

OBITUARIES

Della Margrite Champion

Lifelong member of Oak Grove Baptist Church

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Della Margrite Chapman Champion, 83, resident of the Oak Grove community in Kings Mountain, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Quince and Minerva Lovelace Philbeck.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, James Albert Champion, a son, Richard Dale Champion, and a sister, Barbara Varner.

Della was a homemaker, a lifelong member of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain where she was a member of the Friendship Sunday School class, the WMU, and she also hosted a Bible study group in her home each week.

Survivors include her sons, Jim Champion and wife Susan, and Chuck Champion, all of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Laura, Sara, Richard, Ryan and Matthew Champion, and

Blair Daves; great-grandson, Richard Dale Champion III; brother, Lewis Philbeck and wife, Karen, Bessemer City.

The funeral service was held Monday, March 4, 2013 at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Travis Northcutt officiating.

The family received friends from 3 - 5 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 2013 at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain and at other times at the home of her son, Jim Champion, 101 Butternut Dr., Kings Mountain.

Interment was at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church "Bell Tower Fund," 1022 Oak Grove Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Hospice of Cleveland County, 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.

Harris Funeral Home

Christopher Brent Hayes

U.S. Navy veteran

BOGART, GA - Christopher Brent Hayes, (aka Bill & CB), 87 of Bogart, GA, passed away on Monday, February 25, 2013. Chris was born in Kings



Mountain, NC, on March 2, 1925.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Navy. While at a USO Canteen in NYC, Chris met the "love of his life" Marion and married on April 6, 1945. Chris and Marion spent the next 67 years together.

Upon discharge, Chris began his career with the NYC Police Department; working initially as a patrolman and ultimately was promoted to Detective on the Bomb Squad. Disarming bombs was routine to him. Repairmen, neighbors, etc., couldn't help but notice all the commendations on the walls, and pictures of Chris

disarming bombs. This would lead to long visits listening to the stories of his days combating the Black Panthers and Weathermen in the 70's and 80's.

Besides his stories he was known for his unique expressions, such as "GO SCRATCH". It was just routine for him and he was extremely humble in thinking that it was anything special. Chris is survived by his three children, Vi Kremkau of Athens, GA, Chris Hayes of Rochester, NY and Eric Hayes of Troy, AL; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, brother, sister and recently his beloved wife, Marion Hayes. A celebration of life and memorial service for Chris and Marion will take place at a future date.

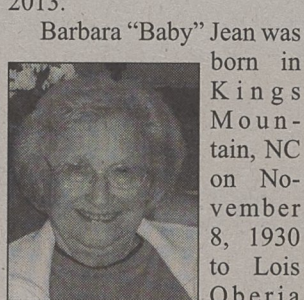
Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Advantage or Athens Humane Society. Lord & Stephens East is in charge of arrangements, www.lordandstephens.com

Lord & Stephens East

Barbara Jean Lilly

Enjoyed gardening and camping

"MOM" WINNETKA, CA - Barbara Jean Lilly, 82, Winnetka, CA passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2013.



Barbara "Baby" Jean was born in Kings Mountain, NC on November 8, 1930 to Lois Oberia

Lowe and James Grady Ware. She was preceded in death by her sister, June White, and brothers, James and Brian Ware.

At the age of 17, Barbara followed her older sister June to Los Angeles, CA, where she stayed to marry, raise her children, and live her life.

Barbara worked for and retired from the Los Angeles Community College District, serving tasty meals to hungry students and faculty.

While in her 50s, Barbara decided to continue her own education and proudly earned herself an Associate of Arts degree.

Barbara enjoyed gardening and camping, but she especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Barbara kept in touch with "home" through her subscription to the Herald, occasional visits, and frequent phone calls to friends and family.

Barbara is survived by her children, Susan and Michael; grandchildren Jason, James, and Catherine; and her newly arrived great-grandson Andrew.

Barbara was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace Mom.

Bobby Gene Moore

U.S. Army veteran

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bobby Gene Moore, 80, Kings Mountain, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013 at Peak Resources of Shelby, NC.

A native of Cleveland County, he was born on October 6, 1932, to the late George Moore and Essie Deal Moore and was also preceded in death by a grandson Chadwick Moore, sister, Hazel Smith, brothers O.D. Moore, George (Red) Moore and Brent Moore.

He served our country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed traveling and camping with his family as the children were growing up. Bobby was a member of Gloryland Missionary Baptist Church of Kings Mountain and was a loving husband, daddy and papa.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Monzell

Simmons Moore, Kings Mountain; son, Mark Moore and wife Norma, Cheraw, SC; daughter, Sharon Moore, Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Keerstan Chaney, Stephanie Moore, Bradley Moore; a host of beloved nieces and nephews, and sisters-in-law, Sadie Simmons and Virginia Moore.

The funeral service was held at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Friday, March 1, 2013 at 3 p.m. with Rev. Rick Sigmon and Rev. James Hamrick officiating.

Visitation was from 1 to 2:30 p.m. prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home.

Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Gloryland Missionary Baptist Church, 101 Benfield Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, NC, served the family.

Harris Funeral Home

J.E. Laughlin, Jr.

SHELBY - Junious Esper "J.E." Laughlin Jr., 79, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013 at Hospice at Wendover.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2013 at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel.

Gene Edmonson

GROVER - Boyd Eugene "Gene" Edmonson, 69, resident of Grover, NC died March 3, 2013 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC.

The memorial service will be held Thursday,

March 7, 2013 at 3 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 2:30-3 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2013 prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home.

Ralph E. Stewart

Loving husband, father, grandfather, brother

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ralph Edward Stewart, 76, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

A Kings Mountain native, he was the son of the late



Letha Bell and George Tafft Stewart and was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Stewart Brown, and a brother, T/Sgt. Herman (Buck) Stewart. He was a member of Dixon Presbyterian Church, served in the US Navy and was retired from Sadie Mills and also formerly worked at Grover Industries. He was an avid reader, enjoyed gardening and yard work.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Margie Grace Maples Stewart of the home; one daughter, Beverly Stew-

art Berry and husband, Tommy of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren Beth, Chris, Ryan and Lacie, all of Phoenix City, Alabama; two great-grandchildren Madison and Daniel; one brother, Gary Stewart and wife, Mary Jo Stewart; and two sisters, Elizabeth Stewart and Linda O'Shields and husband, David, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Dixon Presbyterian Church. Rev. Randy Patterson, pastor, will officiate, and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends prior to the funeral, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2013 in the Dixon Church Fellowship Hall.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Hannah Louise Barber

SHELBY - Hannah Louise Barber, 87, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Wendover Hospice.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 4, at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Cathy Nichols

BLACKSBURG, SC - Cathy Nichols, 60, died Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Upstate Carolina Medical Center, Gaffney, SC.

A private family service will be held.

CRIME - POLICE

ARRESTS

FEB. 23: Ira Dwayne Buckner, 35, Grover, two counts failure to appear, \$1500 bond, secured.

FEB. 24: Christopher James Pruitt, 35, probation violation, felony, \$30,000 bond, secured.

FEB. 24: Gloria Jean Alexander, 55, 113 High Ridge Ct., possession drug paraphernalia, criminal summons. She was also cited for no vehicle registration.

FEB. 25: Desmond Rashon Lee, 24, 200 Spruce St., Apt. 2B, assault on female.

FEB. 26: David Ray Deal, 47, 905 N. Piedmont Ave., breaking and entering, injury to real property, injury to personal property, \$1500 bond, secured.

FEB.28: Jessie Edwards Jeffries, 56, 221 Apt. B Morris St., communicating threats.

FEB. 28: Kayla Sharee Chasteen, 26, 311 E. Ridge St., larceny, \$500 bond, secured.

MARCH 1: Pamela Williams Berryhill, 59, 1616

Shelby Rd., larceny, possession stolen goods, \$1,000 bond, secured.

MARCH 2: Matthew Bryan Turner, 21, Grover, DWI, speeding, running red light, \$2500 bond, secured.

MARCH 3: Leslie Dawn Thomas, 29, 810 Church St., Apt. A, assault with deadly weapon, \$1500 bond, secured.

MARCH 3: Shannon Marie Moses, 30, 805 Phillips Dr., communicating threats, \$1000 bond, unsecured.

MARCH 3: Ada Yvonne Young, 21, 200 Spruce St., possession with intent to sell, deliver marijuana, felony, resisting public officer, \$7500 bond, secured.

MARCH 23: Dustin Renbow Michael Wilson, 25, 936 Stoney Point Rd., maintaining vehicle/dwelling place, felony, possession with intent to sell, deliver marijuana, felony, \$10,000 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

FEB. 9: Mark Champion, 48, 806 Southridge Dr., expired tag.

FEB. 18: Deon Murray, 19, 530 Baker St., public disturbance.

FEB. 18: Dillon Scott White, 18, Grover, failure to stop at scene of accident.

FEB. 19: Cabreia Lechar Crumpton, 19, 914 Brookwood Dr., failure to carry registration card.

FEB. 21: James Day

Lightsey, 1007 Ramseur St., no insurance, revoked license.

FEB. 22: Sean Young Jr., 19, Shelby, stop sign violation.

FEB. 24: Ronnie Scott Parker, 30, 422 Clinton St., failure to carry driver's license.

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Feemster not guilty

For the second time in two years, a judge has found a former Kings Mountain pastor and Gardner-Webb University professor not guilty of soliciting a police officer for sex at Charlotte's Douglas International Airport overlook.

On Friday, a Mecklenburg County District Judge found Dr. Clinton Feemster, of Gastonia, former pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, not guilty in connection with an encounter with an undercover officer at the overlook in October 2012.

Feemster was pastor for 20 years at Mount Zion Baptist Church and

also was director of the Pittman Center for Congregational Enrichment at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs.

Feemster was charged the first time with solicitation in February 2011 and the church and university both placed him on leave. He had worked at Gardner-Webb since 2004, but he resigned shortly after the allegations surfaced. Feemster retired from Mount Zion Baptist Church in August 2011.

In July 2011, a judge found Feemster not guilty of soliciting sex. Supporters rallied around the former minister when he was accused.

'Operation Medicine Drop' begins March 18

Kings Mountain Police Department has scheduled "Operation Medicine Drop" to coincide with National Poison Prevention Week and has set three days for area people to drop off unwanted, old or unknown medications at the H. Lawrence Patrick Seniors Center.

The drop-off dates are Monday, March 18, 8 a.m.-12 noon; Wednesday, March 20 from 1-5 p.m.; and Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

National Poison Prevention Week March 17-

23 raises awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals and other substances, said Mayor Rick Murphrey in issuing a proclamation which council adopted.

The mayor said that each year the nation's poison centers answer more than four million calls. Approximately 90 percent of poisonings occur in people's homes and 50 percent of those exposures involved children under age 6.

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