

## OBITUARIES

### Pansy George Cunningham

*She loved to send cards to friends*

KINGS MOUNTAIN — Pansy George Cunningham, age 81, resident of Kings Mountain, died Thursday, November 28, 2013, at Kings Mountain Hospice House. She was a native of Cleveland Co., daughter of the late John Ivey George, Sr. and Eva Ballard George.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Horace Cunningham, brothers, John George, Jr., Kenneth E. George, Harold George and sister Melba Payne. She retired from Mauney Hosiery after 35 years of service, a lifelong and faithful member of First Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain where she was a member of the Young at Heart. She loved to send cards and make phone calls to her friends. Pansy had many wonderful friends.

Survivors include brothers Richard George and wife Sally, Virginia Beach, Va., Curtis George and wife

Mary, Statesville, N.C.; sister Frances G. Sarvis and husband Gary, Kings Mountain; sister-in-law Becky George, Kings Mountain; special nephew Dean Sarvis and wife Carrie, Garner, N.C.; a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Monday, December 2, 2013, at First Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain, with Rev. Don Williams and Rev. Eddie Gray officiating.

Visitation was from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, prior to the service at First Wesleyan Church. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be sent to Kings Mountain Hospice House c/o Cleveland County Hospice, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150 or to Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, 208 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, NC 28086. A guest registry is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, N.C.

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### Rev. Jerry Laughter

*Known for his giving nature*

TERRELL — Reverend Jerry S. Laughter of Terrell, N.C., departed his earthly journey and entered Heaven Tuesday, November 26, 2013. He was the oldest of three sons, born to the late Woodrow and Pearlina Laughter of Kings Mountain, N.C.



Reverend Laughter graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1958, attended Gardner Webb College, and graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jerry retired after serving thirty-seven years in the ministry, but remained active in his church. Jerry was known for his loving disposition and giving nature, he never met a stranger. He served the Lord with a strong, steadfast faith that carried him throughout his life, especially during the death of his son, Ken Laugh-

ter. We rejoice that he now is reunited with Ken.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Frances Williams Laughter; daughter Renee Laughter Taylor and husband John, Clemmons, N.C.; brothers Wayne Laughter, Charlotte, NC; Keith Laughter and wife Wanda, Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was held at Trinity Baptist Church, 221 Ervin Road, Mooresville, N.C., on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 2:30 p.m., with Dr. Hugh Cooper officiating.

Visitation was 1 to 2:30 p.m. prior to the service at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the building fund of Trinity Baptist Church, 221 Ervin Road, Mooresville, NC 28115.

A guest registry is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com). Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, N.C.

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### Ruth Grace Lee

*A Brownie Scout leader for many years*

SHELBY—Mrs. Ruth Grace Lee, 92, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013 at White Oak Manor of Shelby. A native of Burke County, she was the daughter of the late Earl and Annie Stephens Lowman. She was the last living charter member of Hoyle Memorial United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was also a Brownie Scout Leader for more than 25 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Isaac Paul Lee; infant daughter, Susan Lee; brother, Frank Lowman; and sister, Sarah Rish.

She is survived by her son, Rev. Stephen Lee of Davidson; nieces, Donnis Rode of Shelby, Lisa McLaurin of Polkville,

Wanda Guffey of GA; nephew, Dan Lee of Shelby; and several other nieces and nephews; sister-in-laws, Sara Mode of Shelby, and Julia O'Reilly of Charlotte; and brother-in-law, Carme Lee of Shelby.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 29, 2PM, at Hoyle Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Wayne Beatty officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service, at the church.

Memorials may be made to Hoyle Memorial United Methodist Church, 1741 Fallston Rd., Shelby, NC 28150.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Shelby served the Lee family.

Online condolences: [www.claybarnette.com](http://www.claybarnette.com)

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## POLICE

### ARRESTS

NOV. 27: Timothy J. Wiggins, 37, Gastonia, larceny, breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods, \$10,000 bond, secured.

NOV. 30: Clifton R. Shedd, 26, Gastonia, failure to appear, \$2,500 bond, secured.

DEC. 2: Jennifer Vanpelt, 24, 110 Fulton Dr., communicating threats, \$500 bond, secured.

### CITATIONS

NOV. 30: Brandon J. Johnson, 32, 200 Spruce St., expired registration plate.

### INCIDENTS

NOV. 26: CVS Pharmacy reported that a counterfeit \$20 bill was used in attempt to purchase medication.

NOV. 26: A Gastonia resident reported check fraud in the amount of \$196.08 drawn from a Local Government Federal Credit Union account.

NOV. 27: Fifth Third Bank on 114 E. Gold St. reported the attempted break-in of an automated teller machine.

NOV. 28: A resident of N. City St. reported damage

to property after four windows of a Honda were found to be smashed in with a brick.

NOV. 30: A resident of Baker St. reported an assault.

DEC. 2: A resident of S. Oriental Ave. reported the theft of a Wells Fargo bank card, a N.C. identification card, four Social Security cards, a wallet and a house key.

### WRECKS

NOV. 11: Officer H.L. Carpenter said a 2002 Saturn operated by Camille Elana McSwain left the roadway at the intersection of S. Railroad Ave. and U.S. 74 Business and struck a street sign on an island in the intersection. The estimated damage to the vehicle and the street sign were \$1,500 and \$300, respectively.

NOV. 25: Officer J.L. Dee said a 2005 Chrysler operated by Tammy L. Beam collided with a 2013 Hyundai operated by April L. Russ in the parking lot of CVS on Gold St. Extension. The estimated damages to each vehicle were \$1,000.

NOV. 26: Officer B.M.

Black said a commercial truck operated by Gary J. Speer flipped over traveling north bound on Interstate 85. The driver was transported to Caromont Medical Center in Gastonia for injuries. The estimated damages to the vehicle were \$20,000.

NOV. 26: Officer J.L. Dee said a 2008 Kia operated by Kadedra S. Ussery hydroplaned, struck a bridge pillar and flipped over while traveling west on U.S. Hwy. 74. The estimated damage to the vehicle was \$5,000.

NOV. 26: Officer B.C. McGinnis said a 2005 Dodge operated by Margaret A. Birago left the roadway

while rounding a curve and struck a tree on U.S. Hwy. 74 East. The estimated damage to the vehicle was \$5,000.

NOV. 26: Officer J.L. Dee said a 2001 BMW operated by George T. Warrick hydroplaned and struck a number of trees in the median while traveling west on U.S. Hwy. 74. The estimated damage to the vehicle was \$2,000.

NOV. 26: Officer S.M. Skinner said a 1998 Chevrolet operated by Israel V. Hernandez suffered a tire blow-out and left the roadway.

NOV. 27: Officer H.W.

Carpenter said a 2006 Nissan operated by Daniel A. Asgari collided with a 2008 Chevrolet operated by Stephen L. Stamper at the intersection of N.C. Hwy. 161 and Woodside Dr. The estimated damages to the Chevrolet and the Nissan were \$3,000 and \$2,500, collectively.

NOV. 29: Officer F.L. Wittington said a 1992 Cadillac operated by Christy A. Hartman rear-ended a 2004 Kia operated by Meagan J. Dixon at the corner of Kings Mountain Blvd. and Shelby Rd. The estimated damage to each vehicle was \$2,500.

## Local law enforcement partners with Coalition for Common Goal

*Preventing underage drinking is a high priority for community*

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the leaders of local law enforcement agencies including the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, Shelby Police Department, Kings Mountain Police Department, Boiling Springs Police Department and N.C. Highway Patrol came together to display their commitment to working with the Cleveland County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (SAPC) to prevent underage drinking in Cleveland County.

Driven by local data on the prevalence of underage drinking and the easy access to alcohol by underage drinkers, The SAPC has developed a Strategic Action Plan to prevent and reduce underage drinking in our county. The action plan contains strategies that target the two main ways young people often access alcohol according to youth surveys and focus group discussions: adults buying and supplying alcohol to underage drinkers,

and alcohol retailers selling alcohol to underage drinkers.

Today, local law enforcement agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the coalition to illustrate their commitment to assist the coalition in their efforts to prevent underage drinking. This includes continuing to do such activities as training personnel on applicable rules and statutes governing underage drinking, implementing routine shoulder tap initiatives and conducting a minimum of one county-wide compliance check annually in addition to their regular compliance checks. The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition will support the work of law enforcement on this initiative through the provision of educational materials for the public and implementation of a comprehensive, multi-level community

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