

OBITUARIES

Wesley Blanton

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Wesley Blanton, 88, resident of 205 Margaret Street, Kings Mountain, died Wednesday April 4, 2012, at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee and Lizzie

Lovelace Blanton; his wife of 44 years, Annie Lou Bridges Blanton; brothers, Sidney Blanton, L.D. Blanton, Raymond Blanton, Buron Robert Blanton, Frank Blanton, Clyde Blanton, and James Blanton; sister, Vernie Mae Blanton.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who loved fishing, gardening, and canning. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, stationed in Hiroshima, Japan. Mr. Blanton was a carpenter for 45 years.

He is survived by his son, Richard Wesley Blanton and wife Patricia of Kings Mountain; daughter, Debbie Rice and husband Buddie of Gastonia; brother, Thomas Blanton of Kings Mountain; three grandchildren, Lisa Kistler, Jennifer Hale, and Raymond Wesley Blanton; and four great grandchildren, Preston Lee, Lee Kistler, Mason Kistler, and Bethany

Blanton.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Travis Northcutt at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, where interment followed.

The family received friends prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Gaston Hospice, P.O. Box 3984 Gastonia, NC 28054.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Rev. Robert Hicklin

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rev. Robert L. "Bob" Hicklin, 81, resident of 527 Katherine Ave., Kings Mountain, died Saturday, April 7, 2012, at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was born in Burlington, NC, to the late Robert E. Hicklin and Alice Lisk Hicklin.



He has been a minister since May 2, 1965, pastoring several churches in the area, including Faith Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. He was a member of Gaston Chris-

tian Church in Belmont where he served as Elder and Sunday School teacher.

He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who served in the United States Navy for three years, Air Force for four years, and the N.C. National Guard for eight years.

Mr. Hicklin was a truck driver and pilot and served as chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Billie Kinlaw Hicklin of Kings Mountain; son, Cliff L. Hicklin and wife Barbara of Delmar, DE; daughter, Karen Hicklin Ward (Gary, dec.) of Valdese, NC; six grandchildren, Dwayne Ward and wife Tanya, Daryl Ward and wife Heather, Chris Hicklin and wife Kelly, Andy Hicklin, Jeff Hicklin and wife Ginger, and Scott Hicklin; and six great grandchildren, DJ Ward, Wesley Ward, Nikalus Ward, Shea Ward, Ivey Ward, and Tristin Hicklin.

The funeral service will be conducted by the Revs. Scott Patterson, Clifton Kinlaw and James Hamrick at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment with military honors, provided by the Marine Corps League, Foothills Detachment, will follow the service at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received visitors Tuesday evening.

Memorials may be made to the Cleveland Healthcare Foundation, Long Term Acute Care, "LTAC" Kings Mountain Hospital, 201 E. Grover Street, Shelby, NC

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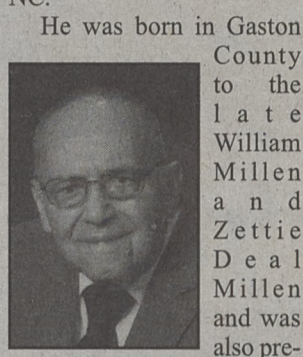
A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

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

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Willard Millen

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Willard W. Millen, 86, of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at Brian Center in Gastonia, NC.



He was born in Gaston County to the late William Millen and Zettie Deal Millen and was also preceded in death by his wife, Lucy Millen, daughter, Shirley Erwin and grandson, Mike Erwin. He served in the United States Army during World War II, was a member of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain and a retired truck driver.

Surviving are his son, Tommy Erwin, Sr. and wife Paula, Columbus, OH; brother-in-law, Clyde Hardin of Kings Mountain; first cousin, Mary (Grady) Wells of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren, Frankie Greever, John Greever, Diane Erwin, Tommy Erwin, Jr., and Terry Erwin; 15 great-grandchildren and nu-

merous nieces and nephews.

The graveside service was conducted Friday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, MD.

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

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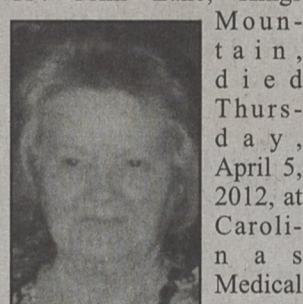
Mary B. Neal

BESSEMER CITY - Mary Barrett Neal, 94, died April 9, 2012 at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at First Wesleyan Church in Bessemer City. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the church. Interment will be in Westview Gardens in Bessemer City.

Joyce Black Styers

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Joyce Black Styers, 71, of 114 Prim Lane, Kings



Mountain, died Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Carolinas Medical

Center, Charlotte. She was born in Cherokee County, SC, to the late Coy Eugene Black, Sr. and Sally Louise Moore Black.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Calvin Black, and sisters, Shirley Owens and Jean Detter. She was a member of Love Valley Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and retired from Kinmont in Kings Mountain. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her son, Michael Styers of Kings Mountain; daughters, Linda S. Green and husband Billy Ray of Shelby, Darlene S. Kluttz and husband Richard Steven of Concord; brothers, Darrell Black, Elmer Black, Dwight Black and Coy Black, all of Kings Mountain; sisters, Goldie Owens, Alma Heffner, and Marie Mabry, all of Kings Mountain, and Jane Owens of York, SC; six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by the Revs. Ronnie Detter and Terry Huffman at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at Ollie Harris Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The family received visitors on Monday evening, prior to the service, at Harris Funeral Home.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

APRIL 3: Jermaine Ross, 34, 904 Grace St., two counts assault on female, criminal summons

APRIL 7: Dana Lynn Wallace, 36, Bessemer City, driving while license revoked, \$500 bond, secured.

APRIL 7: Terrence Benard Jarrett, 38, 527 Belvedere Circle, DWI, driving while license revoked, \$1000 bond, unsecured.

APRIL 8: Lerey Janyne Dortch, 43, Lawndale, DWI, driving while license revoked, \$1500 bond, secured.

APRIL 8: Micah Jeremiah Godwin, 20, 6 Chesterfield Apartments, simple possession, possession drug paraphernalia, \$10,000 bond, unsecured.

APRIL 9: Milton Fitzgerald Huskey, 44, 310 Waco Rd., worthless check, criminal summons.

CITATIONS

APRIL 4: Tonya Renee Varnadore, 32, 803 Fourth St.,

revoked license.

APRIL 4: Gary Lewis Hopper Jr., 35, 114 Pearce Court, revoked license.

APRIL 4: Benjamin Austin, 18, 530 Waco Rd., no operator's license.

APRIL 4: Arron M. Brooks, 29, 101 Myers St., revoked license.

APRIL 5: Mitesh B. Mistry, 41, Gastonia, unsafe movement.

APRIL 6: Harvey Brent Lawson, 24, 111 Beta Rd., expired tag.

APRIL 7: Melvin Lee Calbwel, 21, Bessemer City, careless driving.

APRIL 7: Crystal Maddox, 34, Lawndale, failure to carry driver's license.

APRIL 7: Harvey Donald Hoyle, 65, Shelby, faulty equipment, head lamps.

APRIL 7: Adolfo Bertolini Dolores, 50, 420 Bridges Dr., no operator's license.

APRIL 7: Jared William Frady, 33, Bessemer City, no seat belt.

APRIL 9: Kenneth Ander-

son, 30, 224 Walker St., no insurance.

APRIL 9: Kelly Thompson Fincher, 46, Dallas, speeding.

APRIL 9: Katherine Thomas, 31, Shelby, speeding.

APRIL 9: Alejandro Alvarez, 33, Shelby, speeding.

APRIL 9: Norman Stone, 54, Huntersville, speeding.

APRIL 9: Vance Potts Jr., 48, Lincolnton, speeding.

APRIL 9: Darlene Stowe, 28, Gastonia, speeding.

APRIL 9: Barbara Carpenter, 18, Bessemer City, speeding.

APRIL 9: Christopher Farrell, 38, Chattanooga, TN., speeding.

APRIL 9: Pamela Littlejohn, 61, Shelby, speeding.

APRIL 9: Rachel Foster, 58, Rock Hill, SC, speeding.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 31: A resident of Brice St. reported identity theft.

APRIL 2: A resident of Benfield Rd. reported theft of

two TV sets, one K-Box 360 and one Dell lap top valued at over \$3400.

APRIL 3: A 17-year-old girl trying to save her pet in a fight with a larger dog was bit, according to Officer B. L. Wilkinson. The incident happened on Floyd Street.

APRIL 3: Over \$600 in hardwood flooring and a chain saw were taken from a residence on Lee Street.

APRIL 3: Time Warner Cable reported theft of a metal lock from a cable box on Pennington Place.

APRIL 3: Bridges Hardware, 301 W. King St., reported theft of 400 bales of pine needles valued at \$1650 and a \$20 master lock from a trailer.

APRIL 3: A resident of Mountain Crest Drive reported theft of a cell phone.

APRIL 4: Three vehicles parked at East School were broken into and a computer and Ipod were taken from one of the cars, police said.

APRIL 4: A resident of Princeton Drive reported theft of a radio-CD player valued at \$250.

APRIL 4: A resident of Princeton Drive reported that the side mirror of her 2008 Honda was struck by another vehicle while parked at Kings Mountain High School.

APRIL 4: A resident of Walnut St. reported a break-in.

APRIL 4: A resident of W. Mountain St. reported an incident of trespassing.

APRIL 4: A resident of Mountain Crest Dr. reported theft of currency from her vehicle.

APRIL 5: A resident of Morris Street reported theft of a \$3,000 Yamaha Moped.

APRIL 5: A resident of S. Cansler Street reported theft of clothing and make-up.

APRIL 6: A resident of Groves Street reported a break-in and theft of a TV.

APRIL 9: A resident of

Bell Road reported lost or stolen currency.

WRECKS

MARCH 20: Officer Bryan McGinnis said that a 1998 Volvo operated by Andrew Jackson Inman, 820 First Street, struck a 2002 Honda operated by Erin Johnson, 312 Scotland Drive. Property damages were estimated at \$900.

MARCH 29: Officer M. J. Howard cited

Nicole Bickham, 27, of Grover, with expired tag and expired inspection after a wreck involving her 1998 Honda and a 2007 International

operated by Linda Sanchez of Moultrie, GA. Bickham said she was driving in the right hand lane of I-85 South and passing the truck when her vehicle was hit in the left side door area. Sanchez said she was traveling South in the left hand lane when a small vehicle passed on the right side. The truck hit the right front corner of the bumper, then crossed in front of the vehicle hitting the left front corner of the bumper, leaving the roadway and hitting a guard rail. Estimated damage was \$5,000 to the car and \$400 damage to the truck. A small child was riding in the Bickham car. No one was injured.

MARCH 30: Officer K. L. Putnam said that a parked 2006 Chevrolet owned by Martin Burton, 176 Reep Rd., was damaged \$1,000 by a hit and run driver.

APRIL 2: Officer Bryan McGinnis said Mark Hastings, Cherryville, was turning his 2002 Dodge into the parking lot of 509 King Street and struck a 2012 Chevrolet operated by David Michael Jobs, 107 Jeremy Dr. Property damages were estimated at \$7,000.

APRIL 3: Officer Bryan McGinnis said that Aloyse Walker Jones, 156 Wells Rd., was backing her 2003 Lincoln

from a parking space on Phifer Road and hit a parked 2009 Dodge owned by US Government, 300 Phifer Road. Property damages were estimated at \$1500.

APRIL 3: Officer Bryan McGinnis said that Dewey Truman Matherly, 151 Kings Crest Drive, was driving his motorcycle on I-85 and a driver in a gray mini van merged into his lane of travel causing him to wreck. Property damages were estimated at \$2,000.

APRIL 3: Officer Bryan McGinnis cited Lillian Lovenir Guyton, 73, of Gastonia, with stop sign violation after the 2009 Toyota she was driving struck a 2003 Jeep operated by Shawn Lockridge, 726 McDaniel Road. The accident happened at the intersection of Sims and Mountain Streets. Property damages were estimated at \$6500.

APRIL 5: Officer K. A. Wajda said that Benjamin Moore, Warner Robins, GA, lost control of his 2010 Chevy on rain-slick I-85 South at the Dixon School Road exit. Wajda said the driver was not injured and there was no visible damage to the vehicle.

APRIL 5: Officer G. L. McKinney said that a 2000 Dodge owned by Mitesh Mistry of Gastonia was facing the wrong direction on S. Battleground Avenue and was struck by a 2000 Ford operated by Angela Odom, 20 Chesterfield Court, doing a total of \$800 damage. Mistry was cited for driving left of center.

APRIL 6: Officer B. M. Black said that a 1993 Peterbilt operated by Carl Goins of Ellerbe did not make a wide enough turn into the parking lot at Roses Store and hit a parked 2004 Chevrolet owned by Lionell Franklin of Sharon, SC. Property damages were estimated at \$1200.



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Kings Mountain Weekend Weather			
Thursday April 12	Friday April 13	Saturday April 14	Sunday April 15
Clear - 66°	Partly Cloudy - 72°	Partly Cloudy - 81°	Partly Cloudy - 86°
0% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation
Avg - Low: 45 Hi: 71	Avg - Low: 45 Hi: 72	Avg - Low: 45 Hi: 72	Avg - Low: 45 Hi: 72

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