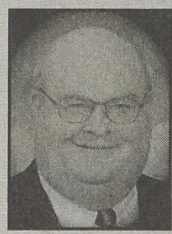


## OBITUARIES

### Scott Cloninger

*Kings Mountain lawyer*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Scott Cloninger, 66, died Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Carolinas Healthcare Kings Mountain.



A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Labon Earl and Mary Etters Cloninger.

Scott graduated from UNC Chapel Hill Law School, and practiced law from 1974-2014, retiring from Cloninger & Neisler Law Firm. He was a

member and past president of Kings Mountain Rotary, a member of White Plains Masonic Lodge, and the Cleveland County and NC Bar Associations. He also served as former Kings Mountain District School Board Attorney.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kay Allen Cloninger, of the home; son, Allen Jason Tignor of Cary; daughter, Sarah Edmonson and husband Brian H. of Kings Mountain; brothers Mark Alan Cloninger and wife Susan H. of Kings Mountain, Joel Russell "Rusty" Cloninger and wife Rhonda S. of Belton, SC; grandchildren, Kaemon Silas Edmonson and Bela Grae Edmonson, both

of Kings Mountain; nieces, Laura Camp, Kristen Cloninger, Scottlyn Grace Cloninger; nephews, Joel and Mitchell Cloninger.

Memorial services will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, with officiating by Dr. John W. "Chip" Sloan. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Stain Glass Room at the church

Memorials may be sent to First Baptist Church Missions or Voice of the Martyrs, PO Box 443, Bartlesville, OK 74005-043.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain is handling the arrangements.

### Virgie White Farris

*active church worker*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Virgie White Farris, 96, a resident of Kings Mountain,



NC, went to be with the Lord on March 6, 2015 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Born in Cherokee County, SC, daughter of the late Robert A. and Mary Ann Blanton White, and was preceded in death by one brother, Obrean White and two sisters, Margaret White and Beatrice Cabaniss.

A member of Oak View Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, she was a Sunday school teacher, member of the choir and Women on Mis-

sions and Young at Heart. A loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother she was known for her candied yams and pies. Retired from Glenn Raven Mills in Kings Mountain, she was former employee of the Kings Mountain Senior Center Gift Shop.

She is survived by her son Harold D. Farris and wife, Deborah, Kings Mountain, NC; sister Roberta Eaker, Kings Mountain, NC; grandchildren Leanne Farris, Gastonia, NC; Timothy Farris and wife Ashley, Anna, TX; great grandchildren Sophia Farris and Riley Farris; niece Elizabeth Kimble, Kings Mountain.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Oak View Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC, with Rev. David Turner, Rev. Billy Cooper

and Monty Thornburg officiating.

Visitation was from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon prior to service in the sanctuary of Oak View Baptist Church.

Memorials may be sent to Oak View Baptist Church, 1517 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Kings Mountain Senior Center, 909 E. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Gideons International, P.O. Box 1231 Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Interment is at Oak View Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.HarrisFunerals.com](http://www.HarrisFunerals.com)/[www.HarrisFunerals.com](http://www.HarrisFunerals.com)

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

### Susan Martin Maner

*loving wife and mother*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Susan Martin Maner, 63, resident of Kings Mountain, NC died March 4, 2015 at Carolina Healthcare System, Cleveland, Shelby, NC.



She was born in Anderson County, SC. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles R. Martin and brother, Charles Samuel Martin.

Susan was employed with Cleveland County Schools in the Human Resources Department. She was a member of First

Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Carolina Healthcare System Critical Care Unit and Cancer Ward and the Staff of the Levine Cancer Center for their loving care that was given to Susan.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years Robert S. Maner, of the home; son: 2nd Lt. Joseph Martin Maner and wife Stephanie, Kings Mountain; Mother: Vergie Dyar Martin, Shelby, NC; Brother: Stanley R. Martin, Shelby, NC; Sister: Sandra Martin Proctor, Shelby, NC.

A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church, Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 3 p.m., with Rev. Greg Martin officiating.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Interment is at Welcome Baptist Church, Pendleton, South Carolina. Graveside service was held Monday, March 9, at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1188 Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or First Baptist Church, 120 N. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28150 or Welcome Baptist Church, 4800 U. S. 76 Pendleton, SC 29670.

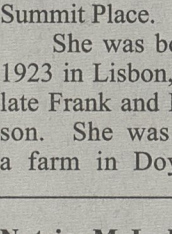
A guest register is available at [www.HarrisFunerals.com](http://www.HarrisFunerals.com)

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation was in charge of arrangements.

### Frankie Vera Tobias

*raised on a farm*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Frankie Vera Tobias, 91, resident of Summit Place, Kings Mountain, NC died peacefully March 9, 2015 at Summit Place.



She was born July 3, 1923 in Lisbon, LA to the late Frank and Mary Watson. She was raised on a farm in Doyline, LA.

Frankie was preceded in death by her husband, Walter A. Tobias, retired from US Army.

She is survived by her son: Walter A. Tobias, Jr. US Navy Retired and wife Bobbie, San Diego, CA; daughter Barbara E. Jones and husband Bobby, Kings Mountain; four grandchildren: Brad Jones and wife Kim, Charlotte, NC; Bryan Jones and wife Carrie, Belmont, NC, Traci Valade and husband John, Santee, CA, Terri Funderburg and husband John, Escondido, CA; Nine great grandchildren: Eric, Kristen, Julianna, Richard, Colton,

Jessica, Troy, John, and Jake.

A graveside service will be held at Point Chapel in Doyline, La., with officiating by Frankie's nephew, Pastor Gerald Palmer. Interment is at Point Chapel Cemetery, Doyline, La.

In lieu of flowers: memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150. Guest register available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com).

Arrangements: Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Kings Mountain, N.C.

### Nutrice M. Ledford

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nutrice McCoy Hord Ledford, 87, passed away Monday, March 3, 2015, at Peak Recourses of Cherryville. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Dillworth and Sarah Etta Wright Hord. A funeral service was held Wednesday in the chapel of Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial is at Mountain Rest Cemetery

### Thurman Vassey

SHELBY - Thurman Moran Vassey Sr., 78, died Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Kings Mountain Hospice House. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Haskell and Mildred Canipe Vassey. Funeral services are being held Wednesday, 2p.m., at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home. Burial is at Sharon U.M.C. with military honors.

### Grady Woods

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Grady Woods Jr., 71, died Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at his home. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Grady and Flossie Woods Sr. He worked many years with the Shelby Police Department, later working for NC Department of Corrections. He was a member of Penley's Chapel in Kings Mountain. A memorial service was held 11 a.m. Friday at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain, with officiating by Revs. Doug Allen and Karl Asard. The family received friends following the service, at the funeral home.

## POLICE

### ARRESTS

MARCH 3: Danny Ray Drwady, 26, 216 Catherine St., possession of synthetic marijuana, possession drug paraphernalia, \$30,000 bond, secured.

MARCH 4: Dominique Nicloe Littlejohn, 26, 5076 Pennington Place, Apt. 23, fugitive, no bond.

MARCH 5: Alexander Cameron Meansh, 23, Asheville, DWI, driving while license revoked, giving fictitious information, \$2500 bond, secured.

MARCH 5: Meredith Noel Cummings, 23, Lawndale, resist, delay, obstruct, \$2500 bond, secured.

MARCH 5: Rickey Lee Sprouse, 25, 205 Linwood Road, DWI, \$500 bond, secured.

### CITATIONS

FEB 11: Sophia Devonda Propst, 46, Shelby, failure to notify DMV of address change.

MARCH 2: Brady Lynn Meggs, 20, Monroe, speeding.

MARCH 2: Ashley Janea Riley, 29, York, SC, speeding

MARCH 2: Alvin Michael Watkins, 25, Bessemer City, no seat belt.

MARCH 2: Gary Tyrone Lindsay, 33, Gastonia, expired tag, displaying tag that is revoked.

MARCH 3: Billy Wayne Hill, 55, 1311 Merrimont Dr., failure to stop for a

stopped school bus.

MARCH 3: Ernest Leroy Garrett, 63, Blacksburg, SC, failure to stop for a stopped school bus.

MARCH 4: Adam Wayne Browning, 32, 1051 Mountain Crest Dr., expired tag.

MARCH 4: Scott Carter, 25, Ellenboro, possession of drug paraphernalia.

MARCH 5: Mary Frances Lee, 38, Shelby, operate vehicle without lights.

MARCH 5: Chassidy Rena Bollinger, 38, Hickory, revoked license.

### INCIDENTS

MARCH 2: A resident of East Ridge Street reported he was bit by a dog.

MARCH 3: A fraud/scam was reported by a woman who said the caller was from the US Treasury trying to collect money.

MARCH 4: WalMart, Shelby, reported shoplifting.

MARCH 5: A resident of Spruce St. reported theft of a 55 inch TV set worth \$1,093.

MARCH 5: King's Food Store, 320 Waco Road, reported that someone head-butted his main door glass doing \$850 damage.

### WRECKS

FEB 3: Officer Bryan McGinnis said that Ronnie Pope, Clover, SC, operating a 2013 GMC, struck a 2015 Chevrolet operated by Stephanie Hughes of York, SC on NC 161 at a work zone. Property damages were estimated at \$2700.

FEB. 20: Officer Bryan McGinnis said that Berry Nicks Jr., Gastonia, operating a 2004 Chevrolet, struck a 2003 Honda operated by Corinthy Guthrie, Gaffney SC. The accident happened on Charles Street and NC 161 as Nicks was pulling off from a stop sign on Charles Street. Property damages were estimated at \$2400.

MARCH 2: Officer F. L. Wittington said vehicles operated by Donald Eugene Pressley Jr., Charlotte, and Larry Green, 315 E. Parker St., were stopped at the red light and were rear ended by a 1997 Honda operated by Ashley Riley, York, SC who failed to reduce speed. EMS was on the scene and checked drivers and passengers but no one was transported to the hospital.

MARCH 3: Officer F. L. Wittington said that James Faulk Jr., Greer, SC, operating a 2007 Toyota, and Ivan Vargas-Jimenez, operating a 2003 Honda, struck each other while backing in the parking lot of Disney. Property damage was estimated at \$2,000.

MARCH 3: Officer F.L. Wittington said that a 2010 Ford operated by Melissa Rush of Gastonia struck a parked 2015 Mazda owned by Michelle Sullivan of Gastonia. The accident happened on Dilling Street. Property damage was estimated at \$3,000.

## Beware of scammers giving out millions

Beware of scammers posing as representatives of Publishers Clearing House.

Mark Blanton, the Herald's advertising director, received a bogus check for \$6,810.60 and a letter announcing that he was the winner of a \$2.5M promotion with the telephone number of a claims manager, also fictitious.

Blanton called the bank listed on the check and found that there was no money.

Blanton turned a copy of the letter and check into the police department Tuesday morning.

## Virginia man charged in Family Mart robbery

A Virginia man sought by Kings Mountain Police as suspect in the Feb. 24 armed robbery of Linwood Family Mart has been arrested in Virginia and is being extradited to Cleveland County, according to Det. Captain

Derek Johnson.

The extradition papers were signed Friday.

Kings Mountain police took warrants charging Derek Sprouse with the armed robbery of the convenience store.

## Foothills Post-Polio Support Group Meeting

The Foothills Post-Polio Support Group will meet Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the Life Enrichment Center, off Hwy.18 North on Life Enrichment Bou-

levard. Take your meal. Coffee and water will be provided. Lynn Ledford will share her story about polio. Polio survivors and caregivers are invited to attend.

## BBQ plate sale

Grover Church of God will sponsor a barbecue plate sale beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 20 until all plates are sold. A \$6 plate includes BBQ, baked beans, and slaw on a bun. The church is located at 201 N. Main Street in Grover. Call 704-937-7541 for more information.

wife, Susan, W. Columbia, SC, and Richard S. Plonk of Kings Mountain; daughter, Judy Plonk Davis and husband, Steve, Lakeland, FL; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening, March 12, 2015 from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service on Friday, March 13, 2015.

The funeral service will be conducted Friday, March 13, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain with Rev. Mike Varn officiating the service. Interment will be in St. Luke Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

A guest register is available at: [www.HarrisFunerals.com](http://www.HarrisFunerals.com)

Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

### Julia Plonk

*former teacher*

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Julia Pollock Plonk, 91, resident of Kings Mountain, NC, died March 5, 2015 at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

She was born in Kings Mountain, NC to the late Thomas Alexander Pollock and Linnie Cudd Pollock. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Clarence Samuel Plonk, Jr.

She was a charter member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain,

where she sang in the choir. Mrs. Plonk was a homemaker, farmer's wife, and teacher with Kings Mountain District Schools. She formerly taught first grade at West Elementary School in Kings Mountain.

Surviving are sons Thomas Plonk and wife Becky, W. Columbia, SC; Kenneth Plonk, Columbia, SC; Michael S. Plonk and wife, Sue, Rock Hill, SC; Rev. Steven Plonk and

The Wil Cote Band will be playing a variety of music at Hounds Campground 114 Raven Circle Kings Mountain on March 14 Admission is Free. For more information call 704-739-4474

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