

OBITUARIES

Leigh Ann Carpenter

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ms. Leigh Ann Humphries Carpenter, 38, died Sunday, April 24, 2011 at Kings Mountain Hospital. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Calvin and Betty Styers Humphries of Kings Mountain.

Leigh Ann was a devoted daughter, sister, and aunt that loved her family and her family loved her. She was employed in the finance department with the City of Lowell, attended Gaston College where she was a member of the Gamma Beta Phi, and was a member of Anthony Grove Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Styers and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Humphries; great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Will Humphries; and an uncle, Frank Styers.

In addition to her loving parents, she is survived by her two brothers, John Humphries and wife Kristy and Michael Humphries, all of Kings Mountain; and niece and nephew, Mikayla and Zachary Humphries.

Funeral services will be conducted by Dr. John W. Sloan at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, (today) at First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Her body will be placed in the church 30 minutes prior to the service.

Burial will immediately follow the service at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain, and other times at the home of Vance and Frances Bridges, 701 Lee St., Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 605 W. King St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Condolences may be made online at www.claybarnette.com

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

Clay Barnette Funeral Home

Virginia Smith Trammell
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Virginia Smith Trammell, 91, 609 Meadowbrook Rd., died

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

She was born in Rome, GA, daughter of the late Francis Roscoe Smith and Ida Myrtle Lumpkin Smith and was also preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, James "Jim" Avery Trammell, son, J. A. Trammell, Jr. and two brothers and three sisters.

A member of Central United Methodist Church, she was a homemaker.

The family would like to thank the staff of White Oak Manor for the loving care shown to their mother.

Surviving are her son, Mike Trammell and wife, Roxie; daughters, Diane T. Ormand Houser and husband, Bob, and Janie T. Moss and husband, Quay, all of Kings Mountain; eight grandchildren, Joe Ormand and wife Elaine; James Ormand and wife Brenda; Michael Ormand; Jonathan Summey and wife Rachel; Jennifer Ballard and husband Gene; Jason Michael Trammell; Kevin Moss and wife Amy; Charity Bridges and husband Kenny; and eight great-grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted Saturday, April 23, at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. Rex Gibbs officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Saturday, April 23, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 113 S. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

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

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

Harris Funeral Home

Betty Flowers Yates

DUBLIN, GA—Funeral Services for Betty Ann Flowers Yates, 64, will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at First United Methodist Church of Dublin with interment to follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Dr. Jack Key, Dr. Rick Mitchell, and Dr. Bob Williams will officiate the service.

Betty Ann was born October 14, 1946 in Kings Mountain. She was the daughter of Betty Sue Morgan and Marion B. Flowers. She was the granddaughter of Sara Jarvis and Paul Morgan of Bessemer City and Stella Baity and Thomas H. Flowers of Kings Mountain. Betty was preceded in death by her mother and father, two brothers, Marion Jr. and Michael B. Flowers, and grandparents.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in

Dublin, GA, where she was active for many years and served in various capacities.

Betty Ann also served for more than 20 years as an executive administrative assistant in multiple locations, including the University of Kentucky's School of Dentistry, Island Creek Coal Company, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation in Lexington, KY, and Bankers Trust Company in Columbia, SC.

Betty Ann moved to Dublin, GA, in 1981 with her husband and shortly afterward began her educational endeavors at Georgia College & State University where she graduated in 1988. She was employed with the Laurens County School System and was a dedicated educator for more than 20 years. She was selected Teacher of the Year in 2007-2008 at East Laurens Elementary School. She loved her school children with a passion, and saw each student's God-given potentials, helping each of her students to strive for excellence.

Betty is survived by her husband of 46 years, Norman Gene Yates, her daughter

Elizabeth Yates Fletcher and son-in-law, Erik H. Fletcher, of Brunswick, GA, and several aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Betty Ann asked that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org.

Pallbearers will be Taylor Fletcher, Dr. Blake Walker, Dr. Mike Karoly, David Carr, Jason Carr, and Bert Willis.

Honorary escorts will be the East Laurens Elementary School teachers and staff she worked with and loved dearly.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evening, April 26, at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home. Please go to www.townsendfuneralhome.com to sign the online memorial register.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home

Sandy Queen

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sandy Melton Queen, 59, of Kings Mountain, died Tuesday, April 25, 2011 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Born in Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Betty Jean Melton Thompson. A member of First Baptist Church, she was a loving mother and a very giving person. She loved to travel.

Surviving are her daughter, Karen Melissa Queen of Charlotte; brother, Ronald Devon Thompson of Myrtle Beach, SC and sister, Brenda Lee Jones of Grover.

The funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. James Lockridge Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 3 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Relay for Life, PO Box 856, Kings Mountain, NC or to the American Heart Association, PO Box 2391, Shelby, NC 28151.

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

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

Harris Funeral Home

Jack Huffstetler

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jack R. Huffstetler, 68, 113 Oak Mountain Lane, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at home.

The graveside service was conducted Thursday, April 21 at 11 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. His pastor, Rev. Hobby Outten, of Resurrection Lutheran Church, officiated.

MSD owners invited to Summit

The Design Committee of Mountaineer Partnership Inc. is hosting a Downtown Design Summit 1-4 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at Mauney Memorial Library. The by-invitation-only event is devoted to property owners located in the city's Municipal Service District (MSD), city staff, city council and the Partnership's design committee.

The committee, chaired by local architect Ken Pflieger, is set to unveil a focus project for downtown design improvements.

Pflieger says the event is a joint effort between the City of Kings Mountain and Mountaineer Partnership, the downtown development group which has been working with the North Carolina Main Street Program since the city was awarded inclusion in the elite program last year.

Design improvements to be addressed at the Summit are based on the "Picture Downtown" community exercise conducted last year and the downtown strategy plan which was co-sponsored by the city and First National Bank in 2007. The Summit will build on last year's visit by the North Carolina Main Street resource team and its final report.

In the "Picture Downtown" exercise, community members were handed disposable cameras and were asked to take pictures of things downtown that they liked, hated and would change if they could.

"A lot of the proposals we'll be addressing are based on the community's input as part of that exercise," Pflieger said. Mountaineer Partnership Executive Director Adam Hines will give the keynote address.

"MPI will briefly review what has transpired since development of the 2007 Strategy Plan in the design realm and bring the participants up to date on what the Design Committee and its various partners have been working toward as part of the MPI work plan for 2010-2011, Hines said.

A panel discussion involving current MSD property owners, NC Main Street design and planning staff, and city administration, will focus on downtown design challenges and opportunities.

Panelists who have committed to appear at the Summit are Steve Killian, Economic Development Director and Planning Director for the City of Kings Mountain, MSD property owner Scott Campbell, MSD property owner David Faunce, MPI's Chair of the Economic Restructuring Committee Steve Padgett, NC Main Street Designer Lauren Malinoff, and NC Main Street Landscape Designer Lew Holloway.

Since December, the design committee, staffed by volunteers Mitch Johnson, Bobby Horne, Camiel Bradshaw, Bernice Chappell, Ben Hubbard, Marcie Campbell and Pflieger

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Gateway 5K kicks off Saturday

Get ready to run! The Kings Mountain's 2nd Annual Gateway 5K and Fun Run is Saturday, April 30 at 8 a.m. at the Gateway Trail, 807 S. Battleground Ave. in Kings Mountain.

Participants in the 5k run/walk will be first, followed by kids participating in the fun run who will finish out the day. The cost to race is \$25 on race day, and \$10 to participate in the kid's fun run.

Money from the race will go into finishing the next phase of the trail that will connect Kings Mountain to local parks.

As of Thursday, 50 people had signed up to participate in Saturday's race and almost 30 volunteers had agreed to help out in the event, according to Shirley Brutko, President of the Gateway Trails Committee.

Registration for racers will be accepted until 7:45 a.m. on the day of the race.

Applications are available at Alliance Bank, Warlick and Hamrick Insurance, J. Oliver's, YMCA, the local chamber office, and Dellinger's Jewelry Shop or online at www.precisiontimingsystems.com.

This year will be the first that Precision Timing Systems will professionally time the race.

Contestants will start off on Quarry Road to the trailhead and then on to the trail where they will complete one lap around an inclined plateau and then two laps to a steeper mountain loop before crossing the finish line at the trailhead.

Contestants may pick up their packets that include a chip, their number, a T-shirt and information, on Friday, April 29 at 3 p.m. at J. Oliver's.

Parking will be located along Quarry Road and across the street on Battleground Ave.

For more information about the race or to register, call 704-739-4755 or 704-739-9663.

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Kings Mountain Weekend Weather

Thursday April 28	Friday April 29	Saturday April 30	Sunday May 1
Partly Cloudy - 74°	Sunny - 73°	Partly Cloudy - 78°	Showers - 81°
20% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation	10% Chance of precipitation	30% Chance of precipitation
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