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oncologist had to provide Murphrey's name and his reasons for using the drug for her case.

During both rounds of chemo Murphrey lost her hair. When the first clumps came out, she went to a wig store so the stylist could see what her hair looked like before more fell out. Murphrey then got a buzz cut.

Her good experience with a wig helped Murphrey console another chemotherapy recipient. The newly diagnosed woman was distraught over the prospect of losing her hair. Nurses had moved her from the large room where several patients were receiving chemo to a private area. Murphrey asked if she could speak with her. After learning that Murphrey was wearing a wig, she pulled it off to prove her point, the woman realized these could be made realistic looking. Her attitude immediately improved.

"That's what it is, working together," Murphrey said.

The next part of her treat-

ment was radiation. While Murphrey avoided nausea during chemotherapy, the radiation was more difficult, burning her skin.

Scans and cardio testing also were part of Murphrey's treatment. For her the closed, 45-minute MRI was the worst. Others are not fazed and sometimes fall asleep during the scan.

"It's awful inside those things," Murphrey said. "It seemed like a week."

One bone scan revealed a spot on her leg. Fearing an ominous spread of the cancer, the oncologist referred Murphrey to an orthopedist asking him to take a sample of bone marrow. Before the doctor would perform the painful procedure he asked Murphrey if she were taking steroids.

While athletes are the ones associated with the drug, Murphrey's asthma medication also is a steroid and can deposit on bones. Six months later the spot was gone causing doctors to believe it was not cancer but merely residue from the asthma medication.

"You can imagine my relief," she said.

The surgery, time consuming chemo, grueling tests and painful radiation were worth it. Murphrey's most recent scan found no cancer.

Inflammatory breast cancer is fast growing, rare - accounting for around one percent of all breast cancers

- and often deadly. Murphrey believes the cancer's location near the front of her breast made it easier to spot.

She's quick to credit for her recovery God, prayer and support from her husband, their daughter Traci and friends.

"Without God in my life, family, friends, supporters, such loving, caring doctors I would be lost," Murphrey said.

When Murphrey's husband would tell clients across the country about his wife's cancer they placed her on prayer lists. Churches and individuals from New York to Alabama were praying for her.

"I feel like that really helped. So does my oncologist," Murphrey said.

While she's upbeat, Murphrey is not Pollyannaish. She had times of questioning why the disease struck her. She cried and felt afraid and angry.

Why Murphrey got cancer can be partially answered. An overabundance of estrogen fueled its growth. Now she takes Arimidex to eliminate some of the hormone from her system. Murphrey also eats some organic food and drinks milk from cows which have not been given growth hormones.

Murphrey calls her battle with cancer a "tour of duty."

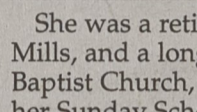
"It makes you a better person," she said.

The disease has taught her to ask friends for what she needs. Murphrey also has been included in the bond cancer survivors share. Once word of her diagnosis got out, others who had had the disease called her to share their experiences and the lessons learned. Some had never met Murphrey. In turn she freely shares her own story.

"If you just reach out and help each other," she said.

OBITUARIES

LILLIAN CAMP HENDERSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lillian Camp Henderson, age 91, resident of 907 Church Street, Kings Mountain, NC went to be with the Lord on April 14, 2005 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia, NC. She was born in Cleveland County, NC and she was daughter of the late Marshall Eugene Camp and Jessie Sanders Camp. She was wife for 41 years to the late Henry Loray Henderson. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Charles Camp, George Camp, Nesbitt Camp; sisters, Evelyn C. Bolds, and Dorothy C. Tate; son-in-law, James D. Tart and grandson-in-law, Billy Eldridge.



She was a retired employee of Mauney Mills, and a long time member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC and her Sunday School Class, "The Gleaner B's." In 2003, she celebrated her 90th birthday and was greeted by a host of family and dear friends. Until her illness two months prior, she had lived independently and maintained her home. She was a precious loving Mother and Grandmother and her family will miss her greatly. Our prayers were for her to enter His Presence peacefully, and God answered our prayers.

She is survived by sons Rance Henderson and wife Betty, Morganton, NC, Steve Henderson and wife Mary, Thomasville, NC; daughters Patricia H. Tart, Roanoke Rapids, NC, Kay H. Davis and husband Bill, Kings Mountain, NC, Phyllis H. Campbell and husband Ed, Kings Mountain, NC; Vivian H. Rikard and husband Jerry, Kings Mountain, NC.

Her grandchildren are: David Henderson and wife Sherrie and Julie H. Realon and husband Rod, all of Raleigh, NC; Marlene T. Lyles and husband Mike, Roanoke Rapids, NC; Lisa Eldridge, Sumter, SC; Wally Davis and wife Leigh, Conover, NC; Pat D. Baker and husband Bryan, Kings Mountain, NC; Yvette R. Cooke and husband David, Trinity, NC; Craig Roberts and wife Karen, Greenville, NC; Scott Campbell and wife Marsha, Kings Mountain, NC; Gina H. Douglas and husband Jeff and Amy H. Sweeney and husband Brian, all of Thomasville, NC; Holly Michelle H. Penland and husband Mike, Newton, NC; LTC James H. Rikard, and wife Sandy, Fort Still, OK; Quinton R. Rikard and wife Julie, Melissa R. Ploeger and husband David all of Kings Mountain, NC; Matthew Rikard and wife Julie, Lincolnton, NC; 38 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2005 at First Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, NC.

HAROLD CARROLL
BLACKSBURG, SC - Harold Carroll, 61, 105 Ridge Road, Blacksburg, SC, formerly of Kings Mountain, died April 18, 2005 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

He was a native of Cleveland County and was son of the late Glenn Robert and Hazel Marie Anderson Carroll.

He was a member of Cornerstone Church of God, Kings Mountain. He was former District Manager for the Gaston Gazette, Gastonia, and former operator of Homestyle Laundry, Kings Mountain. He was a dedicated and faithful Christian and loved the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Kay Carroll of Blacksburg, SC; sons Harold Alexander "Alex" Carroll Jr. and wife Cristy Dawn of Gastonia and Christopher Glenn Carroll and wife Joy of Blacksburg, SC; step-daughters Tammy Kay McKelvey of Spartanburg, SC and Tabitha Marie Carroll of Blacksburg, SC; brother Curtis Carroll of Kings Mountain; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Bruce Harry II and Minnie Webb at 3 p.m. Thursday at Cornerstone Church of God, Kings Mountain. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM "BILL" ADAMS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - William "Bill" Adams, 803 Rhodes Avenue, died Sunday, April 17, 2005 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

He was born July 6, 1924 in Cleveland County. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gus and Anner Henderson Adams; brothers Henry Adams, Ed Adams and R.J. Adams; and sisters Lillie Mae Black, Dolly Cash, and Emma and Wilma Adams.

He was a member of Midview Baptist Church. He was retired from Grover Industry and worked part time at the Patrick Center.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Foster Adams of the home; brother A.G. Adams of Kings Mountain; two step-children, Dennis Hope and wife, Jodie, and Dotty Wytte; four step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Bob Hope, Buddy Williams and Dennis Harman at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Midview Baptist Church. Interment was in Antioch Baptist Church cemetery, Blacksburg, SC.

Pallbearers were Mike Gantt, Chris Gibson, Steve Stamper, Ruben Arce, Mitchell Adams and Richard Adams.

Memorials may be made to Midview Baptist Church Building or Van Fund, P.O. Box 41, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Greene Funeral Service-West Chapel, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIS BELL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Willis Eugene "Poodle" Bell, 80, of 811 W. Mountain Street, died April 15, 2005 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was a native of Gaston County, son of the late Miles Pearly and Martha Ann Holland Bell.

He retired from J.P. Stevens Ragan Plant after 48 years of service and was a member of Holland Memorial Baptist Church, Bessemer City.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Myrtle Cook Bell; daughters Geraldine Ford and husband David, and Kay Truesdale and husband Buel, all of Bessemer City, and Nancy Bell and fiance Steve Peavy of Ridgeway, SC; son Eugene Bell and wife Sara of York, SC; nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jim Sawyer and Joel Rogers at 2 p.m. Monday at Holland Memorial Baptist Church, Bessemer City. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Pallbearers were Steve Ford, Rocky Hamrick, Garrett Pearson, Mike Peregory, Marty Vondra and Big John Revels.

Honorary pallbearer was Michael Bell.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Katie's Small Wonders will sponsor a balloon launch at 7 p.m. Scott Moss and Five Point Remedy will perform from 7:15 to 8 p.m. Echo 1313 takes the stage from 8 to 8:45 p.m.

Cathy Powell and Rev. Jody Griffin will speak from 8:45 to 9 p.m.

The luminaries will be lit at 9 p.m. A \$10 donation sponsors one luminary in honor of memory of someone with cancer.

Sponsorships can be purchased the night of Relay.

Miss Kings Mountain Relay will be selected at 11:30 p.m. during a womanless beauty pageant.

Walkers are encouraged to wear red, white and blue from 1 to 2 a.m., pajamas from 2 to 3 a.m. and crazy hats from 3 to 4 a.m.

Breakfast will be served at 5 a.m. YMCA Wellness Director Rosemary Seuss will lead aerobics at 6 a.m. Closing ceremonies are at 7 a.m.

Memorials may be made to "The Mission Readiness Fund," First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 786, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or The Women's Missionary Society, First Wesleyan Church, 505 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BARBARA HARDIN
MOORESBORO - Barbara Ruppe Hardin, 70, 122 Clover Leaf Road, died April 18, 2005 at Rutherford Hospital in Rutherfordton.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Ethel Allison Ruppe. She was a homemaker and a member of Plainview Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Leo V. Hardin, and brothers Harvey Ruppe and Dean Ruppe.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay Little of Gastonia; brother Oren Ruppe of Spartanburg, SC; sisters Flora Mae Ruppe and Frances Morton of Kings Mountain; special family member Will Hopper; grandchildren Amy and David Bennett, and Jason and Tara Little; and great-grandchildren Kayla Houser, Josh Houser, Ashley Bennett, Ryan Bennett, Storm Smith and Skylar Jolley.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Ray Hopper and Richard Harwood at 2 p.m. Friday at Plainview Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at McKinney Landreth Funeral Home.

A guest register is available at www.mckinneylandrethfuneralhome.com.

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The Family of **Ronald Harrison** would like to thank each and every one of you for all your thoughts food and prayers.

Love,
The Harrison Family

The Family of **Daniel Knox** Cancer Patient Survivor would like to thank everyone who gave donations at the Dollar General store on Cherokee Street.