

## OBITUARIES

### Paula Lea Nance

*She never met a stranger*

GASTONIA - Paula Lea Nance, 43, resident of Gastonia, N.C., died Sunday,



August 18, 2013, at Caromont Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, N.C. She was born in Albemarle, N.C. She was a member of Kings Mountain Assembly and was a manager in retail. She had a heart of gold and a devoted love for her family. She was the kind of person who never met a stranger.

Survivors include her father Billy Jackson Nance, Gastonia, N.C.; mother Sandra Adams Testa and husband Jim Testa, Kings

Mountain; sister Debbie N. Cox and husband Tom, Belmont, N.C.; and special niece Brooke Elaine Cox, Belmont, N.C.

Memorial service was at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Dr. Sydnor Thompson, officiating. Visitation was 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, August 19, at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, N.C.

Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain. Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Assembly, 5121-1 E. Dixon Blvd, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086

Guest registry available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

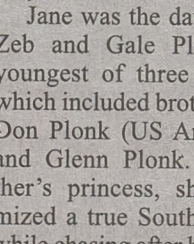
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### Jane Plonk Sims

*Loving mother and grandmother*

CHATTANOOGA, TN - Jane Plonk Sims, 74, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

She was born on Long Island, NY, grew up in the Druid Hills suburb of Atlanta, GA, but called the Chattanooga area home for over 45 years.



Jane was the daughter of Zeb and Gale Plonk, the youngest of three children which included brothers Col. Don Plonk (US Army ret.) and Glenn Plonk. Her father's princess, she epitomized a true Southern lady while chasing after her brothers who excelled in sports and academics. Before she graduated high school, her parents moved to Wellesley, MA, where her father established in her a lifelong love for the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics, and New England Clam Chowder which she passed down to her children and grandchildren.

Jane graduated from Gamaliel Bradford Senior High school and then returned to the South to attend Tennessee Technological University where she studied to become a teacher. A voracious reader, she consumed one to two books a day for most of her life. This led her first to work in a used book store and then open her own store, The Book Stop, on Hixson Pike for 13 years. After closing her store, Jane continued working at Sears in Northgate Mall.

Her love of sports drew her not only to attend, but to

cheer boisterously and shamelessly for her children and grandchildren who called her Nana. Everyone knew Nana was there, especially the coaches and referees. Her competitiveness extended to playing bridge, both online and at the Chattanooga Bridge Center. Jane was a member of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church for over 45 years, and she sang in the choir for over 35 years where she assumed her perch on the third row in the choir loft and scoured the congregation to ensure her family was present. She loved Jesus Christ and lived a life of worship and service to her Savior.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Zeb and Gale Plonk of Kings Mountain, NC.

She is survived by her children, Jeff (Cheryl) of Signal Mountain, Jon (April) of Hixson, TN and Jennifer (Alan) Dunn of Dawsonville, GA; grandchildren, Bradley, Summer, Fletcher, Brady, Emma Jane, Molly, Maddie, Chance and Ryan; brothers, Don (Melba) Plonk and Glenn (Anne) Plonk; brother-in-law, Fletcher (Nancy) Sims; sister-in-law, Margaret (Fred) Trainer; and countless nieces, nephews and extended family. Also her dear lifetime friends, Dawn DeGalleford of Hixson, TN, Judy Amonette of Cookeville, TN and countless others. Her loved ones look forward to a glorious reunion with her in the future.

The memorial service for Jane will be held at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013. The family will receive friends at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jane's honor may be made to Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, 612 James Blvd., Signal Mountain, TN 37377 to support its various ministries.

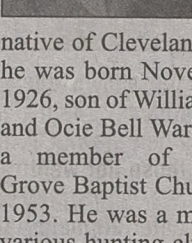
Arrangements are by the East Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 404 South Moore Road, Chattanooga, TN. Please share your condolences at [www.chattanoogaeastchapel.com](http://www.chattanoogaeastchapel.com).

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### Thomas Erskin Ware

*Western square dancer for 47 years*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Thomas Erskin Ware, 86, 103 Warehouse Drive, passed away Thursday, August 15, 2013, surrounded by his family and his beloved doggy LuLu at his residence.



A native of Cleveland County, he was born November 24, 1926, son of William Hunter and Ocie Bell Ware. He was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church since 1953. He was a member of various hunting clubs and a western square dancer for 47 years with Wagon Wheelers of Shelby and the Grand Spinners of Gastonia.

He was retired from the City of Kings Mountain and served his country in the U.S. Army Infantry in the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Ware was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Hunter Houston Ware, and one sister, Opal Ware Drumm. He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Daphne Smith Ware of the home; three daughters, Kay Ware Cherry and husband Pete of Stanley, Judy Ford and husband Rocky of

### Virginia McDaniel Williams

*Loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Virginia McDaniel Williams, 87, met her heavenly Father Wednesday August 14, 2013, and was reunited with the love of her life of 66 years, the Rev. James "Buddy"



Williams. A native of Cleveland County, she was born December 31, 1925, to Thomas Jefferson McDaniel and Callie Pearson McDaniel. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Logan McDaniel, David McDaniel, Bud McDaniel and Broadus McDaniel; two grandsons, Aaron Shane Barrett and Jon Christopher Barrett.

She is survived by two daughters, Sylvia W. Mason and husband Bill, and Carolyn W. Edmiston; four grandchildren, Jimmy Barrett of Kings Mountain, Ashlie Sanders of Surfside, Nicholas Edmiston of Garden City and Jeffrey Edmiston of Conway, S.C.; five great-grandchildren.

### Rev. Melvin Johnson

SHELBY - Rev. Melvin Johnson, 72, 113 North Poston St., Shelby, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A native of Cleveland County, he was born November 12, 1940, son of the late Melvin James and Rachel Johnson. Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 16, at 11 a.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel of Shelby. Burial was at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Kings Mountain, and Susan Ware Chapman and husband Jimmy of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Curtis Ware and wife Novella and Bill Ware and wife Becky all of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren, Erskin Cherry and wife Kira of Silver Springs, MD, Kathryn Cherry of Raleigh, N.C., Shan Ford and wife Cynthia of Ellensburg, Audrey Mills and husband Ryan of Stanley, Chelsea and Cassidy Chapman of Kings Mountain; one great grandchild, Savannah Ford of Shelby; several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at Patterson Grove Baptist Church Saturday, August 17, at 4:30 p.m., with Dr. Tim Hendrick officiating. The family received friends at the church on Saturday afternoon. Burial in the church cemetery came with military honors.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or to Oak Grove Baptist Church Bell Tower Fund, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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and husband Bill, and Carolyn W. Edmiston; four grandchildren, Jimmy Barrett of Kings Mountain, Ashlie Sanders of Surfside, Nicholas Edmiston of Garden City and Jeffrey Edmiston of Conway, S.C.; five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Clay-Barnette Chapel of Kings Mountain Friday, August 15, 2013 at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Kevin Whittington officiating. Burial and receiving of friends was at Mountain Rest Cemetery. To her special caregiver and friend, Pam Boone, thank you for all the love and kindness shown to mama. To the Hospice Team who took care of mama, thank all of you with all my heart; she will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [www.claybarnette.com](http://www.claybarnette.com).

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### Treva Bridges Wright

SHELBY - Mrs. Treva Bridges Wright, 77, 518 Lee Drive, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A native of Cleveland County, she was born August 17, 1935, the daughter of the late Dewey Hurbert and Inez Carter.

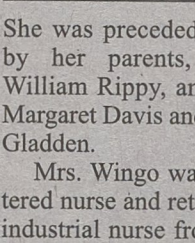
Graveside services were held Friday, August 16, at 2 p.m. at Cleveland Memorial Park. Burial was at Cleveland Memorial Park.

### Peggy Rippy Wingo

*A retired registered nurse*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Peggy Rippy Wingo, 75, resident of Kings Mountain, N.C., died Saturday, August 17, 2013, at Crawley Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs, N.C.

She was born in Cleveland County, N.C., to V. C. Rippy and Geneva Ham Rippy.



She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, William Rippy, and sisters, Margaret Davis and Mildred Gladden.

Mrs. Wingo was a registered nurse and retired as an industrial nurse from Gale and Lord Textiles, Gastonia, N.C. She was a charter member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain. She was a loving, wife, mother, grandmother and friend who will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband of 23 years, Jack Wingo of Kings Mountain;

sons Jeff Rowell and wife Wanda, of Shelby, N.C., and Ron Rowell; daughters Ann Smithwick and husband Gary, Danville, Va., Eve Swann and husband John, Charlotte, N.C.; step-sons Robert Wingo and wife Lisa, Houston, Texas and Andrew Wingo and wife Sharon, Mooresville, N.C.; sister Mae Hambright, York, S.C.; 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral service was at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Monday, August 19, 2013, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Hobby Outten, officiating. Visitation was 1-3 p.m. prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, N.C. Memorials may be sent to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, N.C., 28086

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

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### James E. Odoms

KINGS MOUNTAIN - James E. Odoms, 68, resident of Kings Mountain, N.C., died August 19, 2013, at Kings Mountain Hospice House. He was born in Cleveland County, N.C., to

the late Aileen Odoms Miller. Funeral service will be held at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel in Kings Mountain on Thursday, August 22, 2013, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Eddie Gray officiating. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

## CRIME - POLICE

### ARRESTS

AUG. 12 A 17-year-old male was charged with simple assault. His bond was \$2,500, secured.

### CITATIONS

AUG. 1: David C. Brown, Jr., 902 Grace St., speeding 70/25 mph, driving with revoked license, driving without due caution and at a speed or in a manner as to endanger.

### INCIDENTS

AUG. 12: A resident of Kings Fall Ct. reported damage to two vehicle tires.

AUG. 13: Greg's Food Mart at 314 N. Piedmont Ave. reported damage to a gutter when a vehicle backed into the building.

AUG. 14: A resident of 121 N. City St. reported breaking and entering and damage to property. Body panels and windshields of four vehicles were damaged, causing an estimated \$6,500 in damage.

AUG. 14: A resident of Gold Creek Trail reported the theft of a 2005 Silver Acura MDX.

AUG. 14: A resident of Alpine Drive reported breaking and entering and the theft of two air conditioner units, a washer and dryer unit and a stove.

AUG. 15: A resident of Go-forth Road reported the theft of a Samsung Galaxy cell phone, with an estimated value of \$300.

AUG. 16: A resident of Catherine St. reported breaking and entering and larceny of a black Gateway laptop, a white Xbox 360 and assorted U.S. coins.

AUG. 16: A resident of S. Deal St. reported the larceny of a two Sears push mowers.

AUG. 16: AT&T reported damage to five cable lines and cable poles at Bible Way Church Rd.

### WRECKS

JULY 26: Officer B.C. McGinnis said that Billy J. McCutcheon, Grover, was operating a 2000 Dodge at a high rate of speed while trying to flee law enforcement of-

ficials on S. Dilling St., lost control and struck the side of a house and a tree at 400 E. King St. He then collided with a 2000 Ford operated by Arthur E. Rose, 103 Guyton Loop. McCutcheon was arrested at the scene.

AUG. 6: Officer Hannah Yarbrough said that a 2008 Toyota operated by David M. Cowan, Morganton, struck a tractor trailer operated by Wayne Bridges, 126 Benton Rd., on Bus. Hwy. 74. The estimated damages to the Toyota and the commercial truck were \$5,000 and \$25,000, respectively.

AUG. 11: Officer C.A. McKnight said a 1998 Mercury operated by Amanda G. Ward, Atlanta, struck a 1999 Chevrolet operated by Dwayne D. Spikes, Jr. 822 Mountain Crest Dr., on York Rd. at the intersection of Gold St. The estimated damage to the Chevrolet was \$600.

AUG. 13: Officer H.W. Carpenter said a tractor trailer operated by Samuel L. Carroll, Drexel, failed to stop at a red light at Hwy. 161 and I-85 off-ramp and struck a 2009 Honda operated by Michael S. Carpenter, 418 Pinnacle Rd. Both occupants of the Honda were transported to Gaston Memorial. The estimated damages to the commercial truck and the Honda were estimated at \$5,000 and \$30,000, respectively.

AUG. 15: Officer J.L. Dee said a 2010 Ford operated by Anne H. Gamble, 907 Crescent Cir., was struck from behind by a 2011 Subaru operated by Mildred D. Elliot, Clover, travelling east on Bus. Hwy. 74. The estimated damages to the Ford and the Subaru were \$750 and \$500, respectively.

AUG. 15: Officer B.C. McGinnis said a 2005 Acura operated by Tommie N. Thombs, 514 N. Sims St., struck a 2006 Ford operated by Reva L. Lawson, 118 Compact School Rd., on E. King St. The estimated damages to the Acura and the Ford were \$500 and \$1,000, respectively.

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