

Obituaries

Mrs. Naomi Duke Passes; Funeral Held Last Friday

Mrs. Naomi Benfield Duke, 75-year-old resident of Troutman, route 1, died at 9 a.m. May 22 at her residence.

Born in Wilkes County on March 5, 1916, Mrs. Duke was a daughter of the late Lon Guston Benfield and Trypheena Tevepaugh Benfield.

She was a member of Houston Road Baptist Church in Troutman.

A homemaker, Mrs. Duke's husband, George Anderson Duke, died Aug. 26, 1986.

One brother, LeRoy Benfield, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Brown, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are: four sons, Roy Lee Duke and Billy Ray Duke, both of Troutman, George Butler Duke of Kannapolis and Troy Edward Duke of Texas; four daughters, Mrs. Eva Mae Bell of Statesville, Mrs. Helen Jane Pennington and Mrs. Mary Frances Pennington, both of Gaffney, S.C., and Mrs. Margaret Connolly of Hiddenite; three brothers, Oscar Benfield and George Franklin Benfield, both of Mooresville and L.G. Benfield of Charlotte; and four sisters, Mrs. Della Turner and Mrs. Annie Tingen, both of Mooresville, and Mrs. Kathleen Sowers and Mrs. Arthur Upright,

both of Troutman. Twenty grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren also survive.

A funeral for Mrs. Duke was conducted at 2 p.m. May 24 in the Westmoreland Chapel of Bunch-Johnson Funeral Home in Statesville, with the Rev. Bobby Eades and the Rev. Charles William McHargue officiating. Burial was in Iredell Memorial Gardens, located south of Statesville on U.S. 21.

Grandsons were pallbearers — Junior Duke, Dean Duke, Bobby Buff, Michael Eades, Stacy Duke and Billy Duke.

Mrs. Benoist Dies May 23 At Age Of 75

Mrs. Edna Lee Deal Benoist, 75-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 8, died May 23 at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville.

A native of Iredell County, Mrs. Benoist was born on July 25, 1915, a daughter of the late Carl and Carrie Vanderford Deal.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Benoist was a textile employee.

Mrs. Benoist's husband, Cameron Benoist, died in October 1989.

A son, Gary Benoist of Mooresville, survives, along with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral for Mrs. Benoist was conducted at 2 p.m. May 25 in the chapel of the Neill Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. James P. Clodfelter, pastor of Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church, Mooresville, officiating. Burial was in the Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Jennifer Cline Makes Dean's List At UNC-W

Jennifer Denise Cline of Mooresville, route 7, has been named to the dean's list for the 1991 spring semester at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

To be eligible for the academically-elite list, students with 12-14 hours must have at least a 3.5 grade point average with no grade less than B, while students with at least 15 hours must have at least a grade point average of 3.2 with no grade less than B.

Mrs. Bost, 69, Former Local Resident, Dies

A former Mooresville resident — Mrs. Sarah Olivia Horne Bost, 69, of 204 Overton Dr., Rocky Mount — died May 23 at the Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount.

Born in Mooresville on Nov. 24, 1921, Mrs. Bost was a daughter of the late Yancey Monroe Horne and Essie Jane Kale Horne.

For a time, while a Mooresville resident, Mrs. Bost was a sales clerk at the C & H Grand 5 & 10 Store. She was a member of Mooresville's First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bost's husband, Norman Ralph Bost, preceded her in death on Nov. 13, 1979.

Surviving are: one daughter, Mrs. Steve (Cathy) Ferriter of Rocky Mount; three brothers, Harry Horne of Mooresville, Edsel Horne of Concord, Calif., and Harley Horne of Cape Coral, Fla.; and two sisters, Mrs. Belva Staley of Mooresville and Mrs. Claudine O'Neil of Lehigh Acres, Fla. One grandchild also survives.

A funeral for Mrs. Bost was conducted at 2 p.m. last Sunday in the E.C. Cavin Memorial Chapel of the Cavin Funeral Home in Mooresville, with Dr. E. Harvey Rogers, pastor of Mooresville's First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Willow Valley Cemetery in Mooresville.

Memorials may be made to the Church of the Resurrection-Lutheran, 433 Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804.

Mrs. Pethel, Huntersville Resident, Dies

Mrs. Margaret Fullam Pethel, 55-year-old resident of the Mooresville-Concord Road, Huntersville, died at her home May 23.

Born in Mecklenburg County on Sept. 25, 1935, Mrs. Pethel was a daughter of Roy Lee Fullam and Rose Lee Campbell Fullam of Huntersville.

Mrs. Pethel's husband, Paul Pethel, preceded her in death in July 1974.

In addition to the parents, one brother, Frank L. Fullam of Belmont, survives.

A graveside service for Mrs. Pethel was conducted at 4 p.m. May 26 in the Huntersville Presbyterian Church Cemetery, with the Rev. Craig Butler officiating.



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"Although I Disagree With Everything You Say I Will Defend Unto Death Your Right To Say It"

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Change In Status Will Boost Medicare Payments At LNRMC

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center has been redesignated from a rural to an urban Medicare status by the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board of the Department of Health and Human Services.

This decision was announced on April 1. Almost two years after the hospitals in Iredell County lodged an official appeal of their rural status with the Review Board.

What this will mean to Lake Norman Regional is an increase in Medicare reimbursements beginning fiscal year Oct. 1, 1991. Under the rural status, the hospital was paid approximately \$549 less per Medicare patient than hospitals in eight surrounding counties deemed to be urban or large urban areas.

An urban area is defined by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics as a county or group of counties within a metropolitan statistical area or MSA. Large urban areas are those urban areas with a population of more than one million.

Counties not included within an MSA are considered rural areas. Every county surrounding Iredell, with the exception of Wilkes County, was granted an urban status in 1983 when the federal government set up a plan for Medicare reimbursement called the Prospective Payment System.

In the summer of 1989, the hospitals in Iredell County began working jointly with Rep. J. Alex McMillan's office in an effort to have the Medicare status changed. Lake Norman Regional Medical Center contracted KMPG Peal Marwick, certified public accountants, to review the criteria for urban classification for

Iredell County.

In the report prepared by the accounting firm, it became clear that the hospital had a strong case in asking for reclassification as being located in the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rockhill MSA, for prospective payment purposes.

"Congressman McMillan championed our cause", James A. Barber, executive director of Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, said. "Our initial appeal was denied in December 1989. Congressman McMillan knew that the hospitals in Iredell County were not being treated equitably and he refused to accept the

Review Board's ruling."

In May, 1990, McMillan submitted a second request to the Review Board. Again, he presented data supporting the argument that Iredell County should be reclassified to an urban status and asked that they reconsider their initial determination.

Eleven months later Lake Norman Regional Medical Center received word that the hospital's request for redesignation had been approved. They will be reclassified to the neighboring Charlotte-Gastonia-Rockhill MSA.

McGuire Emergency Drills June 19-20

An exercise of the emergency response plans for the McGuire Nuclear Power Plant near Charlotte will be held June 19-20.

This year's exercise will involve a larger area than previous years and will test additional parts of the overall plan designed to protect the public in the unlikely event of a nuclear accident.

During the two-day exercise, the emergency plan for the 10-mile area around the plant will be tested, as well as the 50-mile ingestion exposure pathway. This area is where food or water may be contaminated by radiation and might reach the public. To protect the public, plans are in place to monitor and evaluate possible contamination of food, milk and water.

During the exercise, the public may see radiation sampling

teams in fields and near waterways. While state, county and Duke Power personnel will be involved, the public will not be asked to take any action during the exercise.

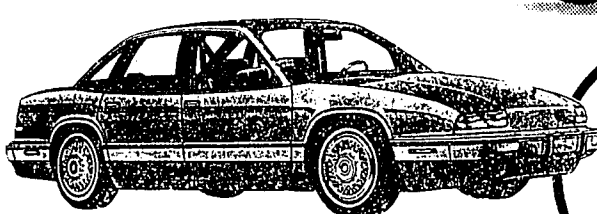
The counties in the 50-mile area are Alexander, Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, McDowell, Montgomery, Rutherford, Rowan, Stanly, Union, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Joe Myers, director of the Division of Emergency Management, in his capacity as State Emergency Response Team Leader will coordinate the exercise with representatives from the involved state agencies, officials of the affected counties, and Duke Power.

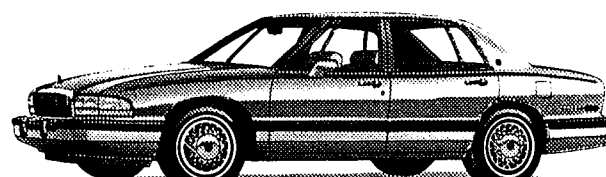
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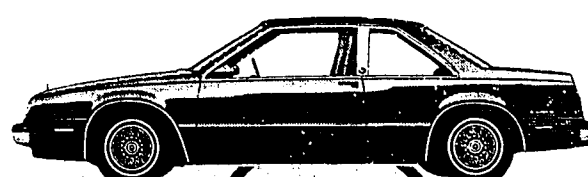


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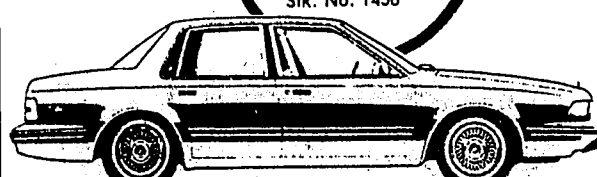


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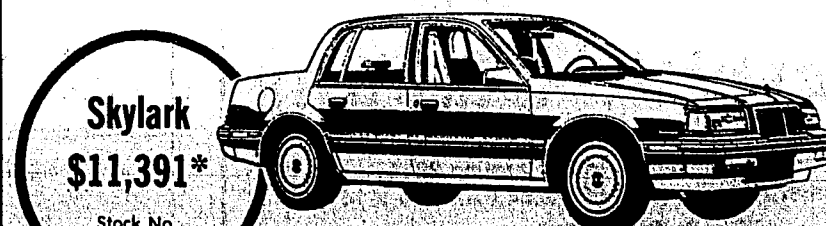
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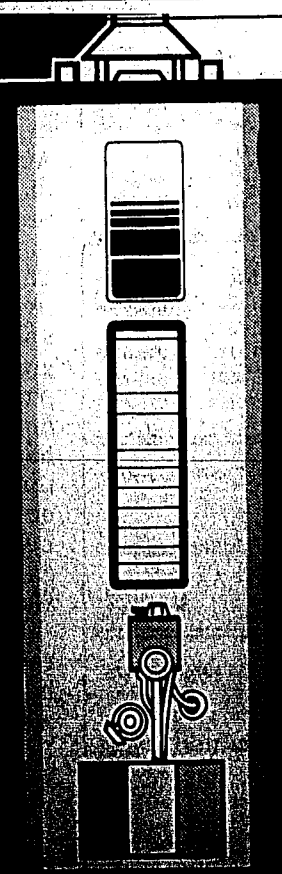
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