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The fourth day of June
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine
At three o’clock in the afternoon

At the Cadet Life Garden
The Clemson Heritage Gardens

Presentation Copy

for

Mr. William A. Carlisle

Class of '39 Heritage Garden Committee
Program

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President Emeritus, CU

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INTRODUCTION
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THE AVINGER FAMILY
James M. Avinger '74
President, Coca Cola of Orangeburg

DEDICATION
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ACCEPTANCE
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APPRECIATION
Dr. John W. Kelly '77
Director, South Carolina Botanical Garden
Jane Morgan Avinger
Jane was born on December 11, 1918 in Laurens, South Carolina. She was the second daughter of John Spencer and Marguerite Simpson Morgan. Although her hometown would be Union, SC, she was born in the home of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Simpson. She was an outgoing, energetic daughter of “Dr. John”, who practiced dentistry for fifty-five years in Union.

Jane’s and Harry Carlisle Avinger’s paths first crossed at a Clemson dance in 1938, but they did not officially date until Jane moved to Orangeburg in 1941 as a fifth grade teacher. As a 1939 graduate of Winthrop College, she had taught the previous year in Gastonia, NC and was a well respected teacher. Harry and Jane’s marriage in May of 1942 was at the outset of World War II. They lived as man and wife for ten months as they traveled across the country, Harry being a First Lieutenant in the US Army. He shipped overseas in March of 1943 to the South Pacific. Jane returned to Charlotte, NC, and then on to Union, SC, where she lived for two and a half years until Harry’s return. Upon his release from military duty in December, 1945, Harry and Jane settled in Orangeburg, SC where Harry was employed in Textiles with Orangeburg Cotton. In 1970 he became the owner of Orangeburg Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Harry and Jane became the proud parents of Harry Carlisle, Jr on March 25, 1947. Marguerite Morgan was born on March 26, 1949, and James Morgan on July 5, 1952. Harry and Jane are charter members of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, organized in 1956. Their sons, both Carlisle and Jim, are proud graduates of Clemson University in the classes of ’69 and ’74 respectively. Their daughter Marguerite graduated from Winthrop College in 1971.

Harry and Jane are the proud grand-parents of five grandsons and three granddaughters. Their second grandchild, Marguerite’s daughter Rebecca, graduated from Clemson in the Class of 1995. The Tiger tradition roars loudly in their family!!

Jane Morgan Avinger died on December 6, 1995. She and Harry had been married for 53½ years. It is to her memory and with much love from her husband, children and grandchildren that this walkway is given by Harry Avinger of the Clemson Class of 1939.
Harry and the Children
JANES'S CHILDREN

The picture at left, taken last Christmas in Orangeburg, shows Harry and their three children. They are, from left to right and top to bottom, Marguerite, Harry Jr., Harry Sr., and Jim.

Harry Carlisle Avinger, Jr. was born March 1947. He graduated from Orangeburg High School in 1965, and from Clemson University in 1969 with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He married Jan Almeida, a Winthrop College graduate, and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1969. After service in Germany and honorable discharge in 1972, he joined Carolina Power & Light that same year in Florence, SC. Carlisle and Jan moved to the Raleigh, NC area in 1976 where he is currently working at CP&L's Harris Nuclear Power Plant. Jan and Harry have a son Michael who graduated from North Carolina State University, and a daughter Katherine who graduated from University of North Carolina.

Marguerite, Jane and Harry's second child, graduated from Winthrop College in 1971 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She is married to Jay Ray. They are the proud parents of Rebecca Marguerite (Clemson '95), Jay Ryan (UNC '99) and Morgan Elizabeth, future graduate of University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. They reside in Charlotte, NC. They have been married for twenty-eight years. Jay is employed with J&H Machine Tools, and Marguerite is employed with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Jane and Harry's youngest child, James M. Avinger, was born July 5, 1952. Jim graduated from Clemson University in 1974 and earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1976. He is president of Orangeburg Coca Cola Bottling Company. Jim's beautiful bride of twenty years is the former Paulette (Dit) Wiehrs. Jim and Dit have three future Tigers: Brian, 16, Spencer, 11, and Paul, 8.
THE CLEMSON HERITAGE GARDENS

This project, a work in progress, is an initiative of the Clemson Class of 1939. The purpose of the Heritage Gardens is to present a visual display of certain important elements of Clemson’s history, culture and traditions. When completed, they will consist of the Caboose Garden (a special project of the Class of ’39, completed in 1997), the Cadet Life Garden (jointly funded by Clemson’s Golden Tigers and the Class of 1942 and completed in 1999), the University Garden (currently seeking a sponsor), the Presidents Gardens (still in the design stage), and a small amphitheater - all located on about eight acres in the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson.

In 1993, after several years spent in developing a basic concept, the Class of ’39 Heritage Gardens committee commissioned Ms. Lolly Tai, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture in Clemson’s School of Architecture, to develop the design for major elements (excepting the Presidents Gardens) of the Heritage Gardens. This work was completed in 1994, in which year the Class of ’39 agreed to fund the Caboose Garden. Construction began in 1995 and was completed in 1996, and at its reunion that year the Caboose Garden was presented to the University. Later that year, work was begun on the Grand Entrance to the Heritage Gardens, also funded by the Class of ’39. This was dedicated in early 1997 in association with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Guardroom Bell structure - a gift of the Class of ’55.

Meantime, the Golden Tigers were raising funds for the Cadet Life Garden. Funding was assured when, in late 1997, the Class of 1942 elected to co-sponsor the garden. Work was begun in January 1998; it was completed this year and will be dedicated on June 5, 1999.

Thanks to the generosity of Ben McLeod and Harry Avinger, the connecting walkways between the Caboose, Cadet Life and future University Gardens now provide graceful passage between these major elements of the Heritage Gardens. The Heritage Gardens Committee extends its sincere thanks to Harry for making this second walkway possible.
THE JANE MORGAN AVINGER MEMORIAL WALKWAY

Connecting the Cadet Life Garden and the future University Garden, this 60 foot long trellised walkway was specially planned by Professor Lolly Tai to incorporate an architectural feature of great beauty into the design of the Heritage Gardens.

The twelve foot wide walking surface is paved with Tennessee Crab Orchard stone, from a quarry near Chattanooga. The ten foot high trellis is made of Western or Incense Cedar (*Librocedrus decurrens*) for its long-lasting and insect repellant qualities. The trellis is supported on twenty-two elegant stone columns. Sixteen of the columns flank the pathway, while six columns, located offset from the walkway, will support three swing seats. A selection of several different vines will eventually cover the trellis, providing dappled shade, color, and fragrance.

When Harry Avinger decided to make a major gift to the University, he felt that he would like to help the class’s Heritage Garden project, and at the same time to memorialize his beloved wife Jane, who had died several years earlier. And so this walkway is now dedicated to her memory. Harry has been a strong supporter of Clemson, and has participated in all the projects that have been undertaken by his class.
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