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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANNY ANN - Mrs. James C. Roberts is pictured with her grandchildren and great-grandson around a lighted tree on her 75th birthday Sunday. From left, Jimmy and Patti Jolly, and Cindy and Jack Gaskey. Standing in front of Granny Ann is Michael Jolly.

Mrs. Roberts Honored On 75th Birthday

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Ann (Mrs. James) Roberts went to work in 1939 for Byron Keeter at the old Keeter's Department Store to hem pants for two weeks and stayed in the retail business.

"I don't do much alteration anymore but I do enjoy helping friends select clothes", the popular saleslady said Sunday as her co-workers at McGinnis Department Store surprised her on her 75th birthday.

"These are all my family", said Mrs. Roberts, beaming as she accepted a lighted birthday cake and praise from the family of Ethel McGinnis and the late Paul McGinnis around a decorated Christmas table at Holiday Inn. Ann's grandchildren, Cindy and Jack Gaskey and Patti and Jimmy Jolly and two and a half year old Michael Jolly, were all smiles as "Granny Ann" as she is affectionately known, was honored.

Growing up in a large family of 10 children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butler of Bessemer City, Ann recalled that she earned \$12.50 a week at Keeter's

during the early years of her employment. The Butlers moved to Kings Mountain when Ann was a teenager and it was in Kings Mountain that she met and married the late James (Soup) Roberts. The Robertses had one daughter, the late Louise Roberts Jolly. Ann's family also includes a sister, Wilma Henson of Kings Mountain and a brother, Floyd Butler, of Shelby.

The McGinnis family were always there in time of happiness and sorrow for Mrs. Roberts, she said Sunday. And the affection that they all share is more than an employee-employer relationship.

"We're just one big happy family", said Doyle Campbell, who had kidded Ann on the late Paul McGinnis' 75th birthday hat he planned to take her out on her 75th. "I thought he meant that," said Ann, and "had no idea he planned this big party today."

Mrs. Roberts worked with the late Paul McGinnis at Keeter's Department Store from 1949-58 and then joined the McGinnis

firm when it opened in 1958 and worked at all three downtown locations. When McGinnis first opened the store was located beside of Griffin Drug Co., subsequently moved beside of Dellinger's and is now located on S. Battleground Avenue.

Ann plans to keep on working and the McGinnises like the idea so much that they have allowed her to set her own working hours. Ann works three days a week now, and although she can be seen most of the time in the ladies ready-to-wear department she often helps customers in the men's department or shoe department. "I like to sell but I like for the things I sell to look good on the customer." That's her trademark in the business and because of that the versatile lady is one of McGinnis' best advertisements.

Ann's pleasing personality and youthful appearance belie her age. She plans to keep on working as long as she can. Her friends are her secret for long life and happy birthdays.

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get a clothes basket.

Your Friend,
Shawn Burton

Dear Santa,

I know what I want this year for Christmas. I want a T.V. and a dress. Also I want a mini skirt and an adopted baby doll. I want a bike and a trampoline too. I live on 121 Bridges Street.

Your Friend,
Johnsie

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this time of the year? I am fine I would like to have a BB Gun and a BMX dirt bike. I would like to have some candy too. I have been good all year. I live at the corner of Sisim Road and Piedmont Avenue.

Your Friend,
Damon Putnam

Dear Santa,

I want you to have dinner with us. Santa I love you very much. I want a trampoline and a adopted doll and poochie and a cartridge. I want a dog. I live on City Street, Santa claus, how is Rudolph doing, Santa? I want to see him I want a horn and my mother wants a washer and a dryer have a good Christmas this year.

Your Friend,
Shay Kennedy

LETTERS TO SANTA
From Students At
North School

Dear Santa,

I go to North School. I'm eight years old. My name is Christie Diane Greene. My birthday is August the 3rd. I live on North Tracy Street with my other friends. I want a baby that away doll and an adopted baby doll. My mother wants a pair of pants. I hope you will be able to get your sleigh off the ground.

Your Friend,
Christie Diane Greene

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Would you please give me Happy Returns and some Barbie dolls? and Cabbage Patch Kid, stroller. I live on Benfield Rd. I have two friends on that road because most people on that street are grown people.

Your Friend,
Kimberly McAbee

P.S. I think you will have to write me a letter what you want for Christmas.

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a T.V. and a little puppy a Cabbage patch doll and the Chimpunk bears. My mom and dad wants a computer and a new car. I am in the third grade I am eight years old. Will you come to see me on Christmas Eve. I hope you have a good Christmas and bring me a lot of toys and clothes and lots more things.

Your Friend,
Holly Roark

Dear Santa,

I hope you will come to my house I have two dogs. Go quietly so you will not wake up my dogs. If you go to my house I hope you bring me a Home Computer, G.I. Joe men, Star Wars men, Big foot, and please let me get that 40 lb. stuffed teddy bear and get me a Three Wheeler. Can you bring my daddy a three piece suit. And bring my mom a ring.

P.S. I don't know what to get you.

Your Friend,
Clay Corry

Dear Santa,

I live on Waco Road and I have been a good boy. Will you come to my house on Christmas night? I will give you some cookies and milk. This is what my family wants for Christmas. My brother is wanting a new coat. My sister is wanting some new pants. My mother is wanting a new car. My father is wanting a new gun. I am wanting a new motorcycle.

Your Friend,
Eric Ross

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. In school I have not got my card over once. When you come to my house, you will have to come to 203 Cook Circle and 103 South Goforth Street. Don't

Your Friend,
Josh Hanvy

forget to bring my baby sister a doll so she can stop biting me with her teeth. My mother needs a car. I don't know what kind she wants. You don't have to worry about my grandmother I got her something. The things I want are the G.I. Joe sky striker, the G.I. Joe dragonfly, I need trip wire and Snow Job. I hope the weather is good on Christmas day.

Your Friend,
William Harrison

Dear Santa,

I have been good in school. I like you so much because you give lots of toys to me on Christmas Day. I want you to visit our house on Christmas Day. I wish you would bring me baby skates so she could skate with me. I want you to bring my family a big T.V. I want a bike and a book. I wish you have a safe journey. Santa.

Your Friend,
Tosheen Peter

Dear Santa,

I wonder what I am getting for Christmas Santa. My name is Lee Hodge. I wonder if you will bring my mother a dress to wear. I am nine years old. How do you bring toys to everyone in Kings Mountain? I hope it snows on Christmas Eve. I have been a very good boy this year.

Your Friend,
Lee

Dear Santa,

I love you because you are nice to me. I think you are the best person in this world. When you get the toys for the boys and girls will you get me a stomper?

Your Friend,
Josh Hanvy

North Students Write Santa

Dear Santa,

I have a birthday coming up. I want you to get me a little car for my birthday present. I live on Thronburg Drive. Will you get mom a pair of slippers please?

Your Friend,
Stanley Jimson

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. My mom would like a remote control T.V. I live on Westover Drive and I hope you have a good journey. I will have cookies and cranberries and milk to drink. Will you leave something in my stocking. This is what I want for Christmas a speeder bike, a scout walker, a Ewok Village.

Your Friend,
Pete Small

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandy. I am eight years old. I live at 909 Ramseure Street, Kings Mountain, N.C. Santa what I want for Christmas is: pochi, Happi return, Baby skates and all the cartridges for Atari 2600. I have been good.

Your Friend,
Brandy Faucette

Dear Santa,

I live on 302 Stowe Acres and I am eight years old. I want a new set of barbie and a new baby doll and don't forget about my big sister. Please bring her a new stereo. I think my mom would like a warm blanket. Please bring my dad a gun. I love him very much and I have been good.

Your Friend,
Candy Cook

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a big trampoline and a T.V. I hope you get my brother a motorcycle.

Your Friend,
Shane



Dear Santa,

My name is Rhonda. I live on 603 Mica Street. Last night I was at a party and two of your helpers said that you had the flu they gave us a bag to carry to school I have got it with me right now for Christmas. I want a pair of skates and a diamond ring for my mom. I want a Alvin the chipmunk for my sister and I want a diamond ring for my dad. Please bring me a Sue and her beauty salan doll.

Your Friend,
Rhonda Falls



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