

LIFESTYLES

Ruby Baker celebrates her 94th birthday

Ruby Hughes Baker loved her birthday cards and enjoyed family and friends at a birthday celebration at her home on her 94th birthday Sunday, Nov. 6.

Baker, who was promoted through the ranks to Executive VP of Kings Mountain Building & Loan (then KM Savings & Loan) served the public with a smile 34 years before retirement to care for her late husband, Luther Philip Baker Jr. who died in 1982 and who she married in 1936. Ruby and Philip Baker were parents of two children: Ellen B. Abernathy of Kings Mountain and the late Philip Baker III and two grandchildren, Cathy Schmieg of Plano, TX and the late Jim Abernathy of Wilson, NC and six great-grandchildren.

Kings Mountain native, Baker was next to the youngest child of a dozen children born to W.Gordon and Florence Hughes of the Dixon Community. She has one living sibling - her brother, Bob of Dunellen, Fla. Bob and wife, Sue, visited several weeks ago with his sister.

Mrs. Baker graduated from Kings Mountain High School and Wingate College and was a substitute teacher in the school system until she joined Kings Mountain Building & Loan Association.

Mrs. Baker has served in various roles in the community, a board member on various committees and participated in a number of clubs over the years and active in Resurrection Lutheran Church.

An avid reader, she reads her newspaper over a cup of coffee each morning. Not a big TV watcher, she does enjoy the evening news. She loves to receive cards from friends.

The afternoon celebration began with a baked ham and fried chicken dinner, accompanied by green beans, macaroni and cheese casserole, yeast rolls, and tea provided by Mrs. Hazline Adams. Mrs. Adams finished the dinner presentation with homemade banana pudding and a chocolate-vanilla swirl cake decorated with white icing, green piping, and red roses framing a digital portrait of Mrs. Baker on top of the cake.

Colorful balloons and banners adorned the inside



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of the home recognizing the birthday celebration. Displayed on a table in the dining room were many cards from friends and family and fresh flower bouquets.

Ellen Abernathy, daughter of Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Adams received guests and hosted the afternoon event. In attendance were Donna Adams, Jeremiah Adams, Akua Adams, Cheryl Byers, Mr. and Mrs. George Sandifer of Cornelius, Cathy Schmieg of Plano, TX., and Donna Fry. Visitors during the special day included Mr. and Ms. Buddy Hughes and family of Six Mile, SC and Dwain Yarborough.



Kiwanis presents \$7,500 to Mauney Library

Left to right, Todd Wilson, of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, presents a \$7,500 check to Mauney Memorial Library Executive Director Sharon Stack, right, with Mayor Rick Murphrey. Kiwanis donated the money to the library for site assessment work, with H3Hardy Collaborative, that is studying the possibility for a new library home. Also present at the presentation was Dr. Jeff Mauney, chairman of the library board of directors, not pictured.

City Events

- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 22 Children's Christmas Tree Lighting
- Dec. 3 Annual Christmas Parade

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Young patient receives photography package

A 12-year-old patient at Levine Children's Hospital is recipient of the Southern Arts Society's Camera Club's photography package for which donations were accepted in a project, "Therapy Photography for Children."

The local camera club was founded by Ray Clemmer who received a thank you letter from Carrie Keuten, Group/Event Coordinator in the Child Life Department of the Charlotte hospital.

The photography package for a child in need included a digital camera with rechargeable battery, memory card, and digital photo screen 'frame' for viewing photos. Donations were received through Facebook

and from others.

Keuten wrote to Clemmer, "This young man is very interested in photography. He was so excited and appreciative of the camera. It sure did bring many smiles to this young, deserving youth. It is through your kindness that there smiles were brought about. It is difficult enough for a family to face serious health issues, so if we can bring them some lighter moments and smiles - we have done our job that day. I sincerely appreciate you being a part of that."

The club is continually accepting donations to repeat their success. The link to the cause is on the website: <http://www.southernartsociety.org/photo-club.html>

Area facilities inspected

Kings Mountain area facilities inspected by the Cleveland County Health Department during the week Oct. 31-Nov. 4 included:

- Blackwood's Drive-In, Kings Mountain, 100.0, Carolina Crossing, Grover, 100.0, 238 Cherokee St. Tavern, 99.5, Eaton Cafeteria, Kings Mountain, 99.0, Jo's Catering, Grover, 100.0, all with two extra points added to the final score when any employee working in the facility has attended an approved food handling course.

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