

OBITUARIES

Edward Henry Smith Writer, Historian

CHARLOTTE - Edward Henry Smith, of Charlotte, passed away in his sleep Tuesday morning, January 20, 2015.



Born in Charlotte at Old St. Peter's Hospital in October of 1925 to Edward Arthur Smith and Winnie Eloise Moss Smith, Ed grew up in Charlotte and Kings Mountain. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ed was a quarterback on the Carolina football team during the era of the famous Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice. One of Ed's favorite pastimes was watching and cheering for his beloved Tar Heels.

Ed was predeceased by his parents and his beloved wife, Elizabeth Simpson Smith, a noted author and writer of many books for middle school children and an entrepreneur in the advertising and textile industries. Ed and Elizabeth operated Smith Thread and Yarn for many years, succeeding Ed's father in the business.

During the time when WBT Radio was king of the regional broadcast

world, Ed had a daily report during the morning drive time titled "The Textile News". This segment was aired daily during the days of the famous Grady Cole who was succeeded by Ty Boyd. Ed was also an actor in many theater groups in Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Charlotte and Flat Rock and participated in Revolutionary War Re-enactments. Ed was also engaged in politics and political campaigns particularly in the western counties. He served as a member of The Electoral College in 1968 and 1972.

Ed Smith spent a lifetime of fascination with the American Revolution. He seriously continued studying, writing, lecturing and publishing articles about the battles of the southern campaigns of both Tories and Patriots, focusing on Colonel Patrick Ferguson, the British commander at the Battle of Kings Mountain. He was so fascinated by the "Ferguson Rifle" that just a few years ago he sought out the owner of a replica and arranged to fire the weapon, the first breech loading rifle used by the British Army. Ed also studied and wrote about General Nathanael Greene to whom he gives credit for the Colonial efforts in the south that forced Lord Cornwallis to move to the north and ultimate defeat at Yorktown. During his last years he continuously worked on an extensive

manuscript focusing on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Mecklenburg Resolves trying to solve the controversy concerning the debate over the May 20 Declaration.

As a member of The Charlotte Writers Club, Ed created and endowed an annual short story competition named the "Elizabeth Simpson Smith Contest".

After Ed and Elizabeth were married they lived in Lincoln County in the historic house known as Vesuvius Furnace. In later years they built a home at Lake Norman. After Elizabeth passed away in 1994, Ed purchased a condo at the Churchill Condominiums on North Poplar Street directly across from the building where he was born. When the ravages of age became too great for him to live alone, he moved to the Carriage Club on Old Providence Road where he lived for more than six years prior to his recent hospitalization.

A service to celebrate the life of Ed Smith will be held in the near future at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 115 W. 7th Street in Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Elizabeth Simpson Smith Contest, Charlotte Writers Club, P.O. Box 220954, Charlotte, NC 28222.

Condolences may be offered at www.Harryand-BryantFuneralHome.com.

Rommie R. Carpenter

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rommie R. Carpenter, 91, passed away Thursday January 22, 2015 at Carolinas Healthcare System-Cleveland.

A native of Union County, NC, he was the son of the late George Washington and Winnie Ann Burgess Carpenter. He was a veteran of the United States military serving our country in the Army. He was a member of Westover Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, and a frequent visitor of City Auto Coffee Club in Kings Mountain. He loved his friends at Westover Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents,

he is preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Edith Bridges Carpenter; two sons, Larry Dean and Paul Edward Carpenter.

He is survived by three sons, Ronald Stephen Carpenter and wife Barbara, George Sydney Carpenter and wife Susan, and David "D.C." Wayne Carpenter and wife Sandra all of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Frances Carpenter Davis and husband Richard of Gastonia, Cynthia Carpenter Davis and husband George of Kings Mountain; one special daughter-in-law and caregiver, Jane Ayers Carpenter and another daughter-in-law Louise Belk Carpenter both of Kings Mountain; one brother, Jesse

Carpenter of Hamptonville, NC; special brother-in-law and best friend, William "Bill" Bridges; and 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain, with officiating by Rev. Kevin Whittington. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Burial was after the service in Mountain Rest Cemetery with military honors.

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

Fred Lynch

SHELBY - Arthur Fred Lynch, 88, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at Carolinas Healthcare-Cleveland. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial is at Cleveland Memorial Park with Military Honors

Agnes Hamrick Sanders

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Agnes Hamrick Sanders, 94, a resident of Kings Mountain, went to be with the Lord Tuesday morning, Jan. 27, 2015.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

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A social security card is needed for open enrollment.

The public is invited. Call Bob or T White at 704-376-3479 for more information.

Raymond H. Knotts US Army Veteran

MONTANA - Raymond Herbert Knotts, Jr. died on January 17, 2015.



He was born February 13, 1947, the son of the late Raymond Herbert Knotts, Sr and Norma Louise (Long) Knotts. He was a graduate of Fort Ashby High School, Class of 1965.

After serving with the Army in Vietnam, his construction career led him to Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming and later North Caro-

lina. He retired to Kalispell, MT to live his new dream of developing the Montana Mountain Horse. He was passionate about the outdoors and was a member of the Back Country Horseman. He relished time with his grandkids Addy and Nathaniel.

Ray is survived by his wife Carol, of 46 years; his sons Matt, Cincinnati, OH, Clint and wife Carrie, Charleston, SC, and Benjamin, Kalispell, MT; brothers Rodney and wife Sharon, Barry and wife Gail, and Jeffrey; sister Lisa and husband Leo Day - all of Short Gap WV. Also, sunshine and firecracker grandkids, Addy and Nathaniel.

Memorial service was held at Whitefish Baptist Church, 6232 US HWY 93

South, Whitefish, MT 59937 on Saturday January 24, 2015 at 2 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) and will be held at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Rte 956, Short Gap, WV. on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at 11 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time.)

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to Calvary Chapel Flathead Valley, PO Box 747, Kalispell, MT 59903, or Wesley Chapel UMC, Rte 2, Box 421, Ridgeley WV 26753.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohill.com to leave notes of condolences for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Barbara M. Yarbrough Devoted to family

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Barbara Miller Yarbrough, 66, a resident of 814 W. G o l d Street, K i n g s Mountain, NC, died Saturday, January 24, 2015 at her home.



Born in Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late L.H. Miller and Marcella Gibson Miller. She was a member of Family Worship Center, Kings Mountain, NC and

retired from American and Efrid, Gastonia, NC. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who never complained about anything throughout her illness.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Robert "Butch" Yarbrough, Kings Mountain; daughters Stacy Radford and husband Gene, Kings Mountain and Kelly Robinson and husband Danny, Kings Mountain; sister Mackie Tucker, New Smyrna Beach, Florida; grandchildren Taylor and Sydnee Radford, Becca, Jordyn and Dannah Robinson; great grandchild Jaxxon Radford.

A funeral service was

held 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at Family Worship Center, Kings Mountain, NC., Rev. Roger Woodard officiating. Visitation was Monday, January 26, 2015 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, NC and at other times at the home.

Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, NC. Memorials may be sent to Family Worship Center, Church of God, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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

Barbara J. Akers

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Barbara Jean Akers, 74, resident of Kings Mountain, NC died January 23, 2015 at Kings Mountain Hospice House. She was born in Yancy Co, NC to the late James Horne and

Virginia Harris Horne. She was a homemaker. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A funeral service was held 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Jimmy Maney and Rev. Tim Barrett officiating. Visitation was from 1:30 - 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon, January 25, prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina other times at the home. Interment is at Holly Hills Memorial Gardens, Baltimore, Maryland. A graveside service will be held Thursday, January 29, 2015.

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POLICE

ARRESTS

JAN. 21: David Clinton Brown Jr., 22, 902 Grace St., assault on female, warrant.

JAN. 22: Carolyn Doreen McKinney, 39, 929 Church St., driving while license revoked, \$500 bond, secured.

JAN. 23: A 16-year-old male was charged with failure to appear for simple possession, \$500 bond, secured.

JAN. 24: Johnthan Brett Terry, 32, 400 Fulton Drive, failure to comply, monies, \$715.00

JAN. 24: Bobby Dean Stidham, 39, 21 Bennett Dr., criminal contempt, \$230.

JAN. 25: Anthony Rivers, 29, Gastonia, possession with intent to sell, deliver, a felony, \$1,000 bond, secured.

CITATIONS

JAN. 17: Bonnie Moates Collmar, 41, 412 Rollingbrook Rd., unsafe movement.

JAN. 17: Kenneth Lee Friday, 51, 521 Jackson St., Apt. A, no insurance.

JAN. 17: Jean K. Friday, 48, Clover, SC, expired tag, failure to carry valid driver's license.

JAN. 17: Courtney Taylor Southards, 20, 105 Dove Court, speeding.

JAN. 17: Dustin Christopher Martin, 31, Lowell, speeding.

JAN. 17: Paul Travis Parker, 34, 113 Brayton Lane, no child seat belt, open container, expired tag, no insurance.

JAN. 17: Logan Cheyenne Fuller, 19, 534 St. Luke Church Rd., fictitious registration card, no insurance, fictitious tag, speeding.

JAN. 19: Brittanie Nicole Pryssock, 26, Bessemer City, expired tag.

JAN. 19: Billy Jacob Walker, 20, 110 Carlin Drive, Trailer 8, expired tag.

JAN. 19: Linda Louise Biggers, 61, 142 Tonya Rd., failure to decrease speed to avoid a collision.

JAN. 19: John Thomas Huffman, 33, Shelby, expired tag.

JAN. 19: Ashley Nicole Albrecht, 25, Spartanburg, SC, speeding.

JAN. 19: Stephanie Renee Maiers, 26, Stanley, NC, expired tag, no vehicle inspection, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

JAN. 19: Michael Torrence Edwards, 50, 113 Jack Adams Rd., revoked driver's license.

JAN. 19: Shaun Patrick Town Jr., 19, 913 Second St., expired tag.

JAN. 22: Peter William Rowlett, 20, Winston-Salem, NC, fictitious tag, no registration of vehicle with DMV

JAN. 22: James Thomas McKee, 52, Johns Creek, GA, speeding.

JAN. 22: Brian Westley Fletcher, 25, 104 Ware Loop, open container in passenger area of vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, stop sign violation.

JAN. 22: Shaunee Marie Whitmore, 25, Smyrna, GA, speeding.

JAN. 22: Mandy Lynn Stanley, 39, 518 Waco Road, speeding.

JAN. 22: Daniel Trujillo IV, 25, Shelby, speeding.

JAN. 22: Daniel Juan-Anthony Monroe, 29, Greensboro, speeding.

JAN. 23: Krishna Tawon Dozier, 22, Parrish, Florida, speeding.

JAN. 24: Melissa Jennings Cannon, 18, 117 Planters Lane under age drinking.

JAN. 24: Cody James Thompson, 21, Gaffney, SC, speeding.

JAN. 24: Nicholas Taylor Matola, 18, 507 Deerfield Dr., under age drinking.

JAN. 24: Derek Justin Seagle, 28, Bessemer City, stop sign violation.

JAN. 24: A 17-year-old male was cited for failure to carry driver's license.

JAN. 24: A 17-year-old male was cited with under age drinking.

JAN. 25: Anthony Rivers, 29, expired tag, no electronic inspection.

JAN. 25: Christine Lexis Phantly, 19, Grover, aiding and abetting driving under the influence by allowing a driver to operate vehicle while under the influence of impaired substance and unlicensed.

JAN. 25: Cohen Chay Sivily, 23, 2812 Hickory Grove Rd., revoked license and driving while subject to impairing substance.

INCIDENTS

JAN. 22: Fifth Third Bank, 114 E. Gold St., reported financial card fraud.

JAN. 22: A resident of Chesterfield Court reported vehicle damage by someone putting a white substance in the vehicle fuel tank.

JAN. 22: City of Kings Mountain, 101 W. Gold St., reported vandalism and damage to an overhead street light, high water light, and power source, conduit, total-

ing over \$400 on S. Gaston Street.

JAN. 23: Dollar General, 1012-14 Shelby Road, reported shoplifting.

JAN. 24: Timms Furniture, 909 S. Battleground Ave., said that a suspect faxed fake collection invoice to scam the business.

JAN. 25: A resident of Shelby said the back window of his 2005 Nissan was damaged while he was on Mahogany Lane.

JAN. 29: Food Lion, 610 E. King St., reported a person obtained currency by false pretense.

WRECKS

JAN. 6: Officer D. K. Davis said that Jerome Williams, 205 Catherine St., was backing his 2001 Ford from a parking space at 1557 N. Piedmont Ave. and struck a 2011 Ford owned by the City of Kings Mountain, 1013 N. Piedmont Ave. Damage was slight.

JAN. 12: Officer H.W. Carpenter said that a 2006 Ford owned by Green Creek Properties, Cherryville, was parked at gas pumps at 1557 N. Piedmont Avenue and was hit by a 1999 Nissan operated by Jerry McCullough, Mooresville. Property damages were slight.

JAN. 15: Officer J.L. Dee said that Nora Star Gonyer, Bessemer City, operating a 1999 Saturn, failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of Oak Grove Road and the US 74 off ramp, and struck a 2004 Ford operated by Ronald Avery Smart, 121 1/2 Kristie Lane. Gonyer was cited for operating a motor vehicle without decreasing speed to avoid colliding with another vehicle. Cleveland County EMS took injured to Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Property damages were estimated at \$12,500.

JAN. 16: Officer G. L. McKinney said that Benjamin Propst, 1206 Shelby Road, was driving a 1999 Chevrolet on Shelby and hit a patch of black ice and struck a 1999 GMC stopped at the stop light at Shelby Road and Kings Mountain Boulevard operated by Jason Livingston, 708 Landing Street. Property damage was slight.

JAN. 16: Officer Kyle Bell said that a 2003 Chevrolet operated by Gina Blackwood, York, SC, struck a 2006 Chrysler operated by James Forbes, Shelby, as Blackwood attempted a left