

OBITUARIES

Bobby Joe Duncan

Retired from Firestone Textiles

KINGS MOUNTAIN – Bobby Joe Duncan, 78, 601 Mica St., died Jan. 6, 2013 at Carolina's Medical Center, Charlotte, NC.

He was born in Rutherford Co., NC to the late Manus Amos and Lillian Murry Duncan and was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Foster Duncan; brother, Talmadge Duncan; and sister, Peggy Duncan.

Bobby Joe was a retired supervisor at Firestone Textiles, Gastonia, NC and was a member of the Cleveland County Senior Golfers.

Surviving are his sons, Jeff Duncan of Kings Mountain, Audie Duncan and fiancée Maria of Kings Mountain; brother, Steve Duncan, Kings Mountain; sister, Patsy Thompson, Abilene, TX; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Jan. 9 (today) at 3 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Rev. Robert Stinson officiated and interment at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Visitation was Tuesday Jan. 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Eugene Conner

Veteran of the U.S. Army

SHELBY – Eugene "Gene" Conner, 81, 150 Valentine Drive, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2013 at Wendover Hospice, Shelby, NC.

He was born in Cleveland County to the late Charles

Pinkney and Florence Morrison Conner. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Reed Norman Conner; sisters, Pearl Bates, Ethel Neal, Eunice Lovelace, Bertha Blalock, Ada Conner, Betty Bolin; and brothers, Fred Conner, Johnny Conner, and Ernest Conner.

Mr. Conner was an active member of Antioch Baptist Church, Blacksburg, SC, where he served as a former deacon, Sunday school teacher and youth leader. He retired from Hoechst Celanese, Spartanburg, SC, and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a Mason and Shriner.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary Conner, of the home; son, Kenneth E. Conner and wife, Mary Wray, Greenville, SC; daughters, Julia Ann Conner Cagle and husband, Terry, Columbia, SC and, Joan Marie Conner

Breazeale, Greenville, SC; brother, Bill Conner and wife, Hazel, Greenville, SC; sister, Bonnie Collins, Blacksburg, S C; seven grandchildren, Julia Lynn Cagle, Christopher Terry Cagle, Benjamin Conner Cagle, Rush Wray Conner, Patrick Norman Conner, Alexander Kenneth Conner, and Conner Austin Breazeale; two stepsons, Carey Odum, Hope Mills, NC, and Chris Holder, Bladenboro, NC; and three step grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, Rev. Harold Beam and Dr. Terry Cagle officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the fellowship hall of the church. Interment will be in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, 839 Antioch Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702 or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Westover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

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

Harris Funeral Home

Henry Parks Neisler, Sr.

US Army veteran

KINGS MOUNTAIN – Henry Parks Neisler, Sr., died Monday, Jan. 7, 2013 at Hospice of Cleveland County, Kings Mountain. He was the eldest of twin sons



born on September 14, 1927 to the late Paul Mauney Neisler and Dacey Kathryn Moss Neisler in their home in Kings Mountain. Also preceding him in death were his two brothers Paul M. Neisler, Jr. and Charles Andrew Neisler.

Henry attended Kings Mountain Schools before graduating from Fishburne Military Academy and Davidson College. At Davidson, he was a member of both the varsity basketball and tennis teams. After college he joined Neisler Mills in Kings Mountain and went on to serve in the United States Army from 1952 until 1954. Two years later he joined his father and brothers in the organization of Dacey Mills Inc. in Shelby and would serve as its Chief Executive Officer for over thirty years until his death.

He was a lifetime member of First Presbyterian

Church of Kings Mountain, serving as elder, deacon, and Sunday school teacher. Henry possessed an enduring love for the ocean, spending the summers of his youth with his family at the Neisler Cottage at Crescent Beach, SC, and later becoming one of the first homeowners at Kiawah Island, SC. He was an expert fisherman and tennis enthusiast.

Surviving are his loving wife of 63 years, Marilyn Biggers Neisler; sons, Henry Parks Neisler, Jr., William Hayne Neisler, David Carl Neisler; daughter-in-law, Leonor D. Neisler; and 13 nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 3 p.m.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

A guest register is available at: www.harrisfunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Ambrose Chapman Jr.

SHELBY – Ambrose John Chapman Jr., 74, 2832 Nickey Sharts Rd., died

Mon., Dec. 31, 2012 at his home.

A private family service will be held.

POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

JAN. 3: Francisco Switek Nieves, 31, 403 N.Cansler St., order for arrest, \$500 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

DEC. 31: Cierra Pagan, 19, Gastonia, speeding.

DEC. 31: Tuan D. Nguyen, 19, Greer, SC, speeding.

JAN. 1: Richard J. Errico, 61, Val Stream, NY, speeding.

JAN. 1: Loy Durant Thompson III, 32, Charlotte, speeding.

JAN. 1: Katelyn Ash Holland, 27, Hickory Grove, SC, speeding.

JAN. 2: Derek Houser, 37, 308 N. Watterson St., no seat belt.

JAN. 2: Justin Eli Glover, 31, Gastonia, expired tag.

JAN. 3: Randy Funderburk Jr., 38, Bessemer City, stop sign violation.

JAN. 3: Jerry Reid Hargett, 74, 504 Ellenwood Dr., expired tag, unsafe movement.

JAN. 3: Heather James, 28, 323 Court Dr., no inspection, expired tag.

JAN. 4: Linda Clary, 64, 312 S. Oriental Ave., no seat belt, failure to slow down as directed by traffic officer.

INCIDENTS

JAN. 2: City of Kings Mountain, 100 S. Cherokee

St., reported damage to a water pump computer screen on Stone Street.

JAN. 2: C&C Precision Machine, 418 Canterbury Rd., reported theft of aluminum shavings valued at \$2,000.

JAN. 3: A resident of N. Cansler St. reported food stamp fraud.

JAN. 3: A resident of Cherryville reported theft of a Tao-Tao 50 CC Scooter from Catherine Ave.

JAN. 3: City of Kings Mountain, 101 W. Gold St., reported theft of a trash can from Herndon Farm Road.

WRECKS

DEC. 26: Officer F. L. Wittington said Devin Dawkins, Gastonia, reported that a driver in a car in front of him on US 74 hit his brakes. Dawkins said as he braked his 1997 Honda started to spin and went off the road into a fence in the median of the roadway. Property damages were estimated at \$4,000 to the vehicle and \$1500 to the State of NC fence.

JAN. 3: Officer J. L. Dee reported a 2002 Dodge operated by Jerry Hargett of Gastonia struck a 2001 Ford operated by Buffy Murphey, 114 Camelot Court. The accident happened at the intersection of Phifer and Maner roads. Property damages were estimated at \$2500.

Barbara H. Sanders

Loving mother, grandmother and aunt

KINGS MOUNTAIN – Barbara Ann Huss Sanders, 65, of 110 N. City St., our



beloved mother, grandmother and aunt, passed away Dec. 25, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Essie

Mae Yoder and Roland Huss, her siblings, Robert Huss, Irene Gann, and Earlene Fitzgerald, her husband of 13 years Arthur I. Sanders and stepson, Roger Dale Fralick.

Surviving are her daughter, Regina D. Fralick; three stepdaughters, Jenny Smith, Beverly Wadell, and Wanda Rogers; and a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be conducted Saturday, January 12, at 1 p.m. at Proclaiming The Word Ministries in Grover. Interment will be private.

DONALD RAY SHORT

He loved playing Santa

KINGS MOUNTAIN – Donald Ray Short, 58, a resident of Kings Mountain, died Monday, January 7, 2013 at Cleveland Regional Hospital.

Born in Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Shirley Margaret Perry Short and was also preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Ray Short Jr. He loved his family and also helped with the Kings Mountain July 4th Fireworks show and loved playing Santa Claus.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Brenda Burton Short; daughters, Bambi Short and Krista Morton, both of Kings Mountain; his father, Johnny Ray Short of Gastonia; his brothers, Billy

Joe Short of Kings Mountain and Ronald Short of Grover; and his sisters, Violet Lattimore and Mary Frances Towerly, both of Kings Mountain, and Betty Wright of Grover.

The graveside service will be conducted Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday night, Jan. 11, 2013 from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

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

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Mary Lynn Geymont

SHELBY- Mary Lynn Moore Geymont, 81, passed away Sunday, December 30, 2012 at Brian Center in Hendersonville.

A celebration of life service was held Sunday Jan. 6, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Shelby chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery at a later date.

Phyllis Dean Hammock

LITTLE RIVER, SC - Phyllis Dean Hammock died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 in McLeod Seacoast Medical Center.

A former Kings Mountain resident, she was the daughter of the late Amos and Lodema Morris Dean.

The memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Dec. 30,

2012 at Lee Funeral Home.

Edwiena Hinton

HENDERSONVILLE- Mrs. Edwiena Karroll Hinton, 68, died Friday, December 21, 2012 at Pardee Memorial Hospital in Hendersonville.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at Lincolnton SDA Church.

Martha Ann Lee

YORK, PA- Mrs. Martha Ann Lee, 79, of York, PA, formerly of Shelby, died Tuesday, January 1, 2013 in York, PA.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Shelby.

How should our region grow?

Help to plan for the future of our region and the continued vitality of our community by giving us your input at a drop-in open house on Thursday, Jan. 17, 4-7 p.m. at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain, as part of the "CONNECT Our Future" project.

The CONNECT Our Future project, to be presented in collaboration with the Kings Mountain Planning Department, is a critical opportunity for people of our 14-county region to work together and create a regional planning framework to help meet the shared challenges of communities and plan for the dramatic projected growth of the region. Planning ahead for the future and the growth that's coming can help address questions everyone faces now, such as:

How can we best maintain our community's character?

Where and how will

everyone live and work?

How do we avoid the negative sides of growth?

How do we encourage strong economic growth?

How do we build needed infrastructure with limited public funds?

Residents and business owners attending the "CONNECT Our Future" open house will be asked to provide input on what they value about their community and region, and what they think are the biggest challenges facing the region.

The drop-in open house is staffed, will have board exhibits and stations, and people can ask questions, provide input, and are free to come and go as they choose during the open house time period. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 704-734-4595 or visit the website at www.ConnectOurFuture.org.

Talent Showcase Saturday

The Power of Purpose Talent Showcase will be presented this Saturday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium. There will be live performances by Ant Fella, Joan P, Kareshia, Asiah & Jai Naj Muzik, and Super Star Money. It will be hosted by Miss Coffey. Admission is \$10. Admission for children 12 and under is \$5.

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