

## Obituaries

**ROBBIE HARRIS**  
BLACKSBURG, SC - Robbie Dean Harris, 25, 130 Martin Ridge Road, died Sunday, October 5, 1997 at his residence.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Claude Columbus Harris Jr. of Grover and Emma Maxine Black Parrish of Bartow, Florida. He was a loom technician with Weavetec in Blacksburg, and attended Bethel Baptist Church in Shelby.

He is survived by his parents; wife, Dottie Melissa Harris, and daughter, Angelica Breann Harris of the home; brothers, Samuel and Claude Columbus Harris III, both of Grover, Nathan Black of Shelby, David-Hughes of Augusta, GA, and Gary "Red" Hughes of Bessemer City; sister, Courtney Harris of Grover; step-sister, Amy Denise Ledbetter of Hickory; step-mother, Linda Jeanette Harris of Grover; step-father, Jimmy Parrish of Bartow, Florida; paternal grandmother, Ruth Harris, and maternal grandfather, David Fred Black, both of Cherryville.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Willie Lanier and

Billy Bowen at 2 p.m. Thursday at Christian Fellowship Church in Blacksburg. Burial will be in Cherryville City Cemetery in Cherryville.

Gordon Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

**TERESA YARBRO**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Teresa Jenkins Yarbro, 40, 118 Whetstone Road, died Sunday, October 5, 1997 at her home.

She was a native of Gaston County, and a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Donald "Donnie" Yarbro of the home; son, Ronnie and daughter-in-law Teresa Yarbro of Gastonia; parents, Dorcus "Red" and Jean Smith Jenkins of Bessemer City; granddaughter, Megan Yarbro; sisters, Doris Green of Lincolnton and Vivian Heffner of Conway, SC; and dear friends, Cindy Newton, Carolyn Paysour, Dena Yarbro and Beverly Anders.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Danny Stephens and Sam Snyder at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Memorials may be made to the Cleveland County Humane Society, 1010 W. Sumter St., Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**JOHN SLOAN**  
CHARLOTTE - John Wilson Sloan, 75, died Saturday, October 4, 1997 at his residence.

A native of Mecklenburg County, he was a graduate of Berryhill High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, and later became a member of American Legion Post 262 and a member at large of Veterans of Foreign Wars. After 37 years, he retired as a salesman for Wilson Sporting Goods.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Kathleen Hayes Sloan of Charlotte; daughters, Kathy S. McIlroy of Charlotte and Donna S. Cox of Anderson, SC; son, Dr. John W. Sloan Jr. and his wife, Martha, of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren, Paige M. Meadows of Mooresville, Kristen Cox and Erin Cox of Anderson, SC, and Jennifer Sloan and Joy Sloan of Kings Mountain; three grandsons, Stewart McIlroy of Charlotte, Dr. James T. Cox of Anderson, SC, and PFC John W. Sloan III of Fayetteville; and three great-grandchildren, Alexis McIlroy, Zachary McIlroy, and Kennedy Sloan Meadows.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John W. Sloan Jr. and Rev. Brian Taule at 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 7 at Calvary Baptist Church. Interment was in Steele Creek Presbyterian Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice at Charlotte, 1420 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204, and Calvary Baptist Church, 2200 Ashley Road, Charlotte, NC 28208.

Hankins and Whittington Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**JEAN HARMON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jean Wilkinson Harmon, 68, 5047 Harmon Road, died October 6, 1997 at Pelicare Nursing Center in Hickory.

A native of Lowell, she was the daughter of the late Bain and Lenna Walls Wilkinson. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, Lowell.

She is survived by her husband, Preston Harmon of Kings Mountain; son, Billy Harmon of Kings Mountain; daughter, Julie Harmon of Shelby; brothers, Ted Wilkinson of Gastonia and Sam Wilkinson of Sanford; and sisters, Virginia Wilkinson of Gastonia and Carol Ladd of Stanley.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. Paul Sorrells at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel, Shelby. Burial will be in Cleveland Memorial Park, Shelby.

Cleveland Funeral Services, Inc., Shelby, was in charge of arrangements.

**Robinson Gym to be dedicated**

Frazier "Slow" Robinson Gymnasium will be dedicated Sunday at 5 p.m. by Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1616 Kings Road, in Shelby.

The service will honor Robinson, who is known as one of the Black Living Legends of Negro Baseball. The Kings Mountain man was catcher for Leroy "Satchel" Paige All Stars.

After the banquet, visitors will be given a tour of the new gymnasium.

## Health

### Air Force gave Cunningham opportunity to become doctor

Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham, 37, the new general surgeon at Kings Mountain Hospital, likes her first civilian job and calling Kings Mountain home.

A former Major in the United States Air Force, Cunningham was recruited by Carolina Surgery of Gastonia and moved to Kings Mountain September 22 after being in North Carolina three weeks.

"Although we regret that Dr. Sam Robinson has retired, we welcome Dr. Cunningham to the hospital staff," said KMH Administrator Hank Neal.

A native of New York, Cunningham graduated from the Medical School of Georgetown University in 1986 and completed her residency at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

She served four years in the USAF and earned her medical degree from a military scholar-



DR. CUNNINGHAM

ship from Health Professional Scholarship Program and served at Holloman AFB in New Mexico all four years. She completed her Air Force train-

ing in San Antonio, Texas and received her undergraduate degree from The College of Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale, New York.

Dr. Cunningham will operate a surgical clinic and also be on call at the local hospital, rotating weekend call duty with six other members of the staff of Carolina Surgery including Dr. Robert Perkins, Dr. Mark Moskowitz, Dr. Andrew Light, Dr. Ray Vasquez and Dr. Sandra Schultz.

Connie Williams will serve as receptionist/nurse. The surgical office is located in the outpatient wing of the local hospital.

"I always wanted to be a doctor and the Air Force gave me the opportunity to complete my medical schooling on a scholarship which I am repaying by going out into the community in the general practice of surgery," said Cunningham.

### Health groups stress prevention

Promising better, more efficient delivery of health care, and a healthier community, four local health care providers have joined hands in an innovative partnership pledging their efforts and resources toward prevention.

A binding charter agreement was signed by participants, forming the Alliance for Health among the Cleveland County Health Department, the Cleveland Center, CLECO and Cleveland Regional Medical Center. The agreement is designed to streamline efforts, eliminate duplication of services and to focus objectives toward prevention.

"Each organization shares the same fundamental goal - improving community health," explained Denise Stallings, health director of the Cleveland County Health Department and chairman of the newly formed Alliance. "It only makes sense that we work together to share resources rather than compete for them. Our community is far more important than turf."

The Alliance positions Cleveland County for the future, Stallings said, recognizing future financial challenges for public and private health care providers, and to meet the challenges through a collaborative planning process.

"This approach is cutting-

edge," said Stallings, who was recently named North Carolina's Health Director of the Year. "No other community we know of is doing this; in fact, we have been asked to share our plans so they can be used as a model for other communities with similar challenges."

She says it's a matter of learning what's best for the community, then working together to satisfy those health care needs. "In the future, managed-care environment, resources will become increasingly scarce, so it is important that we re-evaluate how we spend money. They Alliance is part of that process and will help spread the dollar over a larger area. In other words, the community will get more bang for its buck."

Becoming more efficient is just part of the puzzle, however. Stallings said it will also be necessary to seek alternative financial support for prevention, education, health and wellness services.

Although the Alliance was just formalized, its members have been working together for more than a year developing a strategic plan to guide its efforts and, along the way, recognize opportunities to serve.

Even in this organizational year, the Alliance has initiated several projects in cooperation with the private section, including the W.I.N. program, which works with local industry to assess employees' health and provide improved techniques;

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### Auxiliary plans tree project

Decorative angels for a Christmas tree to provide \$1,000 for a medical student scholarship are being made by members of the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary.

President Sylvia Hallman said the angels are available for a \$10 donation and will bear the name of a person to be honored or memorialized. Citizens who want to participate in the project should contact a member of the Auxiliary or pick up an ap-

plication form at the hospital.

"We hope to sell at least 100 angels so that we can give our first scholarship in June," said Mrs. Hallman.

The tree will be lighted in the hospital lobby on December 3.

Auxiliary members making angels are Hallman, Peggy Baird, Ann Reep, Lou Ballew, Juanita Steffy, Jessie Collins, Verna Mae Allran, Edie Lovell and Jenny Maner.



HOSPITAL AUXILIARY PROJECT - Members of the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary are making angels to trim a Christmas tree as a scholarship project. From left, Peggy Baird, Ann Reep, Lou Ballew, Juanita Steffy, Jessie Collins, Verna Mae Allran, Edie Lovell and Jenny Maner.

Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown to our mother and to us during her life time and since her passing.

We as her children never heard her question why God let her suffer as she did the last several months of her life, nor did we hear her speak of evil of anyone.

God's Holy presence was with us in a mighty way at the time of her passing and still comforts our hearts in absence.

As her children we have resolved to be more like her and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In closing we would like to ask for God's richest blessing to rest upon:

Dr. Everette Thombs, his staff, and the staff of the Kings Mountain Hospital for the



excellent, loving care that each one gave to our mother. We feel that they treated her as if she were their own mother.

We also wish to thank, and to ask God to bless, the staff at Harris Funeral Home for their loving patience. We feel they helped us to make Mother's memorial service one which we feel would have pleased her, and one that we hoped honored our Lord.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Eunice M. Smith

## THANKS!

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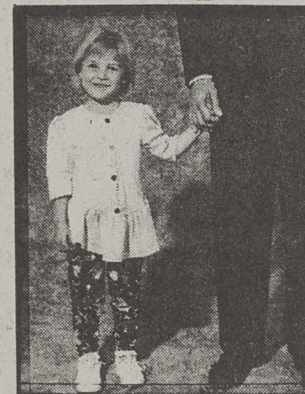
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