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Clemson A & M College

Class of 1939

Reunion 1997

June 6th & 7th

On their

58th Anniversary of Graduation
The Clemson Class
of 1939

We have waited ... now we see
What a Clemson class can be
In the life of our dear college
Where we learned our needed knowledge,
Our great class of '39
Proved the one of our kind
Which added to our campus scene
A memorial - ever green -
Caboose Garden ... Tower Bell
Here to serve our memory well
Of the Class of '39 -
Ours, the finest of the fine!

TBY, Jr. Class of '39
November 22, 1996
Columbia, South Carolina
### CLASS OFFICERS

**Through the Years**

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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 1981, J.W. Kelly has developed and maintained the Class of '39 Necrology and other class records. In 1997 his name will be presented to the class for vote as permanent necrologist.
Class of '39

Reunion Committee

Bob & Rebie Banister
Joel & Fran Brawley
Ellis & Ann Ivey
Champ & Brooksie Jones
James & Marcy Kelly
Frank & Julie O'Neal, Co-chairmen
Tee Senn & Betty (Ex Officio)
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
Robert L. LaForge - FAW 1997
*(1988) John C. Mann - 1975
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
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| 1981 | James M. Cole  
W. Desportes Coleman Jr.  
Otis L. Copeland Jr.  
John J. Kirton |
| 1982 | William J. Coleman  
Harold W. Boozer  
George L. Cunningham  
Perry E. Lee Jr.  
William H. Monckton IV  
A. Harvey Snell |
| 1983 | W. Thomas Henderson Jr.  
James C. Williams Sr. |
| 1984 | David D. Crosby  
Frederick A. Dunlap Jr.  
Harry E. Foster  
John P. Hayes  
Robert C. Heyward Jr.  
Floyd D. Johnson  
John B. Murphy  
John E. Simlans Jr. |
Thomas B. Ardis  
Paul S. Lawton  
Jorge Vicaria |
| 1986 | Charles D. Ballenger  
Robert W. Coleman Sr.  
George W. Hance Sr.  
Alfred H. Kirchner  
Watson W. Magee  
Priestley G. Mims Jr.  
Thaddeus R. Moorer Jr. |
| 1987 | David E. Burress Jr.  
Fred H.H. Calhoun Jr.  
Robert G. Carson Jr.  
Theron W. Dillard  
Myers T. Hambright Sr.  
Fletcher L. Moore  
Ira C. Redfern Jr. |
| 1988 | Joseph F. Anderson Sr.  
Roy M. Dobson  
Charles F. Thomas |
| 1989 | Thomas R. Bainbridge  
John S. Baskin  
Eugene R. Brown  
William B. Capell  
John B. Wakefield Jr. |
| 1990 | Irvin J. Foster  
Kenneth J. McCown  
Oren E. Sullivan Sr.  
Asa P. Whitmire |
| 1991 | Roy J. Ferree  
Harold C. Gibson  
Backman H. Glyph  
Edward H. Kerrison Jr.  
Scott P. Patterson  
Stephen L. Skardon  
Thomas W. Talbert |
John W. Fortner  
William F. Gates Jr.  
Hugh A. Gilchrist  
Johnson R. Grantham  
Willard F. Grayson  
Henry K. Herlong Sr.  
D. Thomas Joyce  
Francis M. King  
W. Lucas Lafaye |
| 1993 | R. Harper Blakeney  
Howard J. McAlhany  
Robert W. Moos Sr.  
William H. Rentz |
| 1994 | Timothy W. Barrineau Sr.  
Paavo Carlson  
B. Frank Carruth  
James W. Gilbert  
J. Martin Kee  
Forrest T. Knox |
| 1995 | L. Charles Balles  
Harrie L. Beach, Sr.  
James R. Chandler  
Edwin E. Clayton  
Bennett L. Hendricks Jr.  
Theodore C. Heyward Jr.  
B. Hardin Keitt  
James B. Nickles  
Jackson R. Price  
Ralph J. Sullivan |
| 1996 | Alan J. Coleman  
Oscar S. Dukes  
James H. Ferguson Jr.  
Paul G. Ford  
Lawrence T. Garick Sr.  
Kendett S. Harmon  
Malcolm C. Johnson  
O. Keith Strickland  
E. Hilliard Thomas Jr.  
Herbert J. Thomas Jr.  
Philip S. Watson  
Yates W. Wyant |
| 1997 | William R. Wise |
| Date unknown | E. Wardlaw Griffin  
Charles B. Hastings  
Thomas G. Howard  
Henry C. Whitehead  
Loran M. Yelton |
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 Bailes  
* J. Robert Bailey  
* Thomas R. Bainbridge  
* Marion C.L. Baldwin  
Virgil A. Ballard  
* Charles D. Ballenger  
* Carroll F. Ballentine  
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  
Carol 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. B Rackett 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. Burress 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  
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  
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* 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  
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John W. Finney Jr.  
Frank M. Fleming  
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* Paul G. Ford  
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* Irvin J. Foster  
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* William H. Frazier Jr.  
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Pickens A. Gantt  
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George H. McCarley
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Alfred D. Rivers
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Harry G. Salley
☆ William Z. Salley
George C. Salvo
Melvin E. Sammons
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☆ Loyal A. Williamson Jr.
☆ Donovan J. Willie
☆ Joseph M. Windham Jr.
☆ William R. Wise
Russell S. Wolfs II
☆ Charles Woods Jr.
Leon C. Wright
☆ Yates W. Wyant
☆ Lorain M. Yelton
Ernest L. Young Jr.
T. Benton Young Jr.
William B. Zeigler
• Unknown if living or dead
☆ Known deceased
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 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.
Program of Events

Reunion Weekend
June 5, 6 & 7, 1997

The Great Class of 1939

THURSDAY:

Registration - Madren Center - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Hospitality - Room 118 Holiday Inn - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Registration - Madren Center - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Golf - Boscobel Country Club - 8:00 a.m.
Lunch on your own
Memorial Service at the Caboose - 4:00 p.m.
Hospitality Hour - Class of '39
   Room 118, Holiday Inn - 6 p.m.
Dinner - Holiday Inn - 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship - Room 118 - until midnight.

SATURDAY:

Breakfast at the Madren Center - 7 a.m.
   With the Golden Tigers
Class of '39 Business Meeting
   Madren Center - 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Class Picture - Madren Center - 9:30ish
Lunch - Holiday Inn - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship - Room 118, Holiday Inn - 5 p.m.
Alumni Banquet - Madren Center
   Reception and dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Thus ends another great reunion for the Great Class.
Y'All come back in 1998 for our 59th Anniversary of Graduation, ya hear.
Deep within the fabric of our minds and hearts dwells the memory of these, our classmates.
Memorial Service

A Time to Remember

"Fond memory brings the light of other days around me: The smiles, the tears of boyhood years. Sad memory brings the light of other days around me."

Opening Remarks                      Tee Senn
Roll of Remembrance                  Walter Cox
Meditation of Departure              Tommy Thomson
Recognition of Family                Tee Senn
Prayer for Departure                 Greg Hughes
Taps                                 Brooksie Jones

Thanks to Marcy Kelly for her help with the Program.
Roll of Remembrance

Here we watch our brothers sleep:
Watch with us, but do not weep:
Watch with us thro' dead of night -
But expect the morning light.

William Drennan

Oscar Shider Dukes - May 1, 1996
James Henry Ferguson, Jr. - June 4, 1996
Eber Hilliard Thomas, Jr. - July 13, 1996
Alan Johnstone Coleman - September 3, 1996
Philip Spigener Watson - October 5, 1996
Yates Walter Wyant - October 19, 1996
Herbert Jeter Thomas - October 21, 1996
Paul Glenn Ford - November 12, 1996
Omar Keith Strickland - November 15, 1996
William Ramage Wise - February 4, 1997
It was but yesterday we met in a dream. 
You have sung to me in my aloneness, 
and I of your longings have built a tower in the sky.

If in the twilight of memory we should meet once more, we shall speak again together and you shall sing me a deeper song.

From The Prophet

A Prayer for 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)
Oscar Shider Dukes
Died May 1, 1996

Oscar was a native of Aiken, South Carolina, where he attended the local schools. At Clemson he was nicknamed “Charlie McCarthy.” He was active in several organizations as well as the Senior Disciplinary Council, and graduated in 1939 with a B.S. degree in Architecture.

During WWII, Oscar served in the European Theatre of Operations, attaining the rank of Captain. Following the war he became a practicing architect in the firm of Hallman, Weeks and Dukes, and later became a partner in the firm of Fellows and Dukes Architect Builders. Since 1954 he has lived in Augusta, Georgia, lately making his home at 429 Augusta Road in Augusta, where he was active in professional and civic clubs. He was a member of Trinity on the Hill Methodist Church, and was buried at Westover Memorial Park.

Oscar is survived by his wife Dorothy Freeman Dukes; a son David F. Dukes of Lexington, S.C.; two sisters and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Dukes writes to say how much Oscar loved Clemson. He was an avid sports fan and attended many Clemson football games as well as several of the bowl games. She plans to be with us for the memorial service.
James Henry Ferguson, Jr.
Died June 4, 1996 at age 80

Jim was born in Birmingham, Alabama and lived in Toccoa, Georgia when he was a student at Clemson. He earned a B.S. degree in Entomology from Clemson in 1939.

He served in Anti Air Craft in the United States Army during World War II, and separated from service as a captain. After the war he was Claim Agent in the Legal Department of Southern Railroad in Greenville, South Carolina, and moved to the Orlando, Florida area in 1976. Jim was a Mason and a member of several service organizations. He was a Methodist. At the time of his death, Jim lived at 1643 Bass Avenue, Seville, Florida.

He is survived by his wife Wilma; two stepdaughters, Colene Esely and Jessica Wright Boyceville; and by one brother.

Wilma writes to say that she and Jim attended our reunion in 1995 and intended to return last year but in late May they were both hospitalized. When Jim died she was still too sick to attend his funeral. She plans to be with us this year if possible. Wilma will have a new address: 4365 Bondarenko Road, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.
Eber Hilliard Thomas, Jr.
Died July 13, 1996

Hilliard was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, a son of Eber H. and Ada Lee Bragg Thomas. He attended Abbeville High School, and earned a B.S. degree in Textile Engineering from Clemson in 1939. We called him “Tom.” While at Clemson, he was active in the military, serving as Cadet Battalion Adjutant, 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment his senior year. He was a member of the Senior Platoon and played intramural basketball.

Hilliard went on active duty in 1942, and fought with the 101st Airborne division in France during World War II. He remained in the military and was highly decorated for his distinguished service. He was separated from the service in 1971 as a colonel.

Following his military service Hilliard retired to Abbeville and made his home at 110 Millwood Road. He served one term as mayor of Abbeville. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, serving for twelve years on its Administrative Board in various positions. He was buried with full military rites in Long Cane Cemetery.

Hilliard is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Sprouse Thomas; two daughters, Carol Trockman and Kathy Thomas Loeber; three brothers, two sisters and two granddaughters.
Alan Johnstone Coleman
Died September 3, 1996 just before his 78th birthday

Alan was born in Aiken, South Carolina on September 27, 1918 to William Wroten Coleman and Martha Johnstone Coleman. He grew up on a dairy farm in Aiken County, South Carolina.

Alan earned a B.S. degree in General Science from Clemson in 1939. He is a third generation Clemson graduate from his family, and his granddaughter, Alison Page Blount, has just completed her freshman year at Clemson. His grandfather, Alan Johnstone, served as president of the original Board of Trustees at Clemson from 1907 to 1929 and was the namesake of Johnstone Hall dormitory.

Alan was retired from the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, where he had received many honors for his outstanding service. He was a member of Fairview Presbyterian Church, North Augusta, where he had served as deacon, elder and trustee. At the time of his death his home was at 1027 Hampton Terrace, North Augusta, South Carolina, where his wife still lives.

Survivors include his wife, Lina Keesee Coleman; two daughters, Page Coleman Blount and Carolyn Coleman Thompson; and four granddaughters.

His daughter, Page, writes to say how much Alan loved Clemson. They plan to be with us for reunion this year.
Philip Spigener Watson  
Died October 5, 1996, Age 78

Philip was born in Ridge Spring South Carolina, the son of Roderick M. and Annie Spigener Watson. He earned a B.S. degree in Vocational Agricultural Education from Clemson in 1939, where he was active in military and a member of the Horticulture Club.

After graduation, Philip returned to Ridge Spring, where he became a life-long member of that community. He retired as a farmer, having managed the Watson Holly Farms of Ridge Spring.

He was a member of the Ridge Spring Baptist Church, and is buried in the Ridge Spring Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Harriett Lawton Watson; two sons, Philip Spigener Watson Jr. and Roderick McIver Watson Sr.; and a daughter Lynn Watson Graham.
Yates Walter Wyant  
Died October 19, 1996

Yates was born December 12, 1916 at Henry, North Carolina (now known as Vale, NC) to Walter Clarence and Alice Sarah Susan Yont Wyant. He grew up in Ninety Six, South Carolina and graduated from the Ninety Six High School.

Yates earned a B.S. degree in Vocational Agricultural Education from Clemson in 1939. When we were students some of us called him "Lum" and others called him "Red." As a student he was active in several clubs, including 4-H and Block "C", and was Boxing Manager in his freshman, sophomore and junior years.

He was an army veteran of World War II, and retired in civilian life as a Consulting Engineer, making his home at 8747 Winnsboro Road, Blythewood, South Carolina. Due to declining health, he spent a good deal of time during the last three years of his life at his second home in Mountain Rest, South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Spann Wyant; three sons, James N. Wyant, Timothy F. Wyant and Walter Y. Wyant, Jr.; two daughters, Veloxey W. Craft and Janis Cooper; one stepson, Richard Simpson and one stepdaughter Jacquelyn Reynolds; 14 grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

Yates is buried in the church cemetery of Trinity Lutheran Church at Vale, North Carolina.
Herbert Jeter Thomas
Died October 21, 1996

Herbert was born in Union, South Carolina on October 19, 1917, the son of Herbert J. Thomas, Sr. and Essie Harvey Thomas. He grew up in Hodges, S.C., where he attended the local schools. At Clemson he became known both as "Doc" and "Tom." There he earned a B.S. degree in Vocational Agricultural Education.

Tom served in the army during WWII, becoming a captain while in the European Theatre of Operations. Following the war, he was co-founder and president of the Holland (Michigan) Wire Products Company. His home was at 1975 South Shore Drive in Holland. He served on the Board of the Holland Hitch Company and the First American Bank, and was Past President of the Holland Rotary Club. He was a member of Hope Reformed Church, of which he was treasurer for several years. He is buried in Holland, MI.

He is survived by his wife Alma G. Thomas, a daughter Jean Martin and a son Dr. Herbert J. Thomas, III. Also, a sister Catherine Abbott of Central, S.C.

Alma writes that she and Tom attended many reunions in the past and she hopes to attend the 1997 reunion. "Tom loved Clemson," she adds.
William Ramage Wise  

Bill was born in Newberry County, the son of Clarence Rauch Wise and Eugenia Summer Wise. He attended High School in Newberry, and earned a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Clemson in 1940. He went on active duty in 1940 with the Infantry, transferring to the Corps of Engineers in 1941.

After separation from the service in 1945, Bill became a Registered Professional Engineer in South Carolina in 1946, and worked with the utilities commissions of Newberry and Greenwood, serving as Manager of the Commissioners of Public Works of Greenwood from 1952 until his retirement in 1974. He was a life member of the American Water Works Association, the South Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee and the American Public Power Association.

Bill made his home at 131 Ridgewood Circle, Greenwood, South Carolina. After the war he remained active in the Army Reserve Corps, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel from that service. He was a member of the Greenwood Rotary Club, American Legion Post 20, and the Boy Scouts of America. He was instrumental in forming the Pa Pa’s Program through the Rotary Club for volunteer action in the local schools. He was a member and past councilman of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, and is buried in Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are his wife Dorothy Bailey Wise of the home; two daughters Jene W. Riggs of Atlanta and Susan W. Turner of Jackson; two sons Clarence Rauch Wise of Greenwood and William R. Wise, Jr. of Atlanta; a sister Mrs. Robert E. Livingston, Sr. of Newberry, and seven grandchildren.
Paul Glenn Ford
Died November 12, 1996 at age 82.

Paul was born in Greenville, South Carolina on June 18, 1914, where he grew up. He was the son of John Martin Ford and Lola Grissom Ford. Paul earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Clemson in 1939. At school we called him “Peege.” There he was active in academic and social clubs, and was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi.

During World War II Paul served as a Captain in the Army Corps of Engineers. After the war he moved to Florence, South Carolina, where he was Vice-President of Harlee-Quattlebaum Construction Company for 38 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Florence, and served as Deacon for many years. Following his retirement, he moved to 6500 Queen Way Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. He is buried in the church cemetery of Bethel Presbyterian Church of Clover, South Carolina.

Paul is survived by his wife Edna Johnson Ford of Columbia; two sons, Cecil G. Ford of Columbia and Horace P. Ford of Mt. Pleasant; a sister, Mrs. Ada Ford Pursely of Clover; and two grandchildren.
Omar Keith Strickland  
Died November 15, 1996  

Keith grew up in Nichols, South Carolina. He earned a B.S. degree in Vocational Agricultural Education from Clemson in 1939, and that fall began teaching vocational agriculture in high school at Bennettsville, South Carolina.

In October of 1941 Keith joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet, and served out the war as a commissioned Officer (Bombardier) in the Air Force. Following the war, Keith remained in service for a distinguished forty-four year career in the Air Force and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., retiring in 1985 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He most recently made his home at 5228 Perth Court, Springfield, Virginia. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full Military honors.

Keith is survived by his wife, Geneva; a son, Sam C. Strickland; and a daughter, Joan Hyland. Also surviving are a brother and sister, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.
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