

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Ware Austin
Member Kings Mtn. Baptist

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Phyllis Ware Austin, age 80, resident of 601 W. Mountain



Street, Kings Mountain, NC died December 23, 2014 at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, NC. She was born in Cleveland Co. NC to the late C. D. "Red" Ware and Estelle Hord Ware. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Charles

E. "Bud" Ware. She was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church and former owner/operator of Fashion Cleaners. She also worked in several management positions over the years. She has taken care of many people over the years.

Survivors include her husband of 60 year Gene E. Austin, Kings Mtn. NC; Sons Chuck Austin and wife Lisa, Kings Mtn. NC; Brad Austin, Kings Mtn. NC; 2 Grandchildren: CJ Austin and wife Brittany, Kings Mtn. NC; Cody Austin, Kings Mtn. NC; Great granddaughter: Leighton Austin.

A funeral service was held

at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, Sunday, December 28, at 3 p.m., with Dr. Robert Eng and Rev. Tim Whitesides officiating.

Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Memorials may be sent to Kings Mountain Baptist Church, P.O. Box 608 Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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

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Bobby William Causby
Loving family man

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bobby William Causby, 72, of 105 McGinnis Street, left



this world to go to his eternal home Friday, January 2, 2015 at his residence. A native of Cleveland County, he was born January 1, 1943, son of the late William "Jake" Harrison and Maggie Lee Carroll Causby. He was a good hearted man who loved his family. He was a man who was full of life and loved doing for others. He loved the outdoors and anything to do with the outdoors from whitewater rafting to cutting wood to having huge cookouts inviting anyone and everyone, the more the merrier.

He was a simple man who wore his overalls every day. He will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by three brothers, Dean Causby, Roy Dean White, and David Causby; one sister, Ruth Brackett; two grandsons and one granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Judy Bell Causby and a great granddaughter Karena Causby of the home; four daughters, Roxanne Wright of Kings Mountain, Tammy Ruyle of Denver, Bobbie Jo Causby of Kings Mountain, and Bobbie Ann Biddix of Clover, SC; one son, Marty Lockridge of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Richard Causby of Shelby and Pete Causby of Bellwood; five sisters, Doris Bridges of Shelby, Ruby Rector of Conley Springs, Inez Smith, Faye Martin, and Ann Ruyle all of Caser; two son-in-laws, Michael "Tony"

Wright of Kings Mountain and Gary Ruyle of Caser; ten grandchildren; nine great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church, with Rev. Greg Neely and Rev. Don McNeely officiating.

A memorial service will be held Thursday 3 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

Burial will be at a later date and announced by the family at the family cemetery.

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

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain is handling the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.claybarnette.com

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FRANCES HAYES
Member Our Father
Lutheran Church

Burlington - Frances Dettmar Hayes, 91, formerly of Greensboro, NC, died on December 28, 2014, at The Alamance-Caswell Hospice House in Burlington, NC.



She was born April 9, 1923 in Kings Mountain, NC to the late Laney Christopher and Annis Love Dettmar. After graduation from Kings Mountain High School and Brevard Junior College she joined the Army's Cadet Nurses Corp and received her B.S.R.N. in 1946 from Duke University. Her professional career included work as Supervisor of OB-Gyn and Surgery at Duke Hospital; Surgical Nurse at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida; then Public Health Nursing in Florida. Her last 25 years working were spent at Guilford County Health Department where she retired in 1986 as Supervisor of Adult Health Services.

An active member of Our

Father Lutheran Church on Groometown Road, she was one of the first women to serve on the church council. She chaired many committees and especially enjoyed leading the Sunshine Club which she chaired for 20 years.

Fran was always an active volunteer for the American Lung Association of NC and served as State President in 1984-85. She was the state chairman for the Smoke-Free 2000 program to encourage children to not smoke.

She also enjoyed volunteering with the Piedmont Triad International Airport for more than 20 years beginning in 1989.

Fran loved to travel and was fortunate to be able to see much of the USA and several foreign countries.

Fran was married to Donald L. Hayes of High Point, NC in Sept. 1948. She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Robert Brent Dettmar, of Gulf Coast, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, January 11th at The Lutheran Church of Our Father, 3304 Groometown Road, Greensboro, NC, 27407 with the Rev. Judy Copeland, officiating. The family will receive friends at the church immediately following the service.

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Fran is survived by her children: son, Richard Brent Hayes (Lisa) of Hanover, MD; two daughters, Randall H Dunn of Burlington, NC and Dr. Robin H Moser (Bob) of Concord, NC; six grandchildren, Mary Catherine Dolphens (Ben) of Charlotte, NC, David A Dunn (Laura) of San Diego, Ca., Ethan D Hayes of Morgantown, W. Va., Katie E Moser of Alaska, Molly C Moser of Chapel Hill, NC, and Patrick N. Moser of Chapel Hill, NC. Two sisters, Ruth Goforth of Albemarle, NC and Kitty Barton (Roger) of San Francisco, as well as one brother, William R Dettmar (Margaret) of Winter Park, Fla also survive. She was also privileged to be survived by many nieces and nephews and their families.

Because of her love for all animals (except snakes), she requested no flowers but rather donations made to your choice of Animal Welfare Organizations; NC Public Television or Victory Junction Gang Camp.

Arrangements by Cape Fear Crematory.

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Betty Bridges Howell
Hospice volunteer

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Betty Jean Bridges Howell,



87, resident of Kings Mountain, NC passed away on January 5, 2015 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, NC. She was born in Cleveland County, NC to the late Thomas and Lilly Huffstetler Bridges. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, William Boyd Howell; brothers, Kirk Bridges and Coy Bridges; and sisters, Margaret Hamrick and Zoe Scism.

Mrs. Howell was retired from the textile industry and a member of Bethlehem Baptist

Church. She also volunteered for Hospice of Cleveland County.

Surviving are her daughter, Teresa Howell Graham, Greensboro, NC; grandson, Matthew Steven Graham and wife, Crystal Burger Graham, Asheboro; brothers Troy Bridges and wife, Polly, Spartanburg, SC, Bob Bridges and wife, Bonnie, of Charlotte and Hugh Bridges, Fort Mill, SC.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Dr. Steve Taylor will officiate the service.

The family will receive friends from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 at the Christian Activities Center of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Interment will be in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

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, is in charge of arrangements.

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David "Dave" Lockridge, Sr.
Retired from Minnette Mills

KINGS MOUNTAIN - David "Dave" Stephens Lockridge Sr., 84, died



Saturday, January 3, 2015, at Kings Mountain Hospice House. A native of York County, SC, he was the son of the late Sam and Bertie Lee McMurry Lockridge Sr. David retired from Minnette Mills. A very humble and sweet man, he was a special son, husband, daddy, and pawpaw to all.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lucy Leigh

Lockridge; brothers, James, Thomas, Meek, Campbell, Calvin, and Sam Lockridge; sister, Mary Frances Lockridge Green.

He is survived by his sons, David S. Lockridge Jr. of Clinton, SC, and Marty Lockridge and wife Shawn of Kings Mountain; daughters, Maryann Bowie of Clinton, SC and Teresa Falls and Lawrence Etters of Kings Mountain, and daughter Janet Lockridge Simmons; sisters, Oleene L. Anderson of Shelby and Jean L. Nash and husband Charlie of Bessemer City; grandchildren, Darrell Raines, Rhonda Bullock, Laura Blalock, Jenny Green, Leighann Simmons, Mandy and Marty Lockridge, and Lisa King; 16 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m., at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain, and other times at the home of Rhonda Bullock, 109 S. Oakwood Dr., Kings Mountain.

A funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, with officiating by Revs. Greg Neely, Rev. Mike Chambers, and Curtis Leach. Memorials may be sent to Cliffords Fund, PO Box 380 Earl, NC 28038. Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain I handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.claybarnette.com

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William Kenneth "Ken" Smith
Member Bethlehem Baptist
and Christian Freedom
Baptist



KINGS MOUNTAIN - William Kenneth "Ken" Smith, age 82, resident of 424 El Bethel Road, Kings Mountain, NC went to be with the Lord on December 31, 2014 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, NC. He was born in Cleveland co. NC to the late Thurman Holly Smith and Dollie Bridges Smith. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Doris Yates Smith; his brother, Milfred F. Smith; his sister, Leona Smith

Neal. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and Christian Freedom Baptist Church. Mr. Smith served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was retired from the North Carolina Department of Transportation after 33 years of service. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed.

Smith is survived by his daughters Debbie Smith Ross and husband Tim, Kings Mtn. NC, Darla Smith Bridges and husband Rusty, Lowell, NC, and Deda Smith Shepard and husband Kyle, Kings Mtn. NC.; grandchildren Tyler, Tanner, and Tiffany Ross, Austin and Ryan Bridges and Maci and Matt Shepard.

A funeral service was held 2 p.m. Sunday, January 4, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, with Dr. Steve Taylor and Rev. Mike Chambers officiating.

Visitation was 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, January 3, 2015 at Harris

Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

MEMORIALS: Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1017 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Christian Freedom Baptist Church, 246 Range Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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

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Nancy Ann Hammitt

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nancy Ann (Dryer) Hammitt, 78, of Hamden, Ohio and Kings Mountain, North Carolina, passed away peacefully while recovering from a stroke on January 3, 2015.

Mrs. Hammitt was born and raised in Hamden, Ohio, the daughter of the late Frank and Ruth Grace (French) Dryer. She graduated from Chardon High School in Chardon, Ohio. She worked for many years at Chardon Rubber Company/ Ball Rubber and Plastics from which she retired. She moved to Kings Mountain, NC in 2006.

Mrs. Hammitt is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Glen W. Hammitt Sr. of Kings Mountain, NC; son, Glen W. Hammitt Jr. and his wife, Audette of Shrewsbury,

MA. She is also survived by a granddaughter, Corina L. Allgood and her husband, Joshua and their children, Jace and Elizabeth of Bethlehem, GA, two grandsons, Glen W. Hammitt III of San Diego, CA and Sean R. Hammitt of Shrewsbury, MA. Mrs. Hammitt also leaves behind a sister, Alberta Varat of Middlefield, Ohio, her mother-in-law, Virginia Hammitt and a brother-in-law Richard Hammitt and his wife, Patrice of Kings Mountain, NC, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by three sisters: Delores Adams, Wanetta Elliot and Rose Skidmore and two brothers, John and Dale Dryer.

Mrs. Hammitt enjoyed travel throughout the United States as well as her visit

to Japan while her son was stationed there. Her hobbies included flower gardening in the spring and summer and making holiday cookies in the winter. However, she most enjoyed the time spent with her family whom she dearly loved.

The family will receive friends from 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

The funeral service will be conducted Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel in Kings Mountain. Dr. John W. Sloan will officiate the service.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain is in charge of arrangements.

**Clay-Barnette
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Greyson Alexander Smith

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Greyson Alexander Smith, infant son of Boyd Charles Smith II and Jessica Ann Bradley, passed away December 31, 2014, at the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. A memorial service was held at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel on Sunday, January 4, at 4 p.m., with officiating by Revs. Bill Payne and Rev. Kevin Mathis.

J.W. Davis

SHELBY - J.W. Davis, 86, of 1679 N. Lafayette Street, passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A funeral service was held Saturday 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home. The family received friends Friday evening from 6 to 7:30 pm at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Shelby. Burial immediately followed in Sunset Cemetery.

Bruce Simpson

SHELBY - Bruce Thomas Simpson, 62, died Fri., Jan. 23, 2015, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel, with officiating by Rev. Roger Green. Burial is at Cleveland Memorial Park.

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