

OBITUARIES

Fred Andrew Tate U.S. Air Force veteran

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Fred Andrew Tate, age 79, resident of Kings Mountain, NC died January 21, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospice House. He was born in Kings Mountain to the late Brooks Roosevelt Tate and Leola Bridges Tate.

He is preceded in death by his beloved son Gregory Eugene Tate of Kings Mountain, NC and his brother Eugene Webster Tate of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Tate graduated from Kings Mountain High School where he earned his varsity letters in football and basketball. Fred joined the United States Air Force in 1953 and was deployed to Hickam field in Honolulu, Hawaii then to Eniwetok in the Marshal Islands, and West Palm Beach Florida Airbase. He was honorably discharged in 1957 as Staff Sergeant. After returning to Kings Mountain he earned his Associate degree in Accounting at Howard's Business College in Shelby NC.

Fred worked with the US Postal Service and retired from there after 33 years. He joined the Kings Mountain School District serving primarily at Bethware Elementary and retired after eight years.

He was an active member for 57 years of Bethlehem Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Youth Worker. He also served with the NC Baptist Disaster Relief teams in recovery efforts in Tarboro and Burgaw, NC and Pineville, WV after Hurricane Floyd.

As one of the 16 original members of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department he was instrumental in establishing the "Big B" fire district in Kings Mountain. He served in the positions of Captain and Chief. His volunteer fire serv-

ice included the position of Board Chairman and President of the Cleveland County Fireman's Association and long-time member of the benevolent committee.

Fred also was an active member of the Bethware Progressive Club for 23 years where he served as President, Fair Chairman, and Treasurer for 17 years. Through the Club's efforts thousands of dollars have been donated to Bethware School, and an annual scholarship of five hundred dollars was established for deserving graduating seniors at Kings Mountain High School.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years Colleen Reynolds Tate, son Michael Andrew Tate and wife Susan Finney Tate, daughter-in-law Kimberly Porter Tate, loving grandchildren: Brooks Robert, Kristen Marie, Catherine Sullender, and Sarah Marie Tate. He is also survived by his brother James Oliver Tate and wife Helen Robbs Tate, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Pauly Tate of Portland, Oregon.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Dr. Steve Taylor and Rev. David Blanton will officiate and interment will be in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

The body will be placed in the sanctuary from 12:30-1:45 p.m.

The family will receive friends following the church service in the Christian Activities Center at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, Kings Mountain Hospice House, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or Bethlehem Baptist Church "Building Fund", 1015 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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

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Margaret Jackson Woodcock

Loved family, friends dearly

RALEIGH - Margaret Jackson Woodcock, age 69, passed away on the evening of Sunday, January 13, 2013, peacefully and without discomfort. She was born Margaret Anne Jackson on March 14, 1943, in Kings Mountain, NC, beloved daughter of the late Thompson and Beulah Jackson. She was a devoted mother and wife, accomplished civil servant and loved her family and friends dearly.



The youngest of six children, her grandmother taught her to read by the age of four. Siblings say she was deeply imaginative, articulate and seldom without at least two or three books. Throughout her life, she relished literary and philosophical conversations, art and good story telling. Raised in a Scots-Irish family tradition, Margaret quickly gleaned an intense determination and independent spirit.

She attended Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, and furthered her studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she wrote a thesis on Ernest Hemingway and became a rabid Tar Heel fan. After teaching middle-school English and freshman composition at NC State, Margaret found her professional calling in public health and took a second masters from NC State in public affairs. She began working in what was then the Department of Public Health, focusing on fiscal is-

issues and working with state legislatures. She eventually rose to Deputy State Health Director and among her accomplishments

was the creation of the Office of Purchase of Care Services, which provided a uniform way to purchase healthcare services for areas such as Sickle Cell, Cancer and Children's Special Health Care Services.

In 1971 Margaret married Maurice Woodcock, son of Natalie and Raymond Woodcock, of Wilmington, North Carolina. Margaret and Maurice enjoyed a happy marriage, built their dream house together on Lake Anne and had one son, Kevin Woodcock.

From 1987 to 1996 she worked for the North Carolina Medical Society as Director of the Department of Health Policy, after which she returned to state work and finished out her career as Head of the Women's Preventive Health Unit. Through her department's efforts, Women's Preventive Health services were expanded to special populations including adolescents and the uninsured. Margaret was impassioned by her work and held in high regard by her colleagues.

Margaret's life was cut short by early-onset Alzheimer's. Not enough can be said about the selfless care shown by friends, family and caregivers. Throughout her life, no matter tragedies or successes, she always claimed that to have the family and friends that she did, made her lucky beyond measure. She lived a happy life.

She was predeceased by her husband, Maurice Woodcock and is survived by her son, Kevin Woodcock and his fiancé Kim Engie; her brothers, Harold Jackson and wife Peggy, Bob Jackson and wife Christa; her sister, Mildred Davenport; and her brother-in-law, Ed Smith. She will also be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 21 at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5101 Oak Park Rd., Raleigh NC. Graveside services were held at Raleigh Memorial Park. The family received friends following the services in the church fellowship hall.

Please send memorials to Elsie's Place, 1944 Wilton Circle, Raleigh, NC 27701 or the Alzheimer's Association Eastern North Carolina, 3739 National Drive, Suite 110, Raleigh NC 27612.

Mitchell Funeral Home & Raleigh Memorial Park served the Woodcock family.

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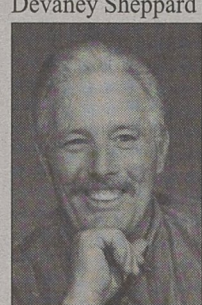
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Gerald "Randy" Randall Sheppard

Owned and operated Sheppard's Welding

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Gerald "Randy" Randall Sheppard, 69 of Kings Mountain, NC passed away Monday, January 21, 2013. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Devaney Sheppard and Macie



Edith Randall Sheppard.

Mr. Sheppard owned and operated

Sheppard's Welding for nearly 40 years. He loved fishing, cutting grass, working in his shop and fellowshiping with his friends. He attended Shelby Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Brenda Melton Sheppard; two sisters, Frances Sheppard Daveny and Carolyn Sheppard Roberts; two brothers, Donald Sheppard and Charles Sheppard.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Sheppard of the home; two daughters, Sandy Sheppard Surber of Kings Mountain and Sharon Sheppard White and husband Brent

of Grover; one son, Scott Sheppard and wife Hope of Tenn; a brother, Harrill Sheppard and wife Letha of Blacksburg, SC; one stepson, Dwayne Kimsey and wife Jaime of Spartanburg, SC; sisters-in-law JoAnn Sheppard of Shelby and Bell Sheppard of Blacksburg; 14 grandchildren, Magan and Hannah Surber, Dillon White, Morgan, Nathan, Olivia, Luke and Colin Sheppard, Dusty, Jaden, Cameron, Madison, Ruthie and Charlie Rose Kimsey; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at Cleveland Funeral Services in Shelby, and at the home, 117 Huntseat Lane in Kings Mountain.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Mike Carper officiating. Burial will follow in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Sandy Surber Cancer Fund, Fidelity Bank, 403 S. Battleground Ave., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Online condolences to www.clevelandfuneralservice.com

Cleveland Funeral Services and Crematory is serving the Sheppard family.

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Ross Gregory, Jr.

Retired from Firestone

GASTONIA - Ross Gregory, Jr., 84, resident of Gastonia, NC, formerly of Kings Mountain died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013 at Robin Johnson House in Dallas, NC.

He was born in Gaston County, NC to the late Ross Gregory, Sr. and Barbara Gregory. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Bena Bolin Gregory, four brothers and three sisters.

Mr. Gregory was retired from Firestone Industries in Gastonia and a member of Gaston Baptist Church, Dallas.

Survivors include his son, Rev. Rocky Lane Gregory and wife Frances of Loris, SC; daughters, Linda Catherine

Black and husband Spencer of Charlotte, and Susan Elaine Sikes, Mt. Holly; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Hazel P. Boyd officiating.

Visitation was held 1-2 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gaston Hospice, Robin Johnson House 5005 Sheppard's Way Dr., Dallas, NC 28034.

Funeral arrangements were made by Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain.

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Margaret "Maggie" Patterson

Loving wife, mother, grandmother

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Margaret "Maggie" Patterson, 86, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospital. She was a native of Cleveland County, NC, daughter of the late Arthur and Rose Allen.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Wade Patterson, and two sons, Carl Patterson and Wade Patterson, Jr. She was a member of East-side Church Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a dietician.

Survivors include her sons, Haywood "Buster" Patterson of Blacksburg, SC, Richard Patterson and Charles "JoeJoe" Patterson, both of Kings Mountain; daughters, Hettie Rose Richards of Kings Mountain, Wanda Meeks and Alice DeLozier, both of Shelby, Frances

Whetstone of Bessemer City, Suzie Hastings and Pam Patterson, both of Kings Mountain, Doris Bone of Dallas, NC, Kim Patterson of Lincoln, NC; brother, A.D. Allen of Spartanburg, SC; sisters, Lib Smith of Spartanburg, Barbara Stacey of Augusta, GA; 36 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Kings Mountain, Sunday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Jerry Millwood and Rev. Kenneth Smith officiating. Visitation was on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Harris Funeral Home and at other times at the home of her daughter, Hettie Rose Richards, 111 Bane Rd., Kings Mountain.

Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

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

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