

OBITUARIES

Rev. Randolph Alexander

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rev. Randolph "Randy" Alexander, 86, went to be with the Lord in his heavenly home on May 19, 2012 at Hospice at Wendover.

Born Nov. 20, 1925 to the late William and Beatrice Alexander in Mooresboro, he was a Navy veteran of WWII where he served on the USS *Bellwood* during seven major battles and received a Purple heart.

He owned East King Exxon in Kings Mountain and later owned and operated Randy's Builders. In 1974 he started and chartered the Holiness Christian Mission, which he and his wife pastored for 38 years.

Randolph loved his church, family, friends and loved to fish. The family would like to thank Hospice of Cleveland County, the staff of Wendover, Dr. Anderson and staff and the church family and friends for their love, prayers and support.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters, three brothers, and one great-granddaughter.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years and 10 months, Mary Helen Allman Alexander, three children, Gail Stamey and husband, Danny, of Kings Mountain; David Alexander and wife, Cindi of Polkville; Rev. Darrell Alexander and wife, Rita of Kings Mountain; one sister, Annie Love of Blacksburg, SC, six grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 4 p.m. at Holiness Christian Mission by Rev. Danny Stamey and Rev. Sherry Owens and burial will follow in Mountain Rest Cemetery. The body will be placed in the church one hour prior to the service. The family received friends Tuesday night, May 22, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Kings Mountain and at other times at his home, 215 Catherine Street in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made

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to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

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

Online condolences may be made at www.claybarnette.com

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Laura Patrick Allen

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Laura Patrick Allen, 80, went to be with the Lord Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Peak Resources of Cherryville.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Marie Oliver Patrick. She loved to travel and sing in "The Allen Family Gospel Group." She had a love for butterflies.

Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Aileen Duncan, and her brothers, Charlie and Delbert Patrick.

Surviving are her loving husband of 61 years, Rev. Arthur Allen; son, Kenneth Allen of Cherryville; daughter, Delores Davis and husband, Randy, of Kings Mountain; adopted daughter, Mary Lester of Shelby; three grandchildren, Lori Ann Walker, Carter Davis, both of Kings Mountain, and Shane Davis of Shelby; and six great-grandchildren, Kayla Morrison, Shianne, Jessica, Shane, and Harley Walker and Damion McDaniel.

The funeral service will be conducted Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Kings Mountain. Rev. Ronnie Hawkins officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gaston Hospice, PO Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054. Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.claybarnette.com

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Rev. Wm. Demauth Blanton

UNION, SC - The Rev. William Demauth Blanton, 80, husband of Beatrice Adams Blanton of Union, passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at his home.

Rev. Blanton was born in

Kings Mountain June 23, 1931, a son of the late J. Wiley and Quilla Bell Blanton.

He was a graduate of Kings Mountain High School, Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain. He served as pastor of churches in Maryland, Massachusetts and Virginia.

On July 1, 1968, by special selection and invitation by the staff, Rev. Blanton became an intern and subsequently a resident in the School of Pastoral Care, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, NC Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where he received special training in Clinical Pastoral Education and Pastoral Counseling. On July 1, 1970, he became Staff Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor at the Appalachian Regional Hospitals in Beckley, West Virginia and South Williamson, Kentucky. On Feb. 1, 1974, he came to Union to serve as Director and Pastoral Counselor at the Union Mental Health Clinic, a position from which he retired on June 30, 1995. Rev. Blanton was a member of the First Baptist Church, Greenville, SC.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Paul D. Blanton and Dr.

Mary Boggiano of Hoover, AL; a daughter, Anna A. Blanton of Varnville, SC; two grandchildren, Colin and Martha K. Blanton of Birmingham, AL; a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Lois Blanton of Kings Mountain; a sister-in-law, Dixie Blanton, also of Kings Mountain and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Harold Blanton, in 1993.

At Rev. Blanton's request, he will be cremated. The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Greenville, Building Fund, 847 Cleveland St., Greenville, SC 29601 or to Union County Meals on Wheels, PO Box 951, Union, SC 29379.

The S.R. Holcombe Funeral Home, Inc. is serving the Blanton family. (www.holcombefuneralhomes.com)

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Ruby F. Francis

SHELBY - Ruby Francis Bruce, 96, 912 Blanton St.,

died May 21, 2012 at home.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday, May 23, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel in Shelby, interment following in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Stephen W. Freeman

GROVER - Stephen Wallace Freeman, 70, died May 16, 2012 at home.

An active member of the Kings Mountain YMCA and an avid supporter of the Humane Society, his memorial service was held Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Kings Mountain YMCA. Interment was in Swan Lake Cemetery, Liberty, New York.

Iva Henson

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Iva Mae Henson, 81, resident of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Wendover Hospice in Shelby.

The funeral service was conducted Saturday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at Penley's Chapel Church where she was a charter member and served as music director and taught the Ladies Bible Class. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Carrie Burke Hudson

GROVER - Carrie Burke Hudson, 86, of Grover went to be with the Lord on May 14, 2012 at her home. She was born in Clayton County, Ga. to the late Clyde Weldon Burke and Annie Frances Brown Burke.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Ronald Hawkins at 3 p.m. Friday, June 18, 2012 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Westview Gardens, Bessemer City, NC.

Stan Morrow

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Stanley Eugene (Stan) Morrow, 51, of 313 Somerset D., died May 18, 2012 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. He was retired from the United States Air Force.

The memorial service was conducted Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home.

Robert Roper

GROVER - Robert Roper, 72, husband, father, grandfather, US Navy Veteran and owner of Roper Motor Company passed away May 6, 2012.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, 307 Cleveland Avenue in Grover, NC. Interment will be private.

Charles Simmons

SHELBY - Charles "Mac" Simmons, 69, of 3006 Charles Rd., died May 17, 2012 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

The funeral was conducted Monday, May 21, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Shelby's First Church of the Nazarene, interment following in Shelby's Sunset Cemetery.

Dr. Lemuel D. Ware

MYRTLE BEACH, SC - Dr. Lemuel Dwight Ware, DDS, 82, most recently of North Myrtle Beach, SC passed away at his home Sunday, May 20, 2012.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 25, at First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro. The family will receive in the church fellowship hall following the service.

Dr. Ware is survived by his wife Judy (Kelley) Ware of North Myrtle Beach, SC; children L. David Ware and wife, Angela of Winston-Salem, NC, Rachel N. Ware and Cynthia Prince both of Anamosa, IA, Charles Prince and wife, Michelle of Montgomery, TX, and Cristen Prince of SC; brother Joe V. Ware and wife, Betty of North Wilkesboro, NC; and grandchildren Blake Ware, Avery Ware, and Nicole Shuttleworth.

Dr. Ware was born to Lemuel and Janette Ware in Kings Mountain, NC on September 4, 1929. He completed an undergraduate degree in Biology and Physical Education at Western Carolina Teachers College in 1951 before joining the

United States Air Force in 1953. After being Honorably Discharged in 1959, Dr. Ware graduated from the Dental College at Emory University in 1960. Dr. Ware was a longtime resident of North Wilkesboro, NC where he practiced dentistry for nearly 40 years, was an active member and leader within the Rotary Club, and a member of First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, PO Box 1145, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659, or North Wilkesboro Rotary Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 264, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659.

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Wanda Jean Watson

SHELBY - Wanda Jean Watson, 68, 222 College Ave., died Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

The graveside service was held Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m. at Shelby's Sunset Cemetery.

Lucille Weathers

SHELBY - Lucille (Kitty) Allen Weathers, 90, of 703 McSwain Rd., died Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center in Shelby.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 19, at 11 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Shelby, interment following in Cleveland Memorial Park.

POLICE

ARRESTS

MAY 15: Tabatha Dawn Messick, 39, Clover, SC, failure to comply, \$500 bond, secured.
MAY 17: Frederick Alphonson Nixon, 42, 1202 Northwoods Dr., larceny, giving fictitious information to officer, failure to appear larceny, \$4000, bond secured.

CITATIONS

MAY 14: A 16-year-old male was cited for assault and striking another person causing a public disturbance.
MAY 14: Jeovanny Saenz, 24, 704 McDaniel Rd., running red light.
MAY 14: James William Smith Jr., 33, 1152 Rollingbrook Court, seat belt violation, expired tag, no inspection.
MAY 15: Joshua Adam Barrett, 19, 331 Wright Rd., revoked license.
MAY 15: John Willett, 35, 504 Katherine Ave., making false reports.
MAY 15: Jason Kaufman, 30, 807 Phillips Dr., revoked license, red light violation.

MAY 15: John Davis Oates Jr., 31, Shelby, red light violation.

MAY 16: Curtis Alvin Burns, 27, Monroe, fictitious tag.

MAY 17: Lacey Lee Hoyle, 27, Shelby, speeding.

MAY 17: Tamers Whitaker Ort, 23, Shelby, speeding.

MAY 17: Martha Merriweather, 58, Shelby, speeding.

MAY 17: Jessica Mayberry, 18, Clover, South Carolina, red light violation, no insurance and fictitious tag.

MAY 16: Dollar General, 298 Oak Grove Rd., reported shoplifting.

MAY 17: Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported shoplifting.

MAY 17: A resident of West Gold St. Ext. reported an incident of cruelty to animals.

MAY 18: Dollar General, 1012 Shelby Rd., reported shoplifting.

MAY 18: A resident of N. Piedmont Ave. reported damage to a window.

MAY 18: LNS Turbo, 203 Turbo Dr., reported theft of 1,000 pounds of scrap metal.

MAY 19: A resident of Ramseur St. reported theft of a lawnmower valued at 4450 and a gas can containing three gallons of gasoline.

MAY 20: A resident of Bessemer City reported giving someone a ride in his car and then found his 9 mm Beretta Storm with holster and two loaded magazines missing.

MAY 20: A resident of Clinton Drive reported theft of a red nose full-blooded Pitbull.

WRECKS

MAY 11: Officer P. W. Alexander reported that Zachary Garrett, Bessemer City, operating a 2005 Chevy, backed into a parked 2008 Toyota owned by Wendy Friday of Alexis in the parking of McDonald's on NC 161. Property damages were minor.

MAY 11: Cpl. D. K. Davis reported that a 2005 Jeep operated by Lewis Young, 124 Tabernacle Dr., struck a 1999 Ford operated by Christy Conner, 106 Butternut Drive. The accident happened in the parking lot of Family Dollar on Highway 74 Business. Property damages were estimated at \$5300.

MAY 11: Officer F. L. Wittington said that three drivers were involved in a wreck on

See POLICE, 5A

Kings Mountain Weekend Weather

Thursday May 24	Friday May 25	Saturday May 26	Sunday May 27
Partly Cloudy - 78'	Partly Cloudy - 84'	Partly Cloudy - 88'	Mostly Sunny - 86'
10% Chance of precipitation	10% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation	10% Chance of precipitation
Night time Low 62'	Night time Low 63'	Night time Low 67'	Night time Low 65'

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with Jason Rhodes

Summer Squash...

A warm season, tender vegetable, summer squash differs from other squash varieties in that it is selected before the rind hardens and the fruit matures. Summer squash comes in many different shapes and colors. The most common local varieties are green zucchini squash and crooked and straight neck yellow summer squash. Summer squash should be harvested (and purchased) at six to eight inches in length. Summer squash is best when it is immature, young, and tender. Store unwashed summer squash in a perforated plastic bag in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. It will keep for 4-5 days.

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