

Who was Liz Harris? "Profile of a Volunteer"

She was a 1964 Graduate from N.F.A.

She was instrumental in organizing a Girls Softball league in the town of Preston.

She was known to all the children as "Auntie Liz" and was often seen not wearing her shoes.

Her dream and initiatives to purchase the property and draw up plans for the Preston Community Park were cut short by her sudden death in 1992.

She was one of the first lady committee persons for Troop 75. She worked on scout advancement and helped lead several Troop High Adventures. She traveled, with the Troop, from Maine to Washington D.C. Her final Scout adventure was in 1991 on the St. Croix River Maine.

Her years of service in the interest and welfare of her fellow citizens and untiring efforts in molding the youth of Preston became her greatest accomplishment.

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LIZ HARRIS

■ **Activities:** Liz Harris of Preston is involved in a variety of youth organizations ranging from sports to scouting. In addition, she is a member of the town Board of Education and is active in St. James' Church. She baby-sits children in her home.

■ **Background:** The mother of three children, Harris worked for 15 years as a psychiatric aide at Norwich State Hospital. She compared her experience there to her many youth-oriented activities. "They both are emotionally rewarding. I enjoyed my job, and it is the same with kids."

■ **Quotable:** "I do the volunteering because it keeps me busy and — almost — out of trouble. I enjoy my "kids" in Preston, and I have a lot of them. I keep working for it because it's in. The way kids act toward you is really rewarding."

■ **Spotlight:** Sports keep Harris occupied year-round. She has coached the Bluebirds, a girls' softball team, for about 10 years. She was the team mother for her eighth-grade son's football team. Now that football and cheerleading season has ended, Harris has turned her attention to basketball.

■ **Next:** Harris said she would like to continue her school board work, and when time allows, devote more time to St. James' Church.

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