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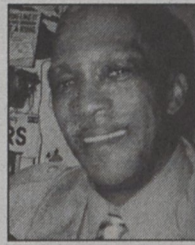
Bradley Byers

Navy man was buried at sea in Virginia

LYONS, NJ — Bradley Byers, 58, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012 at the Veterans Hospital in Lyons, New Jersey.

Born Dec. 24, 1953, he was the son of the late Catherine Cleo Hicks Byers of Oxford, NC and Theodore Byers of Kings Mountain.

Bradley was a US Navy veteran who completed the Cleveland Community College welding course, held many jobs as a handy person and was also employed by the Newark, NJ Fire Department as a firefighter. Due to his illness, he had been disabled for many years.



He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Ola Byers of Kings Mountain, and his parents, Catherine and Theodore Byers of Newark, NJ.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Mercer of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Latoya Dickey of Newark, NJ; seven grandchildren, Christopher Jr., Christian, Diamond, Tanae, Aniha, twin boys Zakee and Zayear; one sister, Beverly Byers of Kings Mountain; one brother, Michael Byers of Gastonia; seven nieces and seven nephews and a very special friend Rose Floyd of Newark, NJ, and many, many other friends.

At his children's request, Bradley was honored by the military and given a Naval burial at sea in Virginia on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012.

No more pain, no more problems, you are in God's hands now. Rest in Peace, Brad.

Willodean Timms

Sang in choir for 59 years

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Willodean "Deanie" Gilliland Timms, 78, resident of 943 York Road, Kings Mountain, died Sunday, November 25, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

She was born in Coopers, Ala., to the late Clyde and Mary Jane Driver Gilliland. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, David "Shorty" Timms, three brothers, and one sister.

She was an active member of Oak View Baptist Church where she has been a member of the choir for 59 years, and retired from K Mills after 20 years of service. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Surviving are her daughters, Sharon T. Bridges and Mary Timms, both of Kings Mountain; sister, Carol Dutton of Montgomery, Ala; grandchild, Crystal Hyslop

and husband Mike of Grover; and great-grandchild Michaela Hyslop.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at Oak View Baptist Church. Rev. Billy Cooper and Rev. Jamie Billings will officiate, with interment in Oak View Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family received friends Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150, or Oak View Baptist Church, 1517 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

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

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Larry Green, Sr.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - James Larry Green, Sr., 72, 209 Jim Patterson Rd., died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

The funeral service will be held Friday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Interment was at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Rutherfordton.

James F. Holland

GASTONIA - James Furman Holland, age 87, 114 Brentwood Circle, Gastonia died Thursday, November 22, 2012 at his home.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Mae D. Kendrick

CHARLOTTE - Mrs. Mae D. Kendrick, 94, a native of Cleveland County, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, at The Brian Center in Charlotte.

Cyrus Falls

Served FBI for 36 years

TAMPA, FL — Cyrus Thomson Falls of Tampa, Florida died Tuesday, November 20, 2012. He was 79. Cyrus was born January 1933 in Dunedin, FL, to Cyrus T. Falls Sr. and Bonnie Ware, who were originally from Kings Mountain N.C.

Cyrus' early life was spent traveling between Dunedin and Kings Mountain working the growing seasons. He would pick citrus in the winter on the local orange groves, while spending the summers on the family property North Carolina.

In June of 1957 he married Cynthia Washburn and they have two children, Russell and Wesley. Cyrus joined the F.B.I. and worked from the Washington DC, Little Rock, Miami, Newark and Tampa offices as a special agent for the bureau. In



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1990 after an impressive career with the bureau, Cyrus retired from the F.B.I. after thirty-six years to Tampa.

Cyrus was a member of Van Dyke Methodist Church in Tampa.

Cyrus is survived by his wife Cynthia and their children, Son, Russell Falls and wife Kathy and their three children, son, Clinton and wife Kim, and daughters, Allison and Brooke, all of Kings Mountain, NC. Son, Wesley Falls and his son Kaleb Falls of Dunedin, FL. And his sister, Sara McCraney and her family of Dunedin, FL.

A memorial service was held on Friday, November 23, at 2 p.m. at the Blount and Curry Funeral Home of Tampa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to LifePath Hospice of Hillsborough County (11150 N. 53rd Street, Temple Terrace, FL 33617), Metropolitan Ministries of Tampa (2002 North Florida Avenue Tampa, FL 33602) or the American Heart Association (P.O. Box 5216 Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216).

Freida Ann Ramsey

12 noon at Grover Cemetery.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Freida Ann Gillespie Ramsey, 52, 2315 David Baptist Church Rd., died Friday, November 23, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The memorial service will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at Eastside Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday in the sanctuary of Eastside Baptist Church on York Road in Kings Mountain.

Charles Smith

GROVER - Charles Smith, 79, 134 Mallard Drive, passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at his residence.

The graveside service was held Friday, Nov. 23, at

Kay Taylor

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Kay Taylor, 62, of 803 Williamsburg Court, wife of Mark Taylor, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Wayne Jones

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Wayne Jones, 64, of 522 Bell Rd., died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012 at KM Hospice House.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

Inspections

Facilities' inspections by the Cleveland County Health Department Nov. 19-23 including the following:

Mountain View Restaurant, W. King St., 95.0; My Grandpa's Country Store, Bethlehem Church Rd., 95; Yamato Express, Shelby Rd., 97.5; East Elementary School Cafeteria 99; Washington Elementary School Cafeteria 99; West Elementary School Cafeteria 99; and Kings Mountain Care Center, 98.5.

Bell ringers needed

Holiday bell-ringing for benefit of the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry began Nov. 23 and continues through Dec. 15 on each Thursday-Saturday.

Volunteers will be stationed at Ingles, Love's Fish Box, Swoogers and Roses from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Love's Fish Box from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and at Food Lion only on Dec. 8 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bell ringers will include Second Baptist, Carolina Praise and Worship Center, Peoples Baptist church, Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, New Life Family Worship

Center, Bethlehem Baptist, First Baptist of Grover, First Baptist of Kings Mountain, Rotary Club, El Bethel United Methodist Church, Grace United Methodist, Advent Lutheran, Christian Freedom, Resurrection Lutheran, St. Peters Baptist, Good Hope Presbyterian, Bynum Chapel AME Zion, Boyce Memorial ARP, Galilee United Methodist, Kings Mountain Baptist, East Gold Street Wesleyan, Kiwanis Club, Kings Mountain High, Kings Mountain Middle School, Eastside Baptist, St. Paul United Methodist, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist, Allen Memorial Church, First Wesleyan, Central United Methodist and First Presbyterian Church.

If your church group or organization would like to help ring the bell, sponsor a fundraiser, or collect food for the food pantry, call the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, 704-739-7256.

The Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry serves the Kings Mountain and Grover area.

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POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

NOV. 20: Darrell Loyd Austin, 51, 914 Sherwood Lane, violation of 50B, no bond.

NOV. 20: Gary Lee Owen, 49, 404 N. Tracy St., DWI, driving while license revoked, \$1,000 bond, secured.

NOV. 22: Larry Dean Slycord III, 40, 512 Monroe Ave., communicating threats, written promise bond.

CITATIONS

NOV. 17: Martinez Sanchez, 34, Charlotte, no operator's license.

NOV.19: Shelley D. Laws, 38, 404 Belvedere Circle, shoplifting.

NOV. 19: Javier Maldonado, 55, 1325 W. Gold St., Ext., running red light.

NOV. 20: Guy Bickley, 47, 403 Hillside Dr., failure to stop at the scene of a crash with a City of KM fire hydrant.

NOV. 20: Charles Edwin Moss Jr., 40, Grover, aid and abetting driver under the influence of impairing substance and permitting unlicensed driver to operate a vehicle. He was also cited with no vehicle registration and fictitious tag.

NOV. 21: Kimberly Ruff Sheppard, 40, 310 Range Rd., stop sign violation, reckless driving.

NOV. 24: Lakesha Stephens, 34, 1127 Phifer Rd., shoplifting.

NOV. 25: Edly Burgin Proctor, 32, 169 Ezra Rd., red light violation, fictitious tag, no insurance, borrowed

INCIDENTS

NOV. 14: Cash Pro Pawn, 101 S. Battleground Ave., reported a customer pawned stolen property.

NOV. 19: A resident of East End Dr., reported theft of an automobile tag.

NOV. 19: A resident of Northwoods Dr. reported a break-in and theft of a pistol, Dell XP, gold watch, checks and damage to doors.

NOV. 19: Wells Fargo, 125 S. Battleground Ave., reported check forgery.

NOV. 20: Bridges Hardware, 301 W. King St., reported theft of a 1995 Chevrolet van.

NOV. 21: Police are continuing investigation of a report of a Gastonia woman of suspected arson at a home on Parker Street in Kings Mountain.

NOV. 23: A resident of Belvedere Circle reported larceny of a cell phone.

NOV. 23: A resident of Fulton Dr. reported a break-in and theft of an I-Pad, TV, laptop computer, shotgun, rifle, estimated at nearly \$2500.

NOV. 24: A resident of W. Mountain St. reported a break-in and theft of a 46-inch TV set estimated at \$400.

WRECK

NOV. 16: A parked 2008 Suzuki on York Road was damaged \$1500 by a hit and run driver. The car is property of Gastonia resident Pankaj Pankaj, police said.

No charges filed against driver in fatal accident

The driver of a car that hit and killed a pedestrian Nov. 9 on Goforth Road in Kings Mountain will not be charged.

Trooper J. Prescott of the N.C. Highway Patrol said that Donald Eugene Blanton, 25, 1300 W. Gold St. Ext., was walking east in the west bound lane on SR 2014 and was struck in the roadway by a 2007 Chrysler operated by Charles Thomas Deaton, 24, 138 Green Meadows Drive.

Prescott said that Deaton was traveling west on SR 2014. He said the "pedestrian came to rest facing east off the right side of the roadway down in a ditch." Estimated speed on impact was 35 m.p.h. in a 55 m.p.h.

zone, according to the report. Prescott said Deaton said he did not see Blanton who was walking after dark to his mother's home a few houses down from where he was killed on Goforth Road.

The Trooper said Deaton said he thought he had hit a deer in the road. The driver turned around and returned to the scene.

Blanton's wife, Jyara, said that night her husband was upset and walking to cool off. She said his mother was with him and was trying to get him to get in her car. Both women said Blanton usually had headphones on when he walked and talked on his cell phone.

Lower gas prices allowed for more travel over Thanksgiving holidays

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AAA estimated that more than 1 million people in NC traveled more than 50 miles from their homes over the Thanksgiving holidays. The average trip length for North Carolinians was around 600 miles round trip. The day before Thanksgiving is reported to be one of the busiest days of the year to travel. One way the NC Department of Transportation tried to decrease traffic prob-

lems was by stopping all construction on interstates as well as most state and US routes on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

According to AAA, statewide gas prices were an average of six cents lower than this time last year. Prices on Wednesday, Nov. 21 were an average of \$3.31, compared to \$3.85 in September. Kings Mountain was a little higher, with the average gas cost being \$3.39, while Grover's gas averaged \$3.07 throughout the holiday weekend.

Upcoming Hospice events

TUESDAY, Dec. 4 - 10 a.m.-noon or 5-7 p.m. KM Hospice House Memory Making with Ornaments. Participants will have the opportunity to make holiday ornaments in memory of their loved one. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP to ext. 166 if you plan to attend.

"Coping with the Holidays," a grief sharing group, will meet on Tuesdays Dec. 4,11,18 from, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hospice Cleveland County Administration Building.

Hospice will order holiday dinners for Hospice patients and families. Cost of a complete dinner of turkey/ham, three sides, homestyle rolls, dessert to serve 6-8 people for \$50.

Any contribution to help sponsor a holiday dinner is welcomed. Contact Hospice, c/o Holiday Dinner, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150.

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