

## **Harry Lee Robertson**

Harry Lee Robertson, the former co-owner of Robertson Mobile Homes, has been a long and faithful servant of his community, party, state, and country. Eighty-two years young, Harry was married to the late Mary M Robertson and blessed with one daughter, Jill Robertson and one granddaughter, Kara Moose. A graduate of Stony Point High School, Harry is a Korean War Veteran, having been honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

He is member of the South River United Methodist Church, having served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the church in the past. Harry has also served as Chairman of the Gwaltney Community Development Association and was honored by the Gwaltney Ruritan Club with their Citizen of the Year Award in 1995.

His community and civic involvements are numerous and varied, including being a past President of the Taylorsville Jaycees and now awarded a lifetime membership; Past Master of Lee Lodge #253. He is a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason Shriner, member of the Scottish-Rite in Charlotte, the Oasis Temple, and the past Masters Unit.

While Harry's efforts with these worthy endeavors says much about the man, there is another area of his life that he is passionate about that we haven't touched on. The topic that we all know and love .....politics. In Alexander County, if you looked up the definition of Republican, you would probably find a picture of Harry somewhere close by.

He is a former trustee of the headquarters building. In fact, it was through Harry's efforts, along with George Rader and a few others that resulted in the party purchasing its first building on Millersville Road.

A life-long member of the Republican Party, Harry has worked on numerous campaigns over the years and served as the County campaign chairman for Senator Jim Broyhill, (Jim) Martin, and Jim Gardner for Governor.

He was elected to and served on the Alexander County Board of Commissioners (1978 -1982). During his days as a commissioner, he served on a number of local boards and worked with various committees and boards with the WPCOG. He has attended two National GOP conventions as a delegate and has been a member of the Alexander County Republican Executive Committee for a number of years.

Following his time as a county commissioner, Harry served on the State Board of Transportation (1985- 88), and then worked as a Deputy Asst. Secretary of the Dept. of Transportation (1988 - 92). Harry was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Jim Martin and eventually retire from the DOT in 1994, but not before playing an instrumental role in getting a US Highway re-routed through Alexander County. The new 2D-mile highway was constructed and named in his honor. Kind of makes you smile to know that folks driving to and from Alexander County on US64 every day see

that friendly reminder and acknowledgment of the impact of good, Republican hard work, doesn't it?

In 1995, Harry was inducted into the NCGOP Hall of Fame. He is the first person in our area to have been awarded this honor. Harry has always supported our party with his time, money and experience and we say Thank You!