

# OBITUARIES

## Martha C. Causby

SHELBY - Martha Ann Camp Causby, 72, of 2008 Barker Blvd., died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 at Hospice at Wendover.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Sunset Cemetery.

## Harold Pearson

RICHMOND, VA - Harold Dean Pearson, 78, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ollie and Pearson. He is survived by his wife, Diane; son, Chris; two grandchildren, all of Virginia; and sister Shirley Mayes of Kings Mountain.

He was a graduate of Gardner-Webb Junior College and Appalachian State Teachers College. He pitched baseball at Gardner-Webb and in the U.S. Army.

He was retired as a sports writer with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, which he served from 1965-1996, and as editor of the Virginia Golfer, the official publication of the Virginia State Golf Association. Prior to joining the staff at the Times-Dispatch, he served as sports editor of the Kings Mountain Herald and as a sports reporter for the Gastonia Gazette.

## Mary Ann Crouse Kerns

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Ann Crouse Kerns, 84, of 206 Edgemont Drive, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012 at her home.

She was born in Gaston County to the late Sylvanus Arthur and Maude Rudisill

Crouse and was also preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Wilmoth Duke "Johnny" Kerns, Sr. and sister, Frances Hedden.

A lifelong and active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, she served on the Altar Guild, Choir and many other church activities. She was retired from First Union National Bank.

Surviving are her sons, Wilmoth Duke "Butch" Kerns, Jr. and wife, Donna, of Gastonia and Clyde C. Kerns and wife, Faye, of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren: Anna Kerns, Will Kerns, Ramey Kerns, Lance Corporal Clay Kerns of the US Marine Corps, and Alyson Kerns Gray and husband, Joey.

The memorial service was conducted Saturday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Rev. Peter Setzer officiated. The family received friends immediately following the service in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

Interment was in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is available at [www.HarrisFunerals.com](http://www.HarrisFunerals.com)

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

## Harris Funeral Home

## Ruth U. Plonk

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth Umburger Plonk, 98, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 at Hospice at Wendover.

Born in Cabarrus County, NC, she was the daughter of the late Bascom Leonard and Jennie Ludwig Umburger, the widow of the late Hal Sloan Plonk and was also preceded in death by 10 siblings. A charter member of Res-



urrection Lutheran Church, she was active in all areas of church activities. She was retired from Kings Mountain District Schools where she taught many years at North School.

Surviving are her daughters, Joyce P. Forrest and husband, James, of Lexington, KY; Marian P. Claggett and husband, Don, Franklin, TN; Kathryn P. Goforth and husband, Tom, of Kings Mountain and Sharon P. Hudson of Shelby; grandchildren: Adrienne Claggett, Brad Forrest and wife, Stacy, Greg Forrest, Thomas F. Goforth Jr., Sloan Goforth and wife, Susie, and Allan Hudson and great-grandchildren: Kessler Forrest and Brady Forrest and Vivian Goforth and Mary Mae Goforth.

The family received friends Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Rev. Hobby Outen officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Hospice at Wendover, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

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

## Harris Funeral Home

## Charles J. Queen

SHELBY - Charles Jackson Queen, 63, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012 at Willow Ridge Nursing Center.

The graveside service was conducted Thursday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Shelby.

## James F. Turner

SHELBY - James Franklin Turner, 63, died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at his home.

The graveside service was conducted Thursday, Jan. 19, at 12 noon at Mull Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery.

## Margaret Vaughn

MOORESVILLE - Margaret "Peggy" Arch

Vaughan, 77, of 1075 Deal Rd., formerly of Kings Mountain, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 at Deal Care Inn.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date in Belmont County, Ohio, where she was born.

## Rick Witherspoon

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Patrick Alan "Rick" Witherspoon, 51, of 216 Patterson Rd., died Jan. 30, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, a former employee of the Kings Mountain Fire Department for 17 years and Bal-dor for 28 years. He was an Eagle Scout, loving husband, son, and brother.

Surviving are his wife, Pinkie Towery Witherspoon of the home; his parents, Phillip and Patricia Goforth Witherspoon; his brother, Charles E. Witherspoon and wife, Lynn, and his sister, Wanda Whetstone and husband, Darrell, and his childhood friend and caregiver Larry Henderson, all of Kings Mountain; his nieces and nephews: Charlie Witherspoon and wife, Chelsea of Winston-Salem and John W. Witherspoon, Ashley Witherspoon, Christy and Vince Campbell and Chad Witherspoon, all of Kings Mountain.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Rev. Michael Daugherty will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 121 Countryside Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at [www.HarrisFunerals.com](http://www.HarrisFunerals.com).

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

## Harris Funeral Home

# POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

JAN. 23: Chad Lee Bagwell, 31, larceny, \$2,000 bond, secured.

JAN. 23: Bryan Cody Teague, 19, 315 N. Dilling St., disorderly conduct, resist, delay, obstruct, \$500 bond, secured.

JAN. 23: Andrew Michael Clucas, 30, 110 Candlewood Dr., larceny, \$2,000 bond, secured, cited for no insurance and open container.

JAN. 24: John C. Willett, 35, 504 Katherine Ave., injury to personal property and communicating threats, \$15,000 bond, secured.

JAN. 24: Frankie James Dobbins, 31, 722 York Rd., failure to appear, simple assault, \$1,000 bond, secured.

JAN. 25: Taylor Marie Cudd, 21, 528 Belvedere Circle, larceny.

JAN. 26: Ralph K. Flack III, 33, Shelby, simple possession and possession drug paraphernalia, \$1,000 bond, unsecured.

JAN. 27: Cody Travis Payne, 35, 208-A Dilling St., OFC (possession drug paraphernalia) \$405.

JAN. 27: Rusty Lee Mathis, 26, 23 Bennett Dr., communicating threats, criminal summons.

JAN. 27: Ronald Loy York, 62, Blacksburg, LOY, DWI and failure to signal, \$10,000 bond, unsecured.

JAN. 28: Karen Eugena Evans, 39, 310 Silver St., simple assault.

## CITATIONS

JAN. 23: Marcus Dale Cavazos, 20, 218 Waco Rd., no inspection, expired tag.

JAN. 24: Larry Jabor Hall, 28, Belmont, revoked license.

JAN. 24: Kristi Newton, 20, E. Northport, NY, speeding.

JAN. 25: Kristen Hali Rhodes, 23, 701 W. Mountain St., no seat belt.

JAN. 25: Heather Nicole Anderson, 30, Gastonia, no insurance, no inspection, expired tag.

JAN. 25: Christopher Mark Robertson, 34, 134 Colony Dr., no seat belt, no registration card.

JAN. 25: Matthew Bumgardner, 22, 1015 Brookwood Dr., no seat belt.

JAN. 25: Amanda Jube, 29, 504 S. Cansler St., expired tag, fictitious plate, failure to produce registration card assigned to vehicle and failure to notify DMV of address change.

JAN. 25: Sung E. Baz, 31, Bonaire, Ga., speeding.

JAN. 25: Chad Loran Eagle, 22, Cowpens, SC, speeding.

JAN. 26: Jonathan Aaron Leake, 34, Charlotte, speeding.

JAN. 26: Justin Wayne Palmer, 19, 1142 Rollingbrook Circle, no operator's li-

cense. JAN. 26: Zackery Edward West, 19, 140 Mountainside Dr., speeding.

JAN. 26: Anthony Turner, 23, 212 Harbor Springs Lane, speeding.

JAN. 26: Gena Black, 27, 301 E. Parker St., speeding.

JAN. 26: Kandis Crawford, 28, 313 Scotland Dr., expired tag, no inspection.

JAN. 28: Steven Jennings Braswell, 40, Gastonia, no insurance.

JAN. 29: Zenon Matuz, 46, 316 Lake Montonia Rd., no operator's license.

JAN. 29: John Walter Young Jr., 21, 1511 Phifer Rd., possession of marijuana.

JAN. 23: A resident of Adele Lane reported theft of personal checks.

JAN. 24: A resident of Carpet Lane reported damage to a door.

JAN. 24: A resident of Katherine Avenue reported damage to a back window and tires totaling \$1200.

JAN. 24: Cleveland County, 311 E. Marion St., Shelby, reported theft of \$674 worth of treated lumber from open land area on I-85 South of Kings Mountain.

JAN. 25: A resident of Belvedere Circle reported identity theft.

JAN. 26: Mike Brown, 1327 N. Piedmont Ave., reported a suspicious fire in a carport at 510 N. Piedmont Ave. A four-door motor vehicle and pickup truck were also damaged.

JAN. 28: Town & Country Restaurant, 115 Park Grace Rd., reported theft of a stereo amp and assorted food items.

JAN. 28: A resident of Third Street reported a break-in and theft of pro-studio speakers and Sony Theatre system valued at \$550.

JAN. 29: A resident of Early Road reported theft of a purple Yamaha motorcycle valued at \$3500.

## WRECKS

JAN. 21: Officer P. W. Alexander reported that Chheang Chooun of Spartanburg, SC was traveling north on I-85 at 80-85mph and the vehicle hydroplaned, exited the highway and through wet grass clipping a telephone pole and sliding sideways into small trees and a NCDOT metal sign. Both the driver and passenger refused medical treatment. The vehicle was towed. Property damage to the 1994 Acura was estimated at \$5,000 and damage to the sign.

JAN. 21: A parked 2003 Ford owned by Kevin Wayne Whittington of Bessemer City was struck by a hit and run driver and damaged approximately \$990, police said. The car was parked in the Dollar General parking lot on Shelby Road.

JAN. 25: Officer K. L. Putnam said that a 1999 Honda operated by Jennifer Owens of Lincolnton struck a 2004 Cadillac operated by Ruth Fisher Gaston of Cherryville. The accident happened on Highway 216 when Gaston stopped for another vehicle to turn on Benfield Road. Property damages were estimated at \$3,000.

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**Kings Mountain Weekend Weather**

Thursday February 2	Friday February 3	Saturday February 4	Sunday February 5
Showers - 66°	Partly Cloudy - 58°	Showers - 51°	Showers - 58°
30% Chance of precipitation	20% Chance of precipitation	40% Chance of precipitation	30% Chance of precipitation
Avg - Low: 30 Hi: 53	Avg - Low: 30 Hi: 53	Avg - Low: 30 Hi: 53	Avg - Low: 31 Hi: 53

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