

OBITUARIES

John Beam

50-year Mason in Fairview Lodge

KINGS MOUNTAIN - John Thomas "Tom" Beam, 82, resident of 113 Country Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC died Monday, February 11, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

He was born in Cleveland County, NC to the late Henry Lee Beam and Lela



Westmoreland Beam. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Iva Lingerfelt Beam, son, Michael K. Beam, sisters, Polly Ledford and Betty Richardson, and brother, Robert L. "Bob" Beam.

Mr. Beam was retired with over 20 years of service from Akers Motor Lines, Charlotte, NC. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain. He was a Mason for over 50 years and a member of the Fairview Masonic Lodge 339, a Scottish Rite Shriner and member of the Oasis Shrine Club.

Surviving are his daughters Lynn Lovelace Brown and husband Wayne, Shelby, NC, and Jane Lovelace Redmond and husband, Jeff,

Kingsport, TN; daughter-in-law, Kathy Beam of Gastonia; brother, Harry Beam and wife, Marie, Grover; five grandchildren: Lee Beam and wife Madeline; Amy Blanton and husband Chad; Caroline Redmond; Casey Lockler and husband Joseph; and Brady Goforth and wife Anita; seven great-grandchildren and seven nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 11 a.m. Pastor Peter Setzer will officiate and interment will be in Grover Cemetery, Grover, and NC.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 13, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, NC.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 N. Piedmont Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Hospice of Cleveland County, King Mountain, Hospice House, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

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

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

Harris Funeral Home

Kenneth Parker

U.S. Army veteran

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Kenneth Howard Parker, 65, a resident of 211 Bridges Street, Kings Mountain, NC, died February 9, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospice.

He was born in Cleveland County, NC, son of the late Howard Lee Parker and Margaret Rippey Davis and step-son of Nathan Davis.

Kenneth was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. He retired from F M C after 31 years.

Kenneth was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the US Army.

He liked camping, enjoyed NASCAR racing and was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Survivors include: his wife, Vickie Smith Parker, Kings Mountain, NC; step-father, Nathan Davis, Kings Mountain, NC; son, Kevin Parker and wife Paige, Kings Mountain, NC; step-son, Tony Davidson, II, Shelby, NC; daughter, Shannon Barnes and husband Eric, Gastonia, NC; brothers, Sony Parker and wife Patsy,



Crouse, NC, and Roger Parker and wife Brenda, Bumpass, Va.

Other survivors include: his sister, Dee Dee Howell and husband Ken, Grover, NC, Mona Hinson and husband Eddie, Kings Mountain, NC, Myra Price and husband Eddie, Kings Mountain, NC; grandchildren, Jordan Parker, Trinity Barnes, Langston Barnes, Quintin Davidson, and Alycece Davidson.

The funeral service will be at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Keith Parker officiating.

Visitation was held from 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday night, Feb. 12 at Harris Funeral Home and other times at his home.

Interment will be at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials can be made to Kings Mountain Hospice House, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

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

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

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Jim Bowen

SHELBY - James "Jim" Bowen, 76, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013 at his home.

The funeral was held at First Baptist Church, Webb Chapel Saturday, Feb. 9 with Rev. Tony Tench officiating.

The family received friends Friday, Feb. 8 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home.

Interment was at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Irene Granger

SHELBY - Irene Granger, 80, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013 at Wendover Hospice.

The funeral service was at noon on Friday, Jan. 8, 12 noon, at Bethel Baptist Church with Drs. Timothy Sims and J.M. Ezell officiating.

Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Claude Harris III

GROVER - Claude "C.C." Harris III passed away Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at his home.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 8 at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home, Kings Mountain.

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

Linda Morgan

SHELBY - Linda McCraw Morgan, 68, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013.

The memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Dover Baptist Church. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall of the church following the service or at other times at the home of her daughter, Tammy, 1053 Old Boiling Springs Road, Shelby.

Margaret Porter

SHELBY - Margaret Alexander Porter, 92, passed away Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013 at Givens Health of Asheville.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 10 at Central United Methodist Church with Rev. Craig Langston and Dr. John Boggs officiating.

The family received friends following the service in the Porter Activity Center of the church.

A private burial was held at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Carroll S. Sanders

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Carroll Shannon Sanders, 35, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013 at Christ Worship Center in Gastonia. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday prior to the service at the church.

Mary Manuel Lochridge

A missionary homemaker

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Manuel Lochridge, 88, left Kings Mountain Hospice house at 9:41 p.m. Feb. 1, 2013 and walked into her new dwelling place.

She was no doubt greeted by her Lord and Savior with those words all of us should long to hear: "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy your Lord has prepared for you."

The youngest of six children born to Rev. M.E. Manuel and his wife Emma, in Forsyth County, NC, Mary gave her heart and life to Christ at an early age.

She served the Lord faithfully with her husband, Rev. James "Jim" T. Lochridge, Sr., as a missionary in eastern Kentucky and then missionary homemaker for 27 years in the Philippine Islands.

Having retired from the International Mission Board in 1988, she and Jim settled in Albany, GA and served the Lord as members of First Baptist Church working in

WMU, Sunday School, and missions. They were in demand to teach mission studies and worked in church youth camps for many years following their "retirement."

In April 2007, they returned to yet another mission field, living with the oldest son and his wife at "Lochridge Lodging and Old Folks Home", 112 Cyclone Lane, Kings Mountain, NC.

They joined Second Baptist Church where James, Jr. serves as pastor, and immediately became involved in service. Mary served as a Sunday School teacher for the Martha Class, pianist for Adult 2 opening assembly, team member for the Wednesday morning Bible study at Summit Place, Kings Mountain, member for the Lydia Group (missions) and wherever else the Lord gave her opportunity.

She will be sorely missed as reflected by a frequently heard statement these days, "I miss my hugs."

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Rev. James "Jim" T. Lochridge, Sr., Kings Mountain; sons, Rev. James Lochridge, Jr. and wife Belinda, Kings Mountain, William "Billy" Lochridge and wife Sally, Alpharetta, GA; brother, Wilburn "Red" Manuel and wife Hazel, Winston-Salem;

sister Pauline "Polly" Smith. Clemmons, NC; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and a host of friends.

A memorial service was held at Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 at 11 a.m. with Rev. James Lochridge officiating.

A meal was served for everyone following the service in the Life Enrichment Center.

Visitation was held from 10 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 prior to the service in the sanctuary of Second Baptist Church.

Memorials can be made to: Second Baptist Church, Mission House, 120 Linwood Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086; International Mission Board SBC, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230; or to Hospice House of Kings Mountain, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

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Hubbards woodworking art on display at SASI

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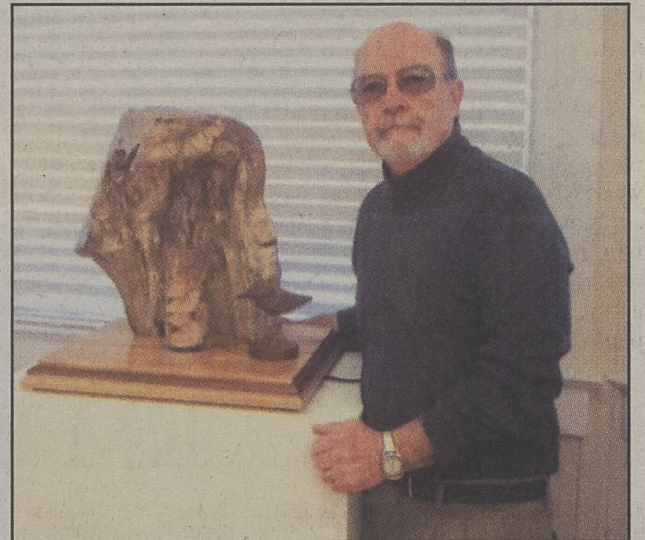
Ben Hubbard, Woodworker, moved to Kings Mountain from southern Indiana six years ago after spending more than 34 years working for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Hubbard is displaying and selling some of his pieces at the Southern Arts Society, located at the old depot on Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain, through the month of February. The Arts Society is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 - 4.

During his career in natural resources and historic preservation his woodworking efforts were both a hobby and a secondary business.

Ben first started building furniture when he married his wife, Cathy over 43 years ago. He quickly realized that getting married and finding a home didn't leave much left over to purchase furniture. The first piece he built was a trestle dining table "because we had to have a place to eat," he grinned. From there, he just started building whatever furniture he needed. Although Hubbard utilized some of his carpentry skills learned from his carpenter father, much of his woodworking is self-taught.

He is a professional forester by education (Purdue University) as well as the son of a carpenter, both of which help to explain his life-long love affair with



Ben with one of his pieces on display at the Natural Beauty Art Show at the Southern Arts Gallery.

wood. As an artisan, Ben designs and creates both traditional and contemporary furniture, wooden boxes, cases and signs.

Ben started out copying traditional pieces that he liked. As he gets older he likes original ideas. Hubbard said that he can't draw designs, but he looks at a piece of wood and visualizes how something would look made from the wood.

Ben seldom has to throw any of his creations away. He describes himself as frugal, not cheap. If he starts on a piece, and it doesn't turn out like he had hoped, he will dismantle it and build something else out of it. Then if he still can't use some of the wood, he will throw it away.

Besides building remarkable pieces of art, Ben enjoys restoring old houses. He will work on one at a time, doing all the restorations himself. When he finishes with a house, he will sell it, and begin renovating another one (Ben calls this flipping houses).

Because of the amount of space needed to work on wood, Ben has a shop on Oak Grove Road in Kings Mountain. It isn't a retail shop because "retail tends to tie you down," he said. "This way you know who is to

blame if you mess up, and who gets the credit for a job well-done."

Hubbard and his wife, Cathy, moved to this area when she was transferred to Belmont with the National Gypsum Co. in Belmont. They started out in the Belmont area and slowly moved west, looking for just the right place to make a new home. When they got to Moss Lake, they realized it was the perfect location for them. They have two grown children, a daughter in Greenville, SC, and a son in Aberdeen, MD.

Ben and Cathy go to Resurrection Lutheran Church, where Cathy is a fill-in organist.

His woodwork has appeared in a number of small artisan shows and galleries in southern Indiana and was also included in the book "Woven Hills and Quilted Rocks, Folk Artists in Martin County Indiana."

Ben quickly got involved with the Southern Arts Society after moving to this area. He hopes that the citizens of Kings Mountain realize how remarkably fortunate they are to have the Southern Arts Society. The building, owned by the City of Kings Mountain, is large enough to house several exhibits at one time, and can display large art pieces which many other galleries cannot display due to their small buildings. Hubbard said that the gallery is a real benefit to the community. They have an entire calendar of events and classes which go on throughout the year. He encourages everyone in Kings Mountain to utilize and support the Southern Arts Society.



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Shows - 58°	Sunny - 61°	Sunny - 45°	Sunny - 43°
0% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation	20% Chance of precipitation	0% Chance of precipitation
Night time Low 33°	Night time Low 33°	Night time Low 23°	Night time Low 25°

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