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Cherryville hairdresser Tina Leatherman gives Samantha Haskett during a Relay for Life meeting. Samantha is donating her hair to Locks for Love.

# Locks of Love

## Relay for Life meeting sees 11-year-old donate hair for wig for cancer patients

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An eleven-year-old girl and her hairdresser teamed up to help people with cancer. The girl's friend offered moral support and her mom helped with the scissors.

Cherryville hairdresser Tina Leatherman donated her time to cut five inches from Samantha Haskett's long, red hair. The cut took place during the Monday night Relay for Life team captain's meeting at the Patrick Senior Center.

Samantha will donate her hair to the Florida based Locks of Love. The organization makes wigs for people who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy treatments.

Samantha's grandmother Jimmie Lee Haskett died of cancer when Samantha was seven years old. That same year, she made her first contribution to Locks of Love.

"That's how much she meant to her (Amanda)," said Donna Haskett, Amanda's mother.

Monday night was her third time donating hair but her first public haircut.

"Anybody of any age can make a difference," said Andrea Whitesides, an American Cancer Society representative.

Whitesides admired Samantha's hair and

joked she would like to have it.

Samantha will not be able to find out who received her hair. Her mother speculated that the locks would be combined with other hair to make a complete wig.

Samantha was not able to have her hair permed or color treated in order to meet Locks of Love requirements.

"She was growing it out for somebody else," Donna Haskett said.

Amanda's grandfather Odell Haskett has been very supportive of his granddaughter's memorial to her grandmother.

Ironically, Amanda's late grandmother did not naturally have red hair but dyed it that color.

Friend Marlan Lawrence was impressed by Amanda's generosity.

"It's pretty cool. I've never known anybody to do it before," she said.

Amanda's father is Tim Haskett. She is a sixth grader at Kings Mountain Intermediate School. Her other grandparents are Pat and J.P. Carpenter of Cherryville.

Kings Mountain's Relay for Life is April 30 through May 1 at the YMCA walking track. For more information, call 704-730-1227.

# Unity service at GWU

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A county-wide Dr. Martin Luther King unity service is planned for January 18 at Gardner-Webb University.

According to Rev. John Houze, the event planners are trying to embrace the Christian community and help people understand God's love is real.

There will be a multi-

media presentation on King's speeches. Dr. Frank Bonner will give the welcome. Bishop Randy Borders will lead the prayer. Andy Robbie and Ray Hopper will lead congregational singing. Carolyn Briggs will read scripture. Jose Espinal will sing and make remarks.

Melero Kellstrom will lead the mass choir. Dr. Gerald Keown will introduce speaker Dr. Robert Smith, a professor of preaching at Samford Theological Seminary. Carroll Page will lead the candle lighting.

A reception will follow. Houze praised the keynote speaker.

"That man can tell you something," he said.

The service starts at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

## OBITUARIES

**FRANCES GREEN**  
WALDORF, MD - Frances Lefettie Lanier Green, 74, 2709 Sun Valley Drive, died December 28, 2003 at Southern Maryland Hospital.

A native of Lenoir County, NC she was the daughter of the late Paul Francis Lanier and the late Nannie Moore Lanier. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Oscar "Bud" Green, brother Rev. Paul Francis Lanier Jr., sister Hazel Jones, and grandchild Benjamin Roe Chilcote.

She was a member of Kings Mountain Church of God. She was a volunteer of the NC Cooperative Extension as a 4-A leader of the Dixon 4-A Club. She was a substitute teacher for the Kings Mountain City School System.

She is survived by her children and spouses, James Michael Green and wife Betsy of Waldorf, MD, Gloria Diane Moon and Tom of Concord, Sheila Cowherd and Philip of Harrisburg, Shirley McQueen and Rex of Boone, Margo Ward and John of Greenville, NC and Amy Chilcote and Ray of Lincoln; sisters Cora Belle Rouse and Rev. Kenneth of Gastonia, and Virginia "Jean" Francisco and Cliff; 12 grandchildren, Angie Wheeler, Rebecca Green, Alex McQueen, Bryan Green, Shannon Moon, Philip Cowherd, Andrea Moon, Kristin Cowherd, Uriah Ward, Isaac Ward, Julian Ward and Micah Chilcote; and two great-grandchildren, Jasmine Wheeler and Miriam Wheeler.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Kenneth Rouse, Herman Green and Tim Lanier, and Pastor Roger Woodard at 2 p.m. Friday, January 2, 2004 at Kings Mountain Church of God. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gary Benton, Philip Cowherd, Bryan Green, Steve Grigg, Kenny Gsellman and Alex McQueen.

Greene Funeral Service West Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**JANET KING KISER**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Janet King Kiser, 91, a resident of White Oak Manor, died Monday, January 5, 2004 at White Oak Manor.

She was the daughter of the late Claude and Sally Cunningham King and wife of the late Melton Kiser. She was also preceded in death by a son, Royace Kiser, and grandson Dan Whitesides Jr. She was retired co-owner, with her husband, of the Silver Villa Restaurant in Kings Mountain. She was a member of Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her son, Horace Kiser of Mocksville; daughter Amelia K. Whitesides and husband Dan of Shelby; brother Willis King of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Prow at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Activities Department, White Oak Manor, 716 Sipes Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BUNAH ROBBS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bunah Humphries Robbs, 96, 706 W. Gold Street, died January 3, 2004 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Ida Moore Humphries. She was also preceded in death by her husband James Howard Robbs, and two sons, Buford Robbs and Lyman Robbs.

She was a retired receptionist at Kings Mountain Hospital and a lifelong member of Second Baptist Church, where she was active in Sunday School and as a volunteer.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Robbs of Newport News, VA and Johnny Robbs and wife Doris of Shelby; daughters Louise Foster of Hampton, VA, Helen Tate and husband Oliver of Kings Mountain, Faye Tate and husband Vernon of Charlotte, and Jewel Warlick of Charlotte; sister Doris Bailey of Gaffney, SC; 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Richard Prow and Eugene Land at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 7 at Second Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**VERNON WHITMAN SR.**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Vernon Luther Whitman Sr., 69, 1203 Northwoods Drive, died Sunday, January 4, 2004 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Born in Seneca, SC, he was the son of the late Claude Henry and Thelma Johnson Whitman. He was also preceded in death by his half-brother Wesley Masters, and sister Beverly Ann Craig. He was a veteran of the Army and the Air Force and served in the Korean Conflict. He was in Retail Management.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Ann Towery Whitman; son, Vernon Luther Whitman Jr. of Kings Mountain; daughter Teresa Dianne Whetstine and husband Timothy of Gastonia; brothers Charles Whitman of Easley, SC and Donald Ray Whitman of Rock Hill, SC; and sister Carolyn Jeanette Whetstine of McConnells, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert Wells at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Joan Whitman, in care of 2306 Greenleaf Drive, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BEATRICE BELL WRIGHT**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Beatrice Bell Wright, 84, 902 Sparrow Springs Road, died December 30, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Miles Bell and the late Ardella Love Bell.

She was a member of Penley's Chapel, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her son and spouse, Larry and Katherine Wright of Kings

Mountain; sisters Ethel Gujton of Kings Mountain and Lillian Ligon of Blacksburg, SC; and grandchildren L.J. and Amanda Wright.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by the Rev. Jerry Millwood at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Blind and Visually Impaired, 330 N. Marietta St., Gastonia, NC 28052.

Greene Funeral Service West Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**SARAH THOMAS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sarah Hatfield Thomas, 85, 736 Canterbury Road, died January 5, 2004 at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia.

A native of Lumpkin County, GA, she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Minnie Dyer Hatfield. She was the wife of the late Herbert Luther Thomas.

She was a member of Phillippi Baptist Church, Dahlonega, GA, and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Wayne Thomas and wife Rachel of Kings Mountain; sister Birdie Edge of Dahlonega, GA; grandchildren, Cindy Blanton and husband Chris of Kings Mountain and Matthew Thomas of Kings Mountain; and great-grandchild Michael David Blanton of Kings Mountain.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Dennis Bean and Ken Faulkenbury at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2004 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation is from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home. Interment will be in Phillippi Baptist Church Cemetery, Dahlonega, GA, Friday at 2 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Anthony Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, 201 North Main Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28052. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**SANDRA LIVINGSTON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sandra "Smiling Eagle" Lynch Livingston, 50, 119-5 Mountain Side Drive, died January 5, 2004 at her home.

She was born in Ft. Jackson, SC, daughter of the late Roy Donald and Nellie Ruth Dotson Lynch. She was an employee of Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte and a member of New Buffalo Baptist Church, Grover.

She is survived by her son, Jason Eric Livingston and wife Tammy of Kings Mountain; daughter Carla Renee Peterson of Kings Mountain; brothers Roy Duane Lynch of Columbia, SC, Michael Jason Lynch of Gaston, SC, and Donald Wayne Lynch of Lexington, SC; sisters Sheila Turner of Grover, Reba Carolyn Lynch of Columbia, SC, Beverly Denise Lynch of Columbia, SC, and Mia Lynch Wise of Gaston, SC; three grandchildren, Savannah Rose Peterson, Brittany Cheyenne Livingston, and Erica Michelle Livingston; and four nieces.

The funeral will be conducted by Pastor Forrest Ridings at 11 a.m. Friday, January 9, 2004 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home, and other times at the home of the sister, 776 Lavender Road, Grover. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family of  
**Ellease Brown**  
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and passing of our mother.

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