL, Bill Hickle and wife, Debbie, of Rolla, MO; and Steve Hickle and wife, Lisa, of Jackson, MO; 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 12 noon at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Steve Hickle will officiate.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 10 a.m.-12 noon prior to the funeral service at Harris Funeral Home. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC

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A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

Null and Son Funeral Service, Rolla, MO and Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain are in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

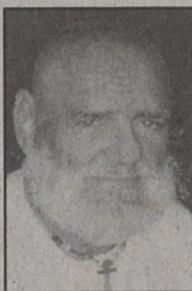
David Hart

ASHE COUNTY - David Hart, brother of Betsy Wells of Kings Mountain, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Tuckerdale Baptist Church, Big Horse Creek Rd. Lansing, NC, at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends from 12:30-1:30 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be in the Hart-Ham Cemetery on Little Windfall Road.

Keith F. Ramsey, Sr.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Keith F. Ramsey Sr., 57, 705 W e b b



St., went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 27, 2010 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Freelon Ramsey and a member of Bethany Baptist Church of Grover. He was employed in the Commercial Construction Industry, served in the United States Army and was a member of the AMVETS and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Hughes Haynes of Boiling Springs; sons, Keith F. Ramsey Jr. of Ohio and Tyler Ramsey and Jerrell Ramsey, both of Kings Mountain; daughters, Tonya Ramsey of Union, SC, Christy Ramsey of Clover, SC, and Amy McMasters of Shelby; one brother, Jerry Ramsey of Kings Mountain; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Rev. Doug Ramsey will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, Kings Mountain Hospice House, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is avail-

able at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

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

Harris Funeral Home

Frank Styers

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles Frank Styers, 59, 701 Lee St., died Friday, Dec. 24, 2010 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Frank and Earlene Dowdle Styers. He was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church and Elvis Presley's number one fan.

Surviving are his stepson, Gary Henderson and wife, Trina; and daughter, Jennifer Earlene Styers, all of Kings Mountain; stepdaughter, Kelly Leonard of Lowell; two sisters, Frances Bridges and husband, Vance, and Betty Humphries and husband, Calvin, all of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Dr. John W. Sloan, Rev. Morris Jordan and Rev. Chris Bridges officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Monday one hour before the service in the stained glass room of First Baptist Church and other times at home.

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

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain was in charge of arrangements.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home

Stokes Wright

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Howard Stokes Wright, 86, 750 Oak Grove Road, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

He had been married for 63 years to Louise Wolfe Wright.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church of which he was a lifetime member. Rev. Travis Northcutt and his grandson, Rev. Steven Blanton, officiated, and interment was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Fireflight to perform Jan. 15

Grammy nominated Fireflight with Tower of Mercy will perform at the Don Gibson Theatre, Shelby, on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at \$17.50 and \$14.50 for groups of 10 or more by calling 704-487-8114 or online at www.dgshelby.org.

CCC Spring

Registration Jan. 5

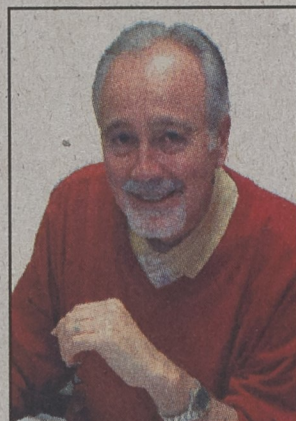
Registration for spring classes at Cleveland Community College will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 5, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. Current, returning or new students are eligible to register on this day. Registration will be held in the Student Activities Center on the CCC campus and advisors will be on hand to help register students. CCC offers over 120 programs including Associate degrees in Arts, Sciences and Fine Arts.

Hord named Herald sales manager

Rick Hord has been named sales manager for The Kings Mountain Herald and its sister newspapers, The Cherryville Eagle and The Banner News in Belmont.

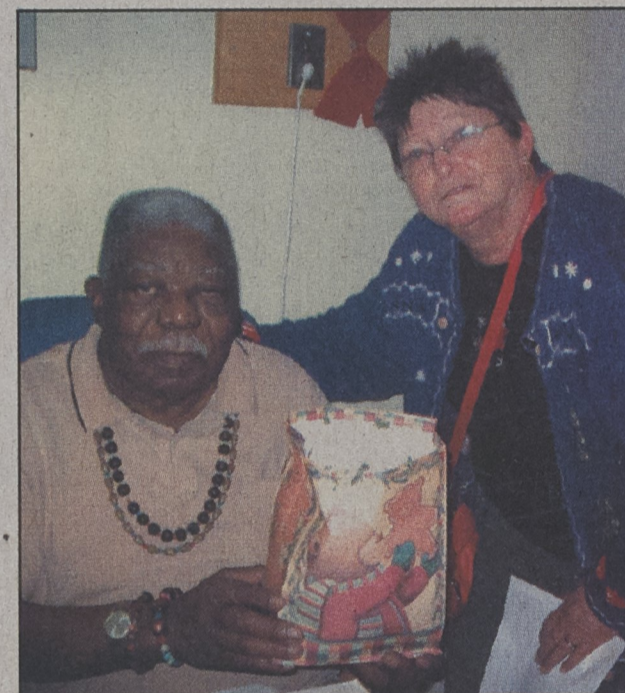
Hord has been an advertising sales representative at The Herald serving businesses in Cleveland County for over a year. He will continue to serve those customers in his new position. He will also oversee sales representatives in Gaston County and coordinate sales for all three newspapers.

Hord was previously a special projects sales representative for The Charlotte Observer, a position he held for more than 20 years. He is an active member of The Patterson Grove Baptist Church. He is a Kings Mountain native and married to the former Melody Price of Shelby.



Rick Hord

Publisher Ron Isbell said, "Rick has a great ability to 'think outside the box' when it comes to helping our advertisers promote their business. In today's economy that becomes a real benefit to all of us. He's also shown almost uncanny organizational abilities, and I think he will be a great asset to us as we continue to grow The Herald."



GIFTS TO VETERANS - US Army Medical Corps veteran of the Korean Conflict William Culbreth receives a gift from Unit 155 American Auxiliary member Joyce Kale. The Auxiliary presented Christmas gifts to 19 veterans recuperating at White Oak Manor. Other Auxiliary members distributing gifts were Arlene Barrett and Myrtle Christenson.

Photo by LIB STEWART

Letters to the editor

America needs to pray

Letter to the Editor:

My heart is broken. Our current president and congress are taking one more step to invite the wrath of God upon our nation. With the passage of the repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell" America legalizes yet another sin. What's next?

If we say its OK to murder babies in their mother's womb and for men and women to behave in a way that God forbids, what's next? Will we soon legalize murder of anykind? All sorts of drug use? Robbery? Adul-

tery? Who is going to draw the line?

God has already done so and to disregard His Word is to invite His just wrath. Perhaps our greatest terrorist threat is not from other radical religious sects, but from those of us who claim to be Christians, thumbing our noses at our God.

Don't bother singing "God, Bless America" next year. He can't and won't bless blatant disobedience and mockery of His precious infallible Word. America needs to repent and pray for His mercy.

Rev. James T. Lochridge, Jr.
Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain

Medicare open enrollment ends Dec. 31

Medicare open enrollment, which ends Dec. 31, is the time of year when current or newly-eligible Medicare beneficiaries, including people with original Medicare, can review their current health or prescription drug plans, compare the plans to other options, and choose the plans that best meet their current needs.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services says, "With the new health care law, there are new benefits available to people with Medicare, including lower prescription costs, wellness checkups and preventive care." "The law also provides better ways to protect beneficiaries from fraud, making Medicare stronger for all of us and for future generations."

Medicare has several ways to ensure people get the kind of coverage that works best,

including:

- Visit www.medicare.gov, where you can get a personalized comparison of the costs and coverage of the plans available in your area.

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day/7 days a week to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

- Review the "Medicare & You" handbook. It was mailed to beneficiaries in October.

- Get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), offered at the Patrick Senior Center.

Medicare has a program to help pay for prescription drugs for those with a limited income. To find out if you qualify, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213 and ask about the "Extra Help" program.

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Thank You, as always, for the opportunity to serve you and extend the special attention to the needs that you and your loved ones desire.

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