



2016 Inductee

SARAH SUE INGRAM



Could the readers of The Dispatch know, back in the mid-1970s, that they were witnessing the cutting edge of sports journalism?

Or did it even matter that Sarah Sue Ingram was one of the few female sportswriters in the country when she joined the staff of the paper back in 1973 for her first job ever?

Her readers were in for a treat. Ingram was not only a talented writer, but also a dedicated journalist who never failed to get the story. Blessed with a readable style, she was accurate, humorous and thorough.

And it showed. Although she wrote for The Dispatch for only three years, the Thomasville native went on to write for several others newspapers, including The High Point Enterprise and The Thomasville Times, where she served as editor, along with a stint in the sports information department at N.C. State.

She also wrote for Daily Press of Newport News in Virginia and The Brunswick Beacon in Shallotte.

Along the way, she won more than 30 press awards. That's how good she was.

Ingram even authored a book, "Pack Attack! The 1983 Championship Season," about the unlikely NCAA national basketball championship that N.C. State won under coach Jim Valvano.

Ingram was an active sports person herself who enjoyed playing softball and fishing.

But nothing gave her more pleasure than writing a good story.

Ingram passed away in March at the age of 64 after struggling with cancer.

