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The

CLEMSON A & M COLLEGE

Class of 1939

REUNION 1996

JUNE 7th & 8th

on their

57th Anniversary of Graduation
New plantings of Specimen Trees

Class of '39 Bronze Plaque for Names of Class Members

Wooden Benches with Backs

Perennials

Small Evergreen Trees

Naturalistic plantings

Medium Gray Colored Fine Garden Pea Gravel

Wide Light Gray Stone Paving Border

Path to the Presidents' Garden

Path to the Cadet Life Garden

Inscription in Pavement (both entries)
"Class of '39 Caboose Garden"

Steel Steps to match Caboose

Screen Plantings

The Caboose

The Class of '39

Caboose Garden

Plan View
Caboose Garden Dedication

3:00 P.M. Friday, June 7th, 1996
at the
Caboose Garden
in the
Botanical Garden of South Carolina

Welcome: Dr. Taze L. Senn
President, Class of '39

Introduction: James O. Sweeny
Committee Chairman

Remarks: Dr. Gary Ransdell
Vice-President, CU

Remarks: Dr. John Kelly
Director, Botanical Garden

Remarks: Ms. Lolly Tai
Design Architect, Heritage Gardens

Dedication: Dr. Dino Curris
President of the University

Unveiling of the Class Name Plaque Elton W. Shepherd Sr.
Class of '39

Appreciation: James O. Sweeny

To be followed by the Class of '39 Memorial Service
Class of '39 Name Plaque
Deep within the fabric of our minds and hearts dwells the memory of these, our classmates.
A Time to Remember

No one of us can recall all of our deceased classmates. All of us, however, have fond memories of those we knew best. Join us now as we relive those memories.

Opening Remarks Tee Senn

Roll of Remembrance Walter Cox

Meditation of Departure Tommy Thomson

Taps Brooksie Jones

"Fond memory brings the light of other days around me: The smiles, the tears of boyhood’s years. Sad memory brings the light of other days around me."
The following are classmates and wives of classmates whose deaths have become known to us during the past year, and whose lives we celebrate today:

Lucius Charles Bailes - June 25, 1995
Harris Lewis Beach Sr. - December 2, 1995
R. Harper Blakency - May 1, 1993
James Ryan Chandler - February 5, 1995
Lawrence Taylor Garick Sr. - February 11, 1996
Kenneth S. Harmon - April 18, 1996
Malcolm Cloud Johnson - January 23, 1996
James Boyce Nichols - August 26, 1995
Jackson Rice Price - July 31, 1995
Ralph J. Sullivan - October 21, 1995

(Mrs.) Jane Morgan Avinger - December 6, 1995
(Mrs.) Marguerite Busby Senn - April 20, 1996

The Meditation of Departure

We give back to you, O God, those whom you gave to us.
You did not lose them when you gave them to us,
and we do not lose them by returning them to you.
Your dear son has taught us that life is eternal
and love cannot die. So death is only a horizon,
and an horizon is only the limit of our sight.
Open our eyes to see more clearly,
and draw us closer to You that we may know
that we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with You.
You have told us that You are preparing a place for us;
prepare us also for that happy place,
that where You are we may always be,
O dear Lord of life and death.

- William Penn (1644-1718)
CLASS STATISTICS

As of June 1996

Enrolled as Freshmen in 1935  617

Earned a degree in:
1939  270
1940  29
1941  3
1942  1
Other  2
No record of earned degree  80

Total number identified with Class of '39  385

Known living - members  187
- wives

Known deceased - members  187
- wives

Not known if living or dead  11

Honorary members - living  9
- dead  2

Course majors of 1939 graduates:
Agriculture  108
Engineering  69
Textiles  46
General Science  45
Education  15
Chemistry  10

Current mailing list:
Members  190
Widows  54
Honorary  8
The Class of '39 Name Plaque contains 385 names of living and deceased members of the Class of '39. The listing includes all of the following:

- All who entered Clemson in 1935 and have identified themselves with the Class of '39.
- All who graduated in 1939 and have identified themselves with the Class of '39.
- All those who attended Clemson sometime in the period 1935-1939, and whose obituaries identify them as members of the Class of '39.

The key criteria are that the person has identified himself as a member of the class, and that his years overlap part of the 1935-1939 period. Some who would otherwise would have been members of the class have chosen to be identified with other classes - and so are not included. These, for instance, include some who entered in 1935 but finished after 1939, and some others who finished in 1939 but entered earlier than 1935. Still others entered in 1935 but left early to attend other colleges, or to enter the working world.
Edward P. Abrams
John A. Adden Jr.
★ Luther R. Ambrose Jr.
★ Joseph F. Anderson Sr.
Robert F. Anderson
★ William D. Anderson Jr.
★ Thomas B. Ardis
Charles M. Aull Sr.
★ Thomas J. Austin
Henry E. Avent Sr.
Harry C. Avinger
★ L. Charles Balles
★ J. Robert Bailey
★ Thomas R. Bainbridge
★ Marion C. L. Baldwin
Virgil A. Ballard
★ Charles D. Ballenger
★ Carroll F. Ballantine
Robert A. Banister
★ Timothy W. Barrineau Sr.
★ John S. Baskin
Thomas P. Baskin Jr.
★ Harris L. Beach Sr.
William A. Beasley
Thomas E. Bell Jr.
F. Dewitt Benson
Carl V. Black
Joseph W. Black
Guy E. Blackwell
• Irvin C. Blake
J. Roger Blakely
L. James Blakely Jr.
★ R. Harper Blakeney
★ Furman G. Bobo
Hoyt U. Bookhart Jr.
★ Harold W. Boozer
Theodore J. Boselli
Ernest O. Botts Jr.
Stanley J. Boyd
William B. Boyle
★ F. Lee Boylston
Ralph W. Boys
Fred H. Bozard
★ James H. Bracey
★ William E. Brackett Jr.
John F. Brailsford Sr.
★ Rhett M. Bratton
Thomas W. Brice Jr.
Ralph W. Bridge
George A. Brodie
★ Eugene R. Brown
William C. Bryan Jr.
Frank J. Bryce
★ David E. Burruss Jr.
Richard H. Burton
James H. Byington Jr.
• William T. Cain
★ William B. Caldwell
★ Fred H. H. Calhoun Jr.
Benjamin O. Cantey
★ William B. Capell
William A. Carlisle
★ Paavo Carlson
★ B. Frank Carruth
★ Robert G. Carson Jr.
William S. Cason
★ John W. Cathcart II
T. Max Champion
★ James R. Chandler
John F. Chandler
★ A. Hugh Chapman Jr.
★ A. Dewitte Chapman
★ Philip B. Chovan
★ Louis A. Citron
★ Edwin E. Clayton
Charles S. Clyburn Sr.
William O. Cofer
G. Ray Coker Sr.
★ James M. Cole
★ Alan J. Coleman
★ Robert W. Coleman Sr.
★ W. Desportes Coleman Jr.
★ William J. Coleman
★ William S. Coleman Sr.
★ J. Clinton Cook Jr.
• Henry M. Cooper
James F. Copeland Jr.
★ Otis L. Copeland Jr.
Harry H. Cosgrove Jr.
Henry M. Covington
James C. Covington Jr.
Walter T. Cox Jr.
Newell D. Crawford Sr.
★ Martin Crook Jr.
★ David D. Crosby
Henry M. Crouch Jr.
Fred E. Culvern Jr.
★ George L. Cunningham
★ Joseph R. Cunningham
N. Rhett Davis Jr.
W. Cantey Davis Jr.
Patrick Dennis
Charles A. Dewey Jr.
★ Theron W. Dillard
Joseph E. Dixon
★ Roy M. Dobson
Jules T. Doux
★ Philip N. Drew
★ Guignard R. Dubose
★ Oscar S. Dukes
★ Frederick A. Dunlap Jr.
Frampton W. Durban
John E. Duvall
★ Ryan H. Edwards
Andrew M. Evans
★ Joseph W. Everett
Harry Feinstein
James H. Ferguson Jr.
★ Roy J. Ferree
Robert B. Fickling
John W. Finney Jr.
Frank M. Fleming
★ John W. Flowers
Paul G. Ford
★ John W. Fortner
★ Harry E. Foster
★ Irvin J. Foster
William T. Foster
James B. Frazier III
★ William H. Frazier Jr.
Tally D. Fulmer
Arthur P. Gandy Jr.
Pickers A. Gant
★ Lawrence T. Garick Sr.
★ Arthur R. Garner Jr.
★ John L. Gaskins
★ William F. Gates Jr.
★ Robert M. Geer
★ James W. Gibert
★ Harvard C. Gibson
★ Hugh A. Gilchrist
★ Backman H. Glyph
★ C. Augustus Goins
★ Clifford J. Gormley
★ Johnnie R. Grantham
★ B. Zack Gray
★ Willard F. Grayson
William K. Greer
★ E. Wardlaw Griffin
★ Edward P. Guerard
Fred P. Guerry Jr.
Joseph H. Guess
★ C. Guy Gunter
★ Robert A. Guy
★ Myers T. Hambright Sr.
Edmund B. Hammond Jr.
★ George W. Hance Sr.
Kennett S. Harmon
Mayo N. Harmon
Jacob R. Harrison
James H. Harrison
★ Charles B. Hastings
★ John P. Hayes
Thomas H. Heatwole
★ Raymond A. Hempfell Jr.
★ W. Thomas Henderson Jr.
★ Bennett L. Hendricks Jr.
Carroll E. Hendrix
★ Robert L. Henry Jr.
★ Henry K. Herlong Sr.
Robert Hester
★ Robert C. Heyward Jr.
★ Theodore C. Heyward Jr.
Maurice D. Hiers
Edgar J. Hinson Jr.
L. Clifton Horner Jr.
★ Thomas G. Howard
★ Joseph B. Howie
★ John C. Hubbard Jr.
★ W. M. Manchester Hudson Sr.
D. Gregory Hughes
Frederick Hughes
★ Willard E. Hutchins
Donald M. Hutchinson
William P. Irwin
Ellis M. Ivey Jr.
★ Richard F. Jackson Jr.
Wister O. Jackson Jr.
Claude E. Johnson
★ Floyd D. Johnson
★ Malcolm C. Johnson
Ellerbe P. Johnstone
Champ M. Jones
Edwin M. Jones
CLASS OF 1939

Elder H. Jones
Jim S. Jones Sr.
L. Frank Jones
D. H. Jones
D. Thomas Joyce
Martin Kee
Hardin Keitt
James W. Kelly
Howard H. Kerrison Jr.
William J. Kienzle
Francis M. King
Alfred H. Kirchner
James M. Kirk
John J. Kirtley
Arthur T. Knox
V. W. Lucas Lafayette
Rick M. Lapham
Paul S. Lawton
Thomas O. Lawton Jr.
Gerry E. Lee Jr.
Willer L. Lee
N. Ralph Lester
John B. Lipscomb
D. M. Loyless Jr.
Thomas E. Lucas
Hart H. Lusk
John T. Lyles
James M. Lynes Sr.
Richard M. Lynes
James D. Mackintosh Jr.
William W. Magee
P. M. Mahon
George W. Mance
Jesse P. Maroney
J. B. Martin Jr.
Robert H. Martin
L. O. Massey
Howard J. McAlhany
J. L. McAlpine
George H. McCary
D. W. McGhee
B. McCracken
L. McElmee
Philip H. McCorkle Sr.
L. M. McCown
Robert R. McCravy
James G. McCully
J. Eugene T. McCurry
Norman J. McFadden Sr.
Thomas M. McKeever Jr.
Benjamin F. McLeod
W. O. McMillan
Malcolm L. McMillan
T. O. McNair
Clemmons C. Miley
H. F. Miley Sr.
Lester L. Miller
L. H. Miller
Lesley G. Mims Jr.
J. E. A. Mitchell Jr.
William H. Monckton IV
James B. Montgomery
Clay C. Moon
M. V. Moore
James B. Moore
G. R. Morgan
Bert W. Moss Sr.

John B. Murphy
D. A. Mustard
Walter S. Nelson
Burrell E. Newman
George M. Newman
William C. Newman
Max W. Nichols Jr.
Paul W. Nichols
James B. Nickles
W. Bryan Northrup
Frank W. O'Neal
J. Walker Owens
George D. Page
Norwood R. Page
Joe B. Palmer
Horace C. Parker
Scott P. Patterson
Benjamin F. Pearson Jr.
Francis E. Peebles
Bruce A. Peeling
Curtis W. Pennington Sr.
D. Townsend Pope
Mitchell R. Powers
Alexander H. Prengall Jr.
Jackson R. Price
Carl W. Prince
J. Ralph Pritcher
Morton Rabinowitz
Clarence W. Rainey
Francis L. Rawl
Henry A. Rayes
George H. Rea
Ira C. Redfern Jr.
William H. Rentz
Luther M. Rhodes Jr.
Robert W. Rivenbark
Alfred D. Rivers
William A. Rouse Sr.
William E. Rouse
John E. Rowland
Harry G. Salley
William Z. Salley
George C. Salvo
Melvin E. Sammons
Francis H. Scarborough
Frederick E. Schroder Sr.
Carl L. Schroeder
Blynn E. Scott
William C. Seabrook Jr.
Taze L. Senn
Carroll D. Shealy
Joseph L. Shealy
Vernon M. Shelly Jr.
Elton W. Shepherd Sr.
Frank H. Shirley Jr.
John E. Simkins Jr.
Stephen L. Skardon
Raymond A. Sloan
Albert W. Smith Jr.
Jacob K. Smith
Joseph G. Smith
Louie C. Smith
A. Harvey Snell
Alexander G. Speer

George C. Staley Jr.
Thomas F. Stanfield
Gaston W. Stanford Jr.
Denny L. Starr
W. Harold Stokes
Richardson L. Stone
O. Keith Strickland
Robert M. Sturges
J. Edgar Sullivan
Oren E. Sullivan Sr.
Ralph J. Sullivan
William E. Summerbell
James O. Sweeney Sr.
George P. Taber
John N. Talbert
Thomas W. Talbert
Willie M. Terry Jr.
W. Harold Thackston
Charles F. Thomas
E. Hilliard Thomas Jr.
Herbert J. Thomas Jr.
Roy C. Thomas
Fred A. Thompson
Barham F. Thomas Jr.
James R. Till
John R. Townsend
Heber V. Traywick
Philip Troy
Emory J. Vann III
Claude L. Vaughan Jr.
Jorge Vicara
Victor V. Vickery
John B. Wakefield Jr.
Carl T. Warner
George C. Waters Jr.
Lee E. Waters
J. Drake Watson
Philip S. Watson
Robert W. Watson
John B. Watson
Henry C. Whitehead
Frank M. Whitlock Jr.
Asa P. Whitmore
James T. Whitney
Jack L. Wilks Sr.
Coker D. Williams
George M. Williams
Horace B. Williams
James C. Williams Sr.
Loyal A. Williamson Jr.
Donovan J. Willis
Joseph M. Windham Jr.
William R. Wise
Russell S. Wolle II
Charles Woods Jr.
Leon C. Wright
Yates W. Wyant
Loran M. Yentz
Ernest L. Young Jr.
T. Benton Young Jr.
William B. Zeigler

Unknown if living or dead
Known deceased
HONORARY MEMBERS

of the

Class of '39

Ashby B. Bodine - FAW 1993
Joel V. Brawley - FAW 1990
Mark R. Eisengrein - 1989
James R. Ensley - 1995
Beth C. Farmer - 1994
Dixie G. Goswami - FAW 1989
Cecil O. Huey - FAW 1994
John L. Idol - FAW 1991
Ulysses S. Jones - 1981
Francis A. McGuire - FAW 1995
William N. Miller - 1996
David L. Senn - 1996
Virginia G. Senn - 1996
Elton W. Shepherd Jr. - 1989
Lolly Tai - 1995
Raymond C. Turner - FAW 1992

plus

All widows of deceased classmates

Note: FAW = Faculty Award for Excellence
# Class Officers

## Through the Years

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<th>Years</th>
<th>President</th>
<th>Vice-President</th>
<th>Secretary-Treasurer</th>
<th>Historian</th>
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At the 1981 reunion, the class voted in a slate of permanent officers, as follows:

**President - T.L. Senn, 1st VP - F.W. O’Neal, 2nd VP - J.O. Sweeny, Sec. - T.L. Senn, Treas. - E.M. Ivey**

Also since that time, J.W. Kelly has developed and maintained the Class of ’39 Necrology and other class records, and E.M.
One beautiful night in 1973 after Clemson had defeated Georgia in football, George Williams, then Asst. VP and Treasurer of Southern Railway, was talking with Reet and Tee Senn about Clemson and the Class of '39. Reet commented on the Horticultural Gardens and Tee's ambition to make it a place Clemson would be proud of. She playfully remarked to George, "Why don't you give us a little red caboose?" Some months later, George called Reet and said, "I have your caboose. What will you do with it?" Reet answered, "It would make a beautiful addition to the Horticultural Gardens, and it would make Tee proud."

Sure enough, Southern Railway repainted that caboose, shipped it to Clemson, and installed it in the grounds of the Horticultural Gardens. Friends at La France Industries furnished fabric for draperies and seat covers. Folks in the Horticulture Department pitched in. Beth Farmer and Linda Cartee made the draperies. Jack Crumpton put in the paneling and other interior components. Jim Crawford found various Southern Railway memorabilia to be placed in the caboose. At reunion time on June 8th of 1973, Reet christened the caboose with a bottle of Southern Comfort.

When reunion time rolled around in 1975, two major additions were made to the caboose area and the class of '39 tradition. The old guardroom bell, that had been salvaged when No. 1 barracks was demolished, was relocated adjacent to the caboose. It tolled some sixty times that June when the Class of '39 Scroll of Honor, recording the names of deceased classmates, was first displayed. Since then, the Memorial Service at the caboose has been a featured part of reunion activities.

Today, the little red caboose becomes the centerpiece of the Class of '39 Caboose Garden. Among other things, it bears witness to the Class of '39 annual reunions, for within it are photographs from each of the reunions from 1961 onward, along with other Class of '39 memorabilia. Between reunions, it houses the Scroll of Honor that now displays the names of over 180 deceased classmates. At each reunion gathering, it is the scene of the Friday afternoon service at which class members celebrate the lives of those classmates who have passed on since the last reunion. It has become the symbol of the class of '39, and a source of joy and wonderment to the thousands of children who each year visit the Botanical Garden.

As our ranks get ever fewer, it is the hope of the Class of '39 that some later Clemson class, who share our love for Clemson, will
The first reunion of the Class of '39 was held at Clemson in June of 1949. Thereafter, reunions were held at five year intervals through 1959. Beginning in 1961, the intervals became alternately two or three years until 1971 when they settled into a two year pattern. In 1991, the attendees voted to meet again the next year, and this has continued to the present. The attendance record is as follows:

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Legacy

of the Class of '39

Student Scholarships

Faculty Award for Excellence

The Bell Tower

The Class of '39 Caboose Garden

The Clemson University Heritage Gardens

“We too can make our lives sublime and, departing, leave behind us, footprints in the sands of Time.”
Class of '39

Golden Anniversary Endowment Fund Committee
&
Caboose Garden Committee

Henry E. (Bobby) Avent
William A. (Bill) Carlisle
Walter T. (Walter) Cox
Frank W. (Nelly) O'Neal
Taze L. (Tee) Senn
Elton W. (Shep) Shepherd
Barham F. (Tommy) Thomson
Russell S. (Russ) Wolfe II
William B. (Bill) Zeigler

James O. (Kid) Sweeney, Chairman
Class of '39

Reunion Committee

Bob & Rebie Banister
Joel & Fran Brawley
Ellis & Ann Ivey
Champ & Brooksie Jones
James & Marcy Kelly
Frank & Julie O’Neal
Tee Senn (Ex Officio)
The Class of '39 Bell Tower
THE FACULTY OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PRESENTS TO
(Engraved name of recipient)
• THIS RECOGNITION •
ITS HIGHEST HONOR

Medal of the

Class of '39 Award for Excellence