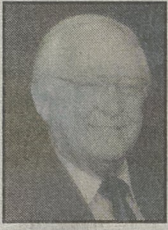


## OBITUARIES

### Dr. Blake M. McWhirter retired optometrist

MOORESBORO - Dr. Blake Mills McWhirter, 90, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2015



at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Cleveland County on January 12, 1925 to the late William Lafayette and Mattie Helen DeVine McWhirter. He retired from the Naval Reserves and served during WWII and the Korean War. Dr. McWhirter was a retired Optometrist who served Shelby for over 50 years. He was a life-long member of First Baptist Church-Shelby where he served as a deacon, a Sun-

day school teacher, a choir member, and played the hand bells. He also served on a committee that organized the first Choral Society in Shelby.

He enjoyed working in his yard and watching the Atlanta Braves and his favorite musical was "Les Miserables". Dr. McWhirter was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, Joe and Walden McWhirter.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Melba Tindall McWhirter; son, Mark McWhirter and wife Lisa; daughters Tina McWhirter Cansler, and Gina Lynn McWhirter; grandchildren Adam J. Wilkinson and Ashton Julie Cansler; nieces, Rita and Marie Ann; and nephew Eddie Joe.

### Harold "Flip" Douglas Ramsey USAF veteran

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Harold "Flip" Douglas Ramsey, age 77, resident of Kings Mountain, NC died



April 21, 2015 Peak Resources, Gastonia, NC. He was born in Cleveland Co. NC to the late Harvey and Carrie Pruet Ramsey. He was also preceded in death by his wife Susan Marable Ramsey; sisters, Betty Jo Ramsey, Aileen Ramsey

Metcalfe, brothers; Robert Ramsey, Melvin Ramsey and Fred Ramsey.

Mr. Ramsey was retired from maintenance for heating and air. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion Post 155, Kings Mtn. NC.

He is survived by his sons Mark D. Ramsey, Nashville, TN Michael D. Ramsey, Gastonia, NC; special nieces and caregivers: Anne Fortenberry, Bessemer City, NC; Samantha Lane, Kings Mtn. NC; Cayla Lane, Kings Mtn. NC; special friend Jackie Russ

### Ralph E. Bradshaw loving husband and father

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ralph Edward Bradshaw, 73, of Kings Mountain, passed away Friday April 24, 2015, at Kings Mountain Hospice House. He was born January 11, 1942, in Gaston County, NC, to the late Edward and Daisy Woody Brad-

shaw. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Joseph Bradshaw and sister Beatrice Falls.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Donna Bradshaw; sons Ingo Bradshaw (Melanie) of Germany, Tony Bradshaw of Shelby; daughter Karen Wells

Blake was also survived by his "canine companions" Gracie and Camo; and Tex "the goat".

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Shelby with full military honors with Rev. Tony Tench officiating the service. The family received friends from 1-2 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church c/o Music Department, 120 N. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150 or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family of Dr. McWhirter.

Guest registry is available at [www.cecilburtonfuneralhome.com](http://www.cecilburtonfuneralhome.com)

Numerous Nieces and Nephews.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 24, at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, with officiating by Rev. Kevin Whittington.

Visitation was from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Guest register available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com). Arrangements: Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Kings Mountain, N.C.

(Scott) of Cherryville; step-daughters Chasity Parker of Huntersville, Ashley Smith (Gerald), Lisa Parker and Miranda Parker all of Kings Mountain; seven grandchildren.

To offer condolences, please visit [www.siskbutler.com](http://www.siskbutler.com). Arrangements by Sisk-Butler Funeral & Cremation Services, Bessemer City.

### Louise Harrison Dover lifelong KM resident

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Louise Harrison Dover, age 88, resident of 620 E. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC died April 25, 2015 at Kings Mountain Hospice House. She was born in Lincoln Co. NC and a lifelong resident of Kings Mountain. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Dewey "DC" Columbus Harrison and Mary Sigmon Harrison; and her husband, Paul Dover. Mrs. Dover was retired from BellSouth after over 30 years of service. She was an active member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain where she was a member

of the Ruth Sunday School Class. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend who enjoyed gardening and spending time with her dear friends.

She is survived by her sons Allen Dover and wife Laurie, Charlotte, NC; Tim Dover and wife Beth, Spartanburg, SC; Brother: Joe Lee Harrison, Myrtle Beach, SC; sister Bernice Cloninger, Mt. Pleasant, NC; 4 Grandchildren: Ashley Dover Sorrow and husband John; Timmy Anne Dover Ferguson and husband Grant; Caroline Harrison Dover; and Johnathan Paul Dover; two great grandchildren, Iris Ferguson and Lela Kate Sorrow.

A graveside service was held at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Tuesday, April 28, at 3 p.m., with Dr. John Sloan. Family to speak to friends immediately following the service in the cemetery and other times at the home, 620 E. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, Kings Mountain Hospice House, 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.

### Virginia Jennie Scism Hargraves

BLACKSBURG - Virginia "Jennie" Scism Hargraves, age 74, resident of Blacksburg, SC died April 21, 2015 at Carolina Healthcare, Cleveland, Shelby, NC. She was born in Cleveland Co. NC to the late Zeb Grigg and Virginia Green Grigg. She

was also preceded in death by her first husband, James Edward Scism; sisters, Kay Guin and Joyce DeLillo; and granddaughter, Angela Graham. Mrs. Hargraves was formerly employed in food service at White Oak Manor, Kings Mtn. NC.

A funeral service will be held at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Friday, April 24, at 11 a.m., with Rev.

Herman Green and Steve Grigg officiating.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening, April 23, 2015 and 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

### Bobby Poston

SHELBY - Bobby Poston, 82, died Sunday, April 26, 2015, at his home. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Summie and Minnie Connor Poston. Bobby served in the Air Force, and was

a member of First Baptist Church. He taught Elementary and baseball at Patterson Springs for three years. He started teaching at Cleveland Tech from the start of its establishment, later retiring after more than 20 years of service. He was a proud Eagle Scout

recipient. Funeral services will be held Wednesday 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends Wednesday 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Cleveland Memorial Park Mausoleum with military honors.

### Walter Poole

SHELBY - Walter Poole, 70, died Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at his home. A native of Cleveland County, he was the

son of the late Howard and Aileen Willis Poole. Walter served in the Army during the Vietnam War, and was a member of New Bethel Church of Shelby. Funeral services were held Thurs-

day at 3 p.m. at New Bethel Church of Shelby. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, at the church. Burial is at Sunset Cemetery with military honors.



## POLICE

### ARRESTS

APRIL 20: A 17-year-old student was charged with disorderly conduct at the high school and resisting, delaying and obstructing a police officer, \$7500 bond, secured.

APRIL 21: Randy Ray Page, 50, 222 Morris St., simple assault, resisting police officer and disorderly conduct, \$10,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 21: Stephen Russell Jamerson, 70, 123 Galilee Church Rd., driving while license revoked, fictitious registration, failure to register vehicle, \$2000 bond, secured.

APRIL 21: Zachary Thomas Grissom, 24, Gastonia, expired tag, no vehicle inspection.

APRIL 21: Tammy Gene Carson, 45, 612 Charles St., Apt. 37, 45, simple assault, criminal summons.

APRIL 21: Shamon La Trey Reid, 32, 2023 Redwood Circle, expired tag, no current inspection.

APRIL 23: A 17-year-old female was charged with simple affray and disorderly conduct at Kings Mountain High School and given a \$2000 secured bond.

APRIL 23: A 17-year-old female was charged with simple affray, disorderly conduct and damage to property at Kings Mountain High School. She was given a \$2500 secured bond.

APRIL 24: Hubert Larry Nations Jr., 36, 105 Beech Lane, driving while license revoked, \$3000 bond, secured.

April 24: Melony Sachene Ware, 37, Gastonia, simple assault, \$1000 bond, secured.

APRIL 24: James Austin Spurling, 26, 1817 Alpine Dr., assault on female, \$1000 bond, unsecured.

APRIL 25: A 17-year-old male was charged with DWI, simple possession marijuana and possession drug para-

phernalia, \$5000 bond, secured. He was also charged with open container, underage drinking, possession of fortified wine and spirituous liquor, possession of malt beverage by minor.

APRIL 25: Justin Wayne Brown, 28, 260 Black Stallion Rd., larceny of motor vehicle, felony, larceny, misdemeanor, \$5000 bond, secured.

### CITATIONS

APRIL 20: Dayana Kimberly Chavez, 19, 133 McGinnis St., possession drug paraphernalia, possession marijuana.

APRIL 20: James Clifton Hayes, 31, Gastonia, revoked license.

APRIL 20: Shelton Antoine Price, 21, 312 Compact School Rd., no operator's license.

APRIL 22: Brittany Gail Smart, 25, 114 Barley Dr., littering.

APRIL 22: Kristopher Loy Mauney, 36, 1033 Margrace Road, failure to stop for stopped school bus.

APRIL 23: Christopher Anthony Carter, 57, York, SC, revoked license.

APRIL 23: Jonathan Wesley Lovelace, 23, 407 Belvedere Circle, failure to decrease speed to avoid collision.

APRIL 23: Tasha Nicole Moss, 30, 306 Quincy Street, shoplifting.

APRIL 24: Rodney Douglas Deese, 39, Bessemer City, expired tag, no electronic inspection.

APRIL 25: Richard Dwayne Littlejohn, 32, 606 W. Gold St., revoked license, open container in passenger area of car.

APRIL 25: Jasmine Lasha Surratt, 22, Shelby, revoked license, giving false name to officer.

APRIL 25: Regina Kay Lavin, 37, 513 Bell Road, expired tag, no vehicle inspection.

### John H. Bumgardner retired KMHS coach

KINGS MOUNTAIN - John H. Bumgardner, 61, of



906 Crescent Circle, died Saturday, April 26, 2015 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A Kings Mountain native, he was born Aug. 31, 1953 to Berdina (Bertie) Wells Bumgardner and the late John

Henderson Bumgardner. He was married for 30 years to Deborah Smith Bumgardner, who died May 3, 2014.

A retired Kings Mountain High School teacher and coach of football and track for 30 years he had worked after retirement on Aug. 31, 1977 at Coldwell Bankers in Gastonia.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his son, Brian L. Smith of Lake Wylie, SC; his sister, Susan Bumgardner Hart of Kings Mountain;

### M. Sgt. William S. Nolen

SHELBY - M Sgt. William S. Nolen, Jr., 77, passed

away on Sunday April 19, 2015 at Kings Mountain Hospice. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wil-

### James R. "Jim" McKinney

KINGS MOUNTAIN - James R. "Jim" McKinney, Jr., age 67, a resident of Kings Mountain, NC, died Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Kings Mountain Hospital. Born in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late James Robert McKinney, Sr. and Pearl

Smith McKinney Capper of Havertown, PA. He was a retired automotive technician, assistant manager of Firestone Tire Service Center, he loved music, working on cars, football and animals and working on his home. A loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and a friend who will be greatly missed. Served in

### Janice Bronson

SHELBY - Janice Patterson Bronson, 74, died Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Hospice at Wendover. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Epsie Greene Patterson. Janice retired after 42 years at Dicey

Mill, and was a member of New Bethel Church of Shelby. Her family meant the world to her. Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends Friday from 12:30 - 2 p.m. at the funeral home, and other times at the home. Burial is at Sunset Cemetery.

The Staffing Alliance is seeking manufacturing candidates for the York, SC area. Must have a high school diploma or GED, manufacturing experience, and be mechanically inclined. Submit resume to [cmccoy@thestaffingalliance.com](mailto:cmccoy@thestaffingalliance.com) or call (910) 225-1343.

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APRIL 25: Anthony Keith Singleton Jr., 31, 203 Parrish Drive, revoked license, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

APRIL 25: Ann Latrice Edgerton, 28, Shelby, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia

APRIL 26: Velma Gabrielle Manning, 23, Shelby, speeding.

APRIL 26: Keri Roycette Jewell, 20, Shelby, speeding.

APRIL 26: Jannice A. Herrin, 53, Johnson City, TN, speeding.

APRIL 26: Gladys Albaras Perez, 39, Weddington, NC, no operator's license.

APRIL 26: Davita Clinstel Roland, 32, Cherokee, NC, revoked license.

APRIL 27: Maurice Antonio Wilson, 19, 120 Galilee Road, no operator's license.

APRIL 27: Cheronda Monique Hemphill, 34, 1504 Northwoods, revoked license.

APRIL 27: Terrence Dominique Jones, 22, 612 Charles St., Apt. 38, no operator's license.

APRIL 27: Cheronda Monique Hemphill, 34, 1504 Northwoods Dr., two counts larceny, two counts simple worthless checks, \$1500 bond, secured.

APRIL 29: Cody Lynn Stevens, 22, 546 Patterson Road, Trailer 4, expired tag.

APRIL 29: Emily Grace Kearns, 18, Monroe, speeding

### INCIDENTS

APRIL 20: A resident of Fairview Street reported theft of a push mower.

APRIL 21: A resident of Edgemont Drive reported that someone used his personal information to obtain currency.

APRIL 24: A resident of Parker Street reported a first degree burglary at his residence where he said he was hit over the head and robbed of currency, a AT&T slide

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two granddaughters, Isabella Smith and Anna Grace Smith; and his nephew, Matt Hart.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. His pastor, Rev. Chip Sloan, will officiate the service.

The family will hold a private entombment. Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Humane Society, 1609 E. Marion St., Shelby, NC 28150.

liam and Vernie Cloninger Nolen. Services were private. Burial is at Hillcrest Gardens in Mt. Holly

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