

# OBITUARIES

## Jeff Bell

Loved telling stories

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jeff Bell, 62, a resident of Kings Mountain, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 10, 2014, at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late William Curtis and Carolyn Upchurch Bell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Harold Allen.

He was a former truck driver for Kings Mountain Mica Mine for 28 years and then retired from Martin-Marietta in Charlotte after 13 years of service. Mr. Bell was a member of Oak Grove Baptist in Kings Mountain and a member of the Fairview Masonic Lodge #339. He loved the Carolina

Panthers, loved working in the yard, enjoyed telling stories and laughing, four-wheeling and his popcorn. Jeff loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years Gail Bell, Kings Mountain; daughter Amy Bell and husband Mike, Kings Mountain; brother Scott Bell and wife Bridgette, Kings Mountain; sisters Roxanne Bell Wright and husband Larry, Kings Mountain, and Beverly Bell Marnell and husband Gene, Augusta, Georgia; grandchildren Cameron Bell and Avery Bell; nephews and niece Chris Powell, Ashley Camp, Chris Crawford, Chandler Bell; special friend: "Brownie."

Funeral service was at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Mike Chambers officiating.

Visitation was from 6 to

9 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain.

Interment is at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain, with Masonic rites.

A guest registry is avail-

able at www.harrisfunerals.com.

Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain.

## Harris Funeral Home

Steve Wilson and wife Melissa, of Dallas, N.C.; two sisters, Pam Adair, and Renee Brooks and husband Marvin, all of Gastonia, N.C.; six grandchildren, Clint Starnes, Crystal Starnes, Jeremy Holcombe, Aaron Holcombe, Joseph Lamacchia and Alison Lamacchia.

No services are scheduled at this time. The family will be at their respective homes.

An online guest register is available at www.blakely-funeralhome.com.

Blakely Funeral Home & Crematory, Gaffney, SC is in charge of arrangements.

## Blakely Funeral Home

## Phyllis Ann Wilson

Loving mother & grandmother

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Phyllis Ann Wilson, 61, 219 N. Carpenter Street, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at her residence.

Born in Gastonia, N.C., she was the daughter of the late George Arthur Wilson and Louise Stacy Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was a retired convenience store clerk and member of One Accord Independent Church in Gastonia.

Surviving are a son, Larry Holcombe, Jr. and fiancé Kristie Short, of Kings Mountain; a daughter Donna Starnes and husband Zeb, of Smyrna, S.C.; a brother

## Nell Guin Leonhardt

A homemaker

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nell Guin Leonhardt, age 68, a resident of Kings Mountain, passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at Kings Mountain Hospice House. She was a native of Cleveland Co., daughter of the late Issac and Mary Etta Guin. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brothers, Daniel Guin and Roger Guin, and her sister Marie Morgan. She was a homemaker and a loving mother.

Survivors include her son Philip Leonhardt, Kings Mountain; brothers Ray Hunter Guin, Bessemer City, Robert Guin, Kings

Mountain; sister Kathelene Daves, Bushnell, Fla.

A funeral service will be held at Calvary Way Holiness Church, Kings Mountain, on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Clifton Morgan officiating.

Visitation is from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

A guest registry is available at www.harrisfunerals.com. Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, N.C.

## Harris Funeral Home

## Jacqueline Czartoszewski

SHELBY- Mrs. Jacqueline Czartoszewski, 67, 1334 Kings Circle, passed away Thursday, January 2, 2014 at Kings Mountain Hospice House. A native of Summit County, Ohio, she was born October 1, 1946, daughter of the late Fred Lawrence and Anna Habas Pamer.

All services and burial will be private.

Center, Gastonia.

Her graveside service will be held 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, at Westview Gardens, Bessemer City, with Pastor Robert Thompson officiating.

Her family will receive friends Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sisk-Butler Funeral & Cremation Services, Bessemer City.

## Betty Miller

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Miller, age 75, resident of Kings Mountain, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2014, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Macie Garren

GASTONIA - Macie Kay Richards Garren, 82, Gastonia, passed away Sunday, January 12, 2014, at Caromont Regional Medical



Taffy Allen highlighted plans for the 2014 Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA this April to the Kings Mountain Rotary Club Jan. 9. Allen is Wellness Director for the Y, and the Rotary Club helps sponsor the event. Allen is pictured below with Rotarian Wendy Isbell of the Kings Mountain Herald.



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Doyle Campbell  
Kings Mountain, NC

## BENEFITS: UI extension still up in the air

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extension that was paid for, he then reportedly moved to block them from offering amendments, accusing them of "continually denigrating our economy, our president and frankly, I believe, our country."

Needless to say, Republicans who had earlier helped advance the bill were angry none of them had been consulted about its legislative changes. It was even reported that many who had been on board with the plan originally were signaling they were "pulling their support."

According to Fox News' Senate source, the "reworked legislation reduces the 47 weeks to a maximum of 31 weeks, based on a sliding scale that dates to the expired program." This would, they report, "save about \$8 billion."

Additionally, Fox News reported, "The first tier of additional benefits would be six weeks, and be generally available to all who have used up their state's eligibility."

"An additional six weeks would be available in states where unemployment is six percent or higher; an additional nine weeks in states with a job-

lessness rate of seven percent or higher; and 10 or more weeks in states where unemployment is nine percent or more."

NC House Republican Dist. 110 Rep. Kelly Hastings said his office was keeping up with what was playing out at the federal level, because it will affect some of his constituents.

"We are following many of the issues at the federal level and monitoring the situation," he reiterated. "In the meantime, at the state level, we are enhancing economic security by moving away from confiscatory and punitive income taxes. We're also continuing to cut red tape to help the private sector create and maintain jobs. Unfortunately, I think ObamaCare is going to destroy jobs, hurt our economy and cause more people to file for unemployment."

"I did not, and do not, support the individual mandate or other bad provisions of ObamaCare."

### White House facts and figures

While all this is still playing out at the federal level, the web site, whitehouse.gov, continues to drive home the importance of extending emergency UI benefits, utilizing a set of facts, such as:

11 million people were kept out of poverty since 2008 (600,000 of them children in 2012 alone);

1.3 million (already noted) people have had their UI benefits taken away at year's end because, in their estimation, "Republicans in Congress failed to act";

3.6 million additional

people will have their UI benefits taken away by the end of this year if Congress fails to act; and

240,000 jobs will be lost in 2014 if UI benefits are not extended. (The Obama Administration's rationale with this is that when people can't pay their bills or buy the basics they need to survive, local businesses "take a hit".

### The "bottom line" (according to the Obama Administration)

The President and his staff, as well as other influential Democrats in Washington, believe that, for "millions of Americans" UI benefits do many things, such as allowing families to keep food on the table while an unemployed mom or dad sends out resumes and job searches; makes sure an unemployed mother can make her rent payments while "learning a new skill to help her find a new job," and lastly, providing that "extra bit of security" telling those who have in reality lost their job, it "doesn't mean you lose everything."

The White House web site closed their "facts and figures" article/chart with a comment by Speaker John Boehner, who commented that "Republicans would 'clearly consider' extending this vital lifeline for millions of Americans," a statement which President Obama, on the web site, encouraged him and his Congressional peers to "do right now."

In the meantime, thousands of North Carolinians are waiting and watching to see how this will all play out and how their lives will be affected.

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