

OBITUARIES

Vera Sanders Black

Loving mother
and grandmother

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Vera Sanders Black, age 98, resident of 107 Montavista Drive, Kings Mountain, NC passed away on December 25, 2014 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

She was born in Cleveland County, NC to the late



William Arthur Sanders and Carrie Moss Sanders. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn "Bill" Ware Black and 4 sisters and 5 brothers.

Mrs. Black was formerly employed with Mauney Mills and retired from Parkdale Mills, Kings Mtn. NC. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend who enjoyed crocheting, cooking, dancing, and having a good time. She was affectionately known to everyone as "Granny."

Survivors include her son Jerry Black, Kings Mtn. NC;

2 Grandchildren: Michael Black and wife Holly, Kings Mtn. NC; Jamie Black and wife Brenda, Kings Mtn. NC; 6 Great Grandchildren: Buddy Black and wife Lindsey, Belwood, NC; Tyler Black, Kings Mtn. NC; Heather Black, Kings Mtn. NC; Austin Black, Kings Mtn. NC; Miles Galloway, Raleigh, NC; Ben Galloway and wife Lesley, Kings Mtn. NC; 2 Great Great Grandchildren: Tytonn and Bentley.

A funeral service was held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Mike Cham-

bers officiating.

Visitation was from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

A guest register available at www.harrisfunerals.com. Arrangements: Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Kings Mountain, N.C.

Harris Funeral Home

Barbara Fitch

Former employee Clevemont

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Barbara Fitch, age 77, resident of Kings Mountain, NC passed away December 26, 2014 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was born in Cleveland



Co. NC to the late Sinclair Bridges and Myrtle Carroll Bridges. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Fitch; great granddaughter, Katelyn Bailey; 3 brothers, and 1 sister. Mrs. Fitch was former employee of Clevemont Mills. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Samuel "Sam" Fitch, Kings Mtn. NC; sons Chris Fitch and wife Teresa, Kings Mtn. NC; David

Fitch, Blacksburg, SC; Sister: Ann McMillian and husband Spurgeon and their son, Jim, Laurenburg, NC; 3 grandchildren: Brittany Bell, Kelly Wright, and Tonya Bailey; 3 great grandchildren: Landon Bell, Karmen Bailey, and Carson Bailey.

A graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Mountain Rest Cemetery, with Dr. Steve Taylor officiating. Family will speak to friends immediately following the service

in the cemetery. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive Shelby, NC 28150. A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com. Arrangements: Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Kings Mountain, N.C.

Harris Funeral Home

Margaret Norman Smith

Former Grover resident

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Margaret Norman Smith, 92, went home to be with the Lord on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2014.

Formerly of Grover, NC but currently residing in Kings Mountain, Mrs. Smith was born on January 27, 1922 in the Antioch Community near Grover, NC to the late Jimmy Robert and Julia Morris Norman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Travis C. Smith, a well re-

spected General Contractor.

She was the only sibling of her family still living, preceded in death by each of her brothers and sisters: Max Norman, Roy Norman, Summie Norman, Lester Norman, James Norman, Mary Reed Norman Conner, Pauline Norman Watterson, and Ruby Norman Huskey.

Surviving are her son, Jerry Smith and wife Janet, Las Cruces, NM; daughter Janet Smith Hayes and husband, Ted Hayes of Kings Mountain; grandchildren: Travis Patterson, Mollie Patterson Green and hus-

band, Brian, all of Kings Mountain; great-grandchildren: Lexie and Maggie Green (Maggie being named for her beloved 'Grandmama') and Matthew Smith, San Jose, CA; step grandchild and step-great grandchildren: Heather Hayes Clucus and husband, Matt, Zack Hayes and Chloe Hayes, all of Kings Mountain.

The family greeted guests following the graveside service at Clingman's Memorial Gardens, Blacksburg, South Carolina and also received friends and family at the home located

at 102 Chadwick Drive, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Dr. Steve Taylor officiated the service.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

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

Harris Funeral Home

Melba Costner Ware

Member Oak Grove Baptist

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Melba Costner Ware, 87, resident of Kings Mountain, NC passed away on December 29, 2014 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

She was born in Cleveland County, NC to the late Thomas Evans Costner and Mary Etta Sellers Costner. She was also preceded in

death by her husband of 63 years, Walter Ware; and daughter, Donna Ware.

Mrs. Ware was retired from Cleveland County Schools and an active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. She was a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class. She was a loving mother who loved her family and raised her family in a loving Christian home. She was a wonderful southern cook and loved sewing, gardening, and traveling. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of White Oak Manor and her roommate, Janette Lail.

Surviving are her daughters: Kathy Ware Greene of Shelby and Amy Ware Pearson and husband, Tim, of Kings Mountain; her brother, Dean Costner of Kings Mountain and three grandchildren: Joe Hamrick, Kyle Hamrick and Lacey Pearson.

The funeral service will be conducted Friday, January 2, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Ronell Owensby will officiate the service and interment will be in the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 2,

2015 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain.

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

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Kings Mountain, NC, is in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Phyllis Ware Austin

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Phyllis Ware Austin, 80, resident of 601 W. Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC, died December 23, 2014 at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, NC.

The funeral service was held Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014 at 3 p.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Eng and Rev. Tim Whitesides officiating. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Richard Foster, Sr.

BOILING SPRINGS - Richard Lane Foster, Sr., 63, of 120 College Farm Road, passed away Friday, December 26, 2014 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A native of Cleveland County he was born June 5, 1951, son of the late Bub and Hazel Campbell Foster. Funeral service were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Shelby. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment is at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Lemuel Lloyd

"Lefty" Terry

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lemuel Lloyd "Lefty" Terry, age 65, resident of Kings Mountain, NC, died December 28, 2014 at Caromont Health, Gastonia, NC.

A graveside service with full military honors provided by the Marine Corps League Foothills Detachment at Mountain Rest Cemetery on Wednesday, Dec. 31. A time for the service has not been set. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina

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RosaLee Patterson Bell

KINGS MOUNTAIN - RosaLee Patterson Bell, age 95, resident of Kings Mountain, NC went to be with the Lord on December 25, 2014 at Kings Mountain Hospital. A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Monday at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Monday, December 29, with Rev. Rev. Ronell Owensby officiating. Visitation was from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Interment is at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Minnie Bentley Williams

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Minnie Bentley Williams, age 89 resident of White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, NC, passed away December 24, 2014 at White Oak Manor. A funeral service was held 2 p.m. Monday at Bethlehem Baptist Church, with Dr. Steve Taylor officiating. Visitation was from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, December 29, prior to the service in the CAC of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Interment is at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain.



POLICE

ARRESTS

DEC. 24: Ada Yvonne Young, 21, 200 Spruce St., fictitious information to officer, resisting public official and no operator's license, \$10,000 bond, secured.

DEC. 27: Angelica Geran Mercer, 25, 115 Miranda Lane, damage to personal property, \$1,000 bond, secured.

DEC. 28: Darell Crocker, 47, 904 Boyce St., resist, delay, obstruct, injury to personal property, \$5,000 bond, secured.

DEC. 29: Christen Claire Jones, 24, Gaffney, SC, DWI, \$10,000 bond, unsecured.

CITATIONS

DEC. 10: Brittany Ratchford, 25, Greensboro, fictitious tag, expired tag.

DEC. 19: Holli Watkins, 35, Bessemer City, resist, delay, obstruct.

DEC. 19: Anthony McDowell, Jr, 25, Shelby, revoked license.

DEC. 19: Anthony Ross, 31, Gastonia, no electronic inspection, revoked license.

DEC. 19: Amanda Leigh Velazquez, 35, 133 McGinnis St., expired tag.

DEC. 19: James Candice Hunter, 47, 401 Waco Road, expired tag.

DEC. 20: Franklin Eaves, 52, Lavonia, GA, speeding.

DEC. 20: Kyle Conroy, 21, Concord, speeding.

DEC. 20: Sherika Bryant, 35, Charlotte, revoked tag.

DEC. 21: Landon Benton, 33, Shelby, revoked license.

DEC. 21: Sean Quinn, 35, 200 N. Goforth St., revoked tag.

DEC. 21: Lindsey Steele, 25, Dallas, expired tag.

DEC. 23: Crystal Hampton, 32, 1719 Kings Row, Apt. 202, stop sign violation.

DEC. 26: Kenneth Williams, 32, Rex, GA, speeding.

DEC. 27: Chad Carpenter, 44, Bessemer City, no electronic inspection.

DEC. 27: Cleopatra Johnson, 27, 410 Gold Creek Trail, Apt. 204, no

electronic inspection.

DEC. 27: John Lutz, 52, Nashville, TN, speeding.

DEC. 28: Levi Brooks, 28, Charlotte, no electronic inspection.

DEC. 28: Travis Chambers, 27, Shelby, no operator's license.

DEC. 28: Cody Stewart, 18, 1527 N. Piedmont Ave., expired tag, no electronic inspection.

INCIDENTS

DEC. 22: A resident of Gastonia reported a break-in of his vehicle on E. King Street and theft of \$600 worth of Craftsman tools.

DEC. 22: A resident of Mountain Springs Court reported that the driver side window of his car was damaged.

DEC. 22: A resident of E. Gold Street reported theft of a Dirt bike and chain saw from a storage building.

DEC. 23: Walmart 7146, 1011 Shelby Road, reported larceny of beauty aides.

DEC. 23: A resident of Cleveland Ridge Court reported that the paint was scratched on her 2008 Toyota.

DEC. 27: A resident of West Gold Street reported damage to his 2002 Deville Cadillac.

DEC. 27: A resident of E. Ridge Street reported that her dog was attacked and damage to pool floats, pool cover, mop and bucket.

WRECKS

DEC. 25: Officer H.W. Carpenter said that a 1996 Chevrolet operated by Jovan Wideman of Bessemer City and a 2001 Chevrolet operated by Carol Crockett, 408 E. Ridge St., hit on N. Cansler Street as Wideman was turning left onto Waco Road. Property damage was estimated at \$6,000.

DEC. 27: Officer F. L. Wittington said that Joshua Raby of Gastonia, operating a 2013 Hyundai, was driving south on Sims Street and hit the curb and a utility pole. Property damage was estimated at \$5,000 to the vehicle and \$2500 to the utility pole.

Pioneering Women

"Pioneering Women of Cleveland County" is a new exhibit to be featured Feb. 7-May 23, 2015 by the Kings Mountain Historical Museum.

Adria L. Focht, Museum director, says the exhibit will celebrate women's history in Cleveland County and the surrounding region from the Revolutionary War to the present day. The exhibit focuses a spotlight on the women whose courageous acts helped to turn the tide

of the revolution, as well as on our "founding mothers" - the women who helped establish and maintain our area's infrastructure, industries, hospitals, schools, churches and civic organizations.

The display will also showcase local women who were ground breakers and leaders in their professions and reflect on how our local history fits into the broader narrative of women's history throughout the nation.

Dianne Ellis

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dianne Ellis, 79, resident of Gastonia, died December 30, 2014 at White Oak

Manor in Kings Mountain. Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Harris Funeral Home Inc., of Kings Mountain.

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