The

Clemson A & M College

Class of 1939

Reunion 2008

June 12, 13 & 14, 2008

on their

69th Anniversary of Graduation
Program of Events

REUNION WEEKEND
June 12, 13 & 14, 2008
The Great Class of 1939

THURSDAY:
Registration - Madren Center Lobby - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Hospitality - Room 105, Ramada Inn - 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Registration - Madren Center Lobby - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Lunch on your own
Memorial Service in the Gardens - 4:00 p.m.
Social Hour - Class of '39 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
      Poolside, Ramada Inn
Dinner - Ramada Inn Dining Room - 7:00 p.m.
      Honorary member installation - Dr. Jerome V. Reel, Jr.
      Fellowship - Room 105 - until midnight.

SATURDAY:
Registration - Madren Center Lobby - 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Golden Tiger Breakfast - Madren Center - 8 a.m.
Class Meeting - Madren Center - 9:30 a.m.
Class Picture - 10:00ish
Fellowship - by the pool - Ramada Inn - 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at the Ramada Inn - 12:30 p.m.
      Honorary member installation - Dr. Alma Bennett

Thus ends another great reunion for the Great Class. Y'all come in 2009
for our 70th Anniversary of Graduation, ya hear!
2008

Memorial Service

for

Deceased Members of the Class of ’39

Opening Remarks  Tee Senn
Roll of Remembrance  Jim Sweeny
Meditation of Departure  Fran Brawley
Recognition of Family  Tee Senn
Prayer for Departure  Champ Jones
Taps  James Cox
Guardroom Bell Ringer  Joel Brawley

And let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing
The Prophet
ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

I'll want to know each step you take
that I may walk the same
for some day down that lonely road
you'll hear me call your name.

From a resting bench
Turkey Creek Cemetery, Lee County, SC

Classmates

Richardson L. Stone January 27, 2006
J. Walker Owens June 25, 2006
Robert Hester January 3, 2007
Thomas H. Heatwole May 18, 2007
Joseph L. Shealy October 3, 2007
Paul W. Nichols October 28, 2007
George C. Salvo November 17, 2007
Victor V. Vickery December 4, 2007
Carl V. Black January 7, 2008
Joel H. Radcliffe January 19, 2008
G. Ray Coker, Sr. February 11, 2008

Wives of Classmates

Vertie R. Crouch March 10, 2007
Marcelle H. Kelly April 5, 2007
Frances M. Newman June 25, 2007
Evelyn W. Page July 7, 2007
Ruth P. Kirk July 29, 2007
Dorothy W. Watson August 7, 2007
Louise M. Thompson August 17, 2007
Alice C. Radcliffe December 11, 2007
Corinne B. Burton February 5, 2008
Mary Ann S. Ivey March 23, 2008
THE MEDITATION OF DEPARTURE

From Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar"

Sunset and evening star,
   And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
   When I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell,
   And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
   When I embark.

A Prayer for the Departed
By William Penn (1644 - 1718)

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 a 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.
OBITUARIES

of

Classmates

whose deaths have become known to us

since our last reunion

in June 2007
Dr. Richardson Lee Stone, 87, died Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Savannah. He was a native of Sandersville, GA, and a long-time resident of Savannah.

Dick Stone obtained his Pre-Med degree from Clemson with the class of 1939. In 1940 he was called to active duty with the US Army Air Force, serving in the Medical Department until 1946. He then entered The Medical College of Georgia, receiving his Medical degree in Anesthesia in 1950. He settled in Savannah, and worked as a medical doctor with Anesthesia Associates for some thirty-five years. On retiring from his medical practice, he and his family moved to Rincon, GA.

Dr. Stone enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and University of Georgia football. He was an avid gardener who loved flowers, his favorite being the Camellia.

Surviving are his wife, Amy "Jo" Ruth Elmore Stone; daughters and sons-in-law Lee S. and John Kendrix of Canton, GA, Susan S. and Richard Hinely of Savannah, GA; sons John Stone of Charlotte, NC and Mark Stone of Santa Fe, NM; grandchildren Brian and Angela Wallace and Amy and James Hinely.

Graveside services were held on Monday, January 30, in the Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Savannah.
J. Walker Owens, 89, of Banning, CA, was born June 16, 1917 in Aiken, SC. His parents were the Rev. Milum O. And Mrs. Jessie Hammett Owens. He attended Clemson with the class of 1939, and received his BA degree from the University of South Carolina, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

During World War II, Walker served as a Bombardier/Navigator in the US Army Air Force, flying some 110 missions in the South Pacific. His plane was shot down three times, one of which the crew floated on a raft in the South Pacific for a week before finally being observed and saved by the US Air Force. Among other service medals, he received several Purple Hearts.

In civilian life he was a management consultant, served as at various times as Manager of the Chambers of Commerce of Salisbury, NC, Charleston, SC, Lake Charles, LA, Odessa, TX, Elmira, NY, Torrence, CA, and was an Executive Director of the US Chamber of Commerce. He was a director of the Del Amo Savings Bank of Torrence. He established the J. Walker Owens Volunteer Award for outstanding service to Torrence. In 1969 he served as chairman of the Western Association of Chamber Executives.

He is survived by his wife Dorie M. Owens of 1326 Pine Valley Road, Banning, CA 92220-5452; sons Timothy Owens of Niles, IL, Richard Owens of Chicago, IL, and James Randell Owens of Lake Villa, IL; a stepdaughter Linder Shearer of Seattle, WA; two stepsons, Stephen Redgrift of Fountain Valley, CA and Paul Redgrift of Torrence, CA; a brother, Rev. M.O. Owens, Jr. of Gastonia, NC; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Terrell Owens.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 30 at Fellowship in the Pass with burial following at Riverside National Cemetery.
Born in St. George, SC, Robert graduated from Clemson University in 1939 with a BS degree in Chemical Engineering. At school he was a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, the honor chemistry fraternity, and of Phi Kappa Phi, and he earned high scholastic honors.

He served in World War II with the US Army, and afterwards attended Princeton University, earning a Master’s Degree in Chemical Engineering. He worked for Tennessee Eastman for 36 years, retiring as a Senior Chemical Engineer.

Mr. Hester was a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, where he taught Sunday School, was a lay reader, an usher, and served on various committees. He played duplicate bridge and was a Life Master.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Springer Hester, in 2004; and by his brother, Benjamin Franklin Hester. Surviving are his daughter, Betty Springer Hester of Carriere, MS; two sons, Robert Lewis Hester of Atlanta, GA, and David Weeks Hester and wife Kim of Magnolia, TX; and three grandsons, Garrett Paul Webb, Riley Weeks Hester, and Trent David Hester.

Graveside services were conducted on Friday, January 5, at Oak Hill Memorial Park, with the Rev. Edward James Mills, III officiating.
Blackie Heatwole, as he was popularly known when at Clemson, died Friday at the Oak Leaf Nursing Home in Harrisonburg, VA. He was born in Harrisonburg on October 8, 1916, a son of John and Bess Deter Heatwole.

He graduated from McKinley High School in Washington, DC, and received his BS degree in Textile Chemistry from Clemson University in 1939. At Clemson he participated in Intercollegiate football and was a member of the varsity squad his senior year. He was also a member of Tiger Brotherhood and Phi Psi, the honorary Textile fraternity.

On July 4, 1940, he married Dorothy Nutt. He was a self-employed accountant in Fredericksburg, MD, and later in Harrisonburg, VA, retiring in 2000. He was a member of the Lake of the Woods Church and the Lake of the Woods Lions Club, where he won the state Humanitarian Award.

Surviving besides his wife are three daughters, Linda Griffin of Manassas Park, VA, Judith Meyerhoffer of Falls Church, VA, and Christine Kennicott of Berryville, MD; a brother, James Heatwole of Front Royal, VA; three sisters, Janet Sisk of Centreville, VA, Betty Berge of Front Royal, VA, and Norma Sweeney of Catskill, NY; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Lindsey Funeral Home in Harrisonburg. E-mail condolences may be sent to lindseyfh@comcast.net.
Joe Shealy was born on December 4, 1917 in Lexington County, a son of Berley V. and Lula L. Shealy. He graduated from Clemson College in 1939 with a BS degree in Agronomy. At Clemson he was an honor student and a member of Alpha Zeta and Kappa Alpha Sigma, honorary agricultural and agronomy fraternities.

After graduation, Joe returned to the family farm, Twin City Farms, and on November 29, 1939 he married Elizabeth Quattlebaum. In 1942 he was called to active duty with the US Army, and assigned to the 82nd Airborne “All American” Division, in which he served as a glider trooper. His unit landed at Casablanca on May 10, 1943. His first combat engagement was the air assault on Sicily on July 9, 1943. For that and ensuing engagements, he earned the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. He was released from active duty in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

On discharge, Joe returned to the farm, and while continuing to manage the farm, he organized the first National Guard in Batesburg-Leesville, acquiring the property where the US National Guard Armory now stands. The official organization date was March 6, 1947. In 1948, Captain Shealy was promoted to Battalion S3 and placed on the Battalion staff. For his yeoman efforts in establishing a National Guard Armory, he was awarded the Order of the Palmetto in 2003 by Governor Sanford.

Mr. Shealy died Wednesday, October 3, 2007. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, October 6, at Wittenberg Lutheran Church with the Rev. Michael Sherman officiating. Burial with full military honors followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are Joe’s four children, Charles W. Shealy of Leesville, Patricia F. Shealy of Prosperity, Jeanette E. Shealy and Jerry P. Shealy, both of Batesburg; a sister, Mary S. (Mrs. Gerrald A.) Watson of Monetta; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth and their son, Joseph L. Shealy, Jr.; a sister, Martha S. (Mrs. Harold S.) Watson; and a brother, Walter K. Shealy.

Memorials may be made to Wittenberg Lutheran Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 3447, Batesberg-Leesville, SC 29070.
Paul Willard Nichols  
Died October 28, 2007

Paul Nichols died Sunday in the Saluda Nursing Home. He was born on September 13, 1916 in Saluda, a son of Bennie C. and Nina L. Nichols. After completing the Saluda schools, he entered Clemson in 1935, and graduated in 1939 with a BS degree in Agricultural Education. Paul returned to Saluda and taught in the local school system until he enlisted in the army on June 4, 1942.

Following his military service, Paul returned to Saluda and became a dairy farmer and part owner (with his brother-in-law Harold Longshore) and operator of Nichols & Longshore Dairy. He married Elsie Bedenbaugh, and they had two children. Paul was a member of the Corinth Lutheran Church.

Funeral services for Paul were held on Wednesday, the 31st, at the Corinth Lutheran Church with Reverend Stan Leas officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors included a son and daughter-in-law David and Susie Nichols of Prosperity; a daughter and son-in-law Karen and Stephen Benz of Palm Beach, FL; three brothers, Guy, Grady, and Jake Nichols, all of Saluda; three sisters, Matilda Freeland of McCormick, Mamie Lee Longshore and Nellie Riley, both of Saluda; and five grandchildren, Brien and Michelle Benz, and Kayla, Miriam and Adam Nichols. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Tillman, Roy, Wilson and Gilbert Nichols; and a sister, Georgia Faye.

Memorials may be made to the Corinth Lutheran Church, 3178 Denny Highway, Prosperity, SC 29127.
George Salvo was born on December 24, 1916 in Charleston, a son of Clifton G. and Mae Salvo. He attended the Charleston schools, and entered Clemson in 1935. At Clemson, George was on the Rifle Team each year, earning a minor Block C, and was a member of the Horticulture Club and the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Platoons. He graduated in 1939 with a BS degree in Horticulture.

Following college, George worked as an accountant for a while, and on September 6, 1940 enlisted in the Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet. George married Eugenia Calhoun, with whom he had two children. Their marriage ended in divorce in July, 1967. George later married Aimee Lawton.

After graduation from pilot training at Randolph AFB in Texas, George flew as a bomber pilot in the Pacific in WWII, and flew as a decorated pilot in the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and 1949. The family returned from Europe in 1953, and George was stationed in Florida. Col. Salvo retired from the Air Force in 1961.

George attended Rollins College in Winter Park, FL, earning a Masters degree in Education. He became a 6th grade teacher in the Eccleston Elementary School in Orlando, FL, from which he retired after 25 years of teaching. After the death of his wife Aimee in 2000, George moved to Palm Springs to be near his son Gerald. In Palm Springs he volunteered at the Desert Medical Center for several years, for which service he received many commendations.

Colonel George C. Salvo passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 17, his son Gerald by his side.
Victor Van Vickery  
Died December 4, 2007

Van passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday.

He was born in Central, SC on October 4, 1918, a son of John D. and Sadie S. Vickery. He attended the local schools, and entered Clemson as a day student, finishing in 1939 with a BS degree in Vocational Agricultural Education. Only shortly afterwards, he was called into active duty with the army, and over the next few years he served with the 33rd Infantry Division, both in Japan and in the Philippine Islands.

After the war, Van and his wife Edna moved to Forest City, NC, where he owned and operated Vickery Farm Center for over 50 years. He also operated a turkey and hog farm in Ellenburg, NC.

Van was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Forest City, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and as a deacon. He was also a member of the Gideon’s.

Van was survived by his wife and their four children; a brother, John Vickery of Easley; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister and four brothers.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 7, at the First Baptist Church in Forest City, NC.

Memorials may be made to Gideon’s International, 730 West Main Street, Forest City, NC 28043
Carl Victor Black  
Died January 7, 2008

Carl Black, 91, died Saturday at Adams Place HealthCare. He was born on February 28, 1917 in Batesburg, a son of Orlando W. and Mary P. Black. He attended the public schools in Saluda, and entered Clemson in 1935. At Clemson Carl played varsity football, earning a Block C, and was Co-Captain of the Clemson team that played in the 1940 Cotton Bowl. He graduated in January 1940 with a BS degree in Vocational Agricultural Education.

Carl taught for a year at Woodbury in Cannon County, TN before being called into active duty with the army in June of 1941. After training at Fort Benning, he was transferred to the China-Burma-India theater in January 1942 where he served for 18 months before being returned to the states. After release from active duty, he remained in the reserves, finally retiring as a Lt. Col., U.S. Army.

Back in civilian life, Carl continued in Vocational Education, first as a teacher in Central High in Murfreesboro, TN, and then in the Tennessee Department of Education, finally retiring as Director of the state’s manpower program and interim director of the Vocational-Technical School in Murfreesboro.

Carl was a member of the First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, a Mason, and a charter member of the Rutherford County Sportsman Club.

Funeral services for Carl were held Tuesday, January 8, at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Dr. Eugene Coty and Dr. Michael Smith officiated. Burial followed in the Riverside Cemetery in Woodbury, TN.

He was survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Wordna Bragg Black; two daughters, Mary B. Lovelace and Patricia B. League, both of Murfreesboro; daughter-in-law Viki Black of Gallatin, TN; nine grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and seven great great-grand children. He was pre-deceased by his son Carl. V. Black, Jr.
Joel Hallman Radcliffe  
Died January 19, 2008

Joel Radcliffe died on January 20, 2008, at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro. He was born in Aiken on July 11, 1916, to Joseph H. and Minnie L. Radcliffe. His father died when Joel was eighteen months old, so he was raised by his mother and stepfather, W.P. Dunbar. Joel graduated from Aiken Institute, and entered Clemson in 1935. At Clemson he was a member of the best-drilled platoon his sophomore year, and Battalion Adjutant and president of the Aiken County Club his senior year. He graduated in 1939 with a BS degree in Textile Engineering.

Joel went to work in 1939 with Burlington Industries in Alta Vista, VA, and on June 22, 1940 he and Alice Colvin were married. On February 19, 1942 he was called into active duty with the US Army. After training in the states, he departed for Europe on Feb. 19, 1945 as a company commander in the 97th Infantry Division. Against heavy resistance, the division eliminated the so-called Ruhr pocket in Germany, after which it retook parts of Czechoslovakia before being redeployed to Japan for occupation duty. It was deactivated on March 31, 1946, so Captain Radcliffe was honorably discharged on April 15, 1946.

Returning to Alta Vista, he resumed his work with Burlington Industries. He was later transferred to Greensboro, NC, and retired in 1978 with nearly 40 years of service to the company. Over the years, he and Alice provided a home-away-from-home for many foreign college students. He was a member of the First Baptist Church for 57 years, serving as deacon and usher. He was also a member of the Gate City Civitan Club.

In retirement, Joel lived a full life. He served as a volunteer with the International Executive Service Corps, advising textile companies in developing countries. He traveled widely on church-building trips. He was actively involved in reunions of Companies B and C of the 97th Infantry. He rarely missed any of the activities of his Clemson Class of '39. For sport, Joel was an avid tennis player.

A memorial service was held on January 26 in the First Baptist Church Chapel. He was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Survivors were his two children, Mary R. Welch of Falls Church, VA, and Joel Radcliffe, Jr. of Summerville, SC; grandson David Welch and his wife Carolyn; and great-grandchildren Zachary and Danielle of Falls Church, VA. Also a nephew, Michael C. Jones of Atlanta; two nieces, Betsy Jones Lederhaus of Aiken and Beverly Jones Hiller of Florence; and a sister-in-law, Earlise Mobley of Anderson. He was predeceased by Alice, his wife of sixty-seven years.
Gerald Ray Coker, Sr.
Died February 11, 2008

Ray Coker, 89, died Monday in a Columbia hospital after an illness. Born in Turbeville, he was the son of Clarence E. and Laura J. Coker. He was a US Army veteran, having served in World War II. In 1939 he was captain of the Clemson baseball team.

Ray had retired from Coker Builders, Inc. where he served as president for over 61 years. He was a former Mayor of the town of Turbeville for over 30 years, and served on many boards, including 5 years on the SC Development Board and 20 years on the Clarendon County School District #3 Board of Trustees.

Mr. Coker was a charter member and past president of the Turbeville Ruritan Club and the American Legion. He was past Chairman of the Board of Directors for The Citizens Bank, chairman of the Board of Visitors of Columbia College, and served on the Board of Visitors of Coker College. In 1987, Mr. Coker was named SC Small Businessman of the Year. In 1998 he was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent by the Governor.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Elizabeth Green Coker of Turbeville; four daughters, Mary (Mrs. James) Ham, Helen Reid and Peggy Green, all of Charleston, and Cindy C. Coker of Winnipeg, Canada; a son, Gerald Ray Coker, Jr. and his wife Ann of Greenville; a sister, Laura Jane Thigpen of Byron, GA; four brothers, Larry Warren Coker and his wife Mary Ann and Donald Grey Coker and his wife Lois Ann, all of Turbeville, Homer Coker and his wife Joan of Carrollton, GA, and Clarence E. Coker and his wife Sandra of Manning; two sisters-in-law, Eloise Reid of Sumter and Pat Suber of Columbia; a brother-in-law, LeRoy Green of Shiloh; eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Ray were held Thursday, February 14 at Pine Grove United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery, conducted by Floyd Funeral Home of Olanta.

Memorials may be made to the Pine Grove United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 140, Turbeville, SC 29162.
Vestie Rogers Youngblood Crouch
Died March 10, 2007

Mrs. Crouch, 79, died Sunday, March 9 at Memorial Hospital. She was formerly of Berne, now resides in Henry M. Crouch Jr.

She was born Janice to Bailey and Jesse D. Rogers

and was a daughter of Bailey A.

Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law: Faye and Jack Coates of Glencoe, Brenda and Bob M. Jones of Columbia, and Gayle and Jack Coats of Okahitch, OK; a son, and son-in-law: Cydiclo and John Yost of Denison, CO; sister, Irene Bass of Greenwood, and

and three sisters, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her

husband and, three daughters andin-law: Jane Bass and Jeanette Rogers, and brother

Curtis Rogers.

OBITUARIES

Barnwell County Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. David Tunner officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Barnwell Presbyterian Church, 130

Barnwell Street, Barnwell, SC 29812 or Hospital of Gaston County.

Wives of Charleston County.

Whose names have become known to me

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Mrs. Crouch, 89, died Saturday in Gastonia Memorial Hospital. She was formerly of Barnwell, SC, the widow of Henry M. Crouch, Jr. She was born January 3, 1918 in Ward, SC, a daughter of Bailey A. and Jessie D. Rogers.

Survivors were daughters and sons-in-law Faye and Jack Cowan of Charleston, Sandra and Bob Michaelson of Columbia, and Gayle and Joel Goodrich of Gastonia, NC; stepdaughter and son-in-law Cynthia and John Yost of Denver, CO; sisters Irene Bass of Greenwood, and Mazie Salters of Ward, nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 13 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband and sisters Inez Jackson and Juanita Rodgers; and brother Curtis Rogers.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 13 in Barnwell County Memory Gardens with the Rev. David Turner officiating.

Memorials may be made to Barnwell Presbyterian Church, 110 Franklin Street, Barnwell, SC 29812 or Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.
Marcelle Hawkins Kelly  
Died April 5, 2007

Mrs. Kelly, 89, widow of James W. Kelly of the Class of 1939, died at the National Health Center of Anderson, SC. A memorial service was held April 14 at 2 pm in the Chapel of Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home in Central, SC conducted by G. Todd Wilson, former pastor of the Clemson First Baptist Church, where she was a member. The family gives special thanks to the staff of the Inn at Seneca and the National Health Center of Anderson for their special care of Mrs. Kelly.

A native of Greer, SC, Marcie was a long-time resident of Clemson and was the daughter of the late William Vernon and Lillian Morrow Hawkins. She attended the Curry School of Dramatic Arts in Boston, MA and was accomplished in speech and drama. She taught dramatic arts in Clemson and Inman, SC and in the 40's was the star of the radio show, Here's Marcelle, originating from Greenville, SC. She was the author of dramatic readings.

She is survived by daughters, Zana K. and her husband Edward C. Coker of Charlotte, NC, and Lauren Kelly of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren Joe Park and his wife Renee of Loganville, GA, Kay Fisher and her husband Brian of Charlotte, NC; three great-grandchildren and beloved friend, Linda Vaughn of Atlanta, GA.

On-line condolences may be expressed at www.robinsonfuneralhomes.com or in person at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, Central-Clemson Commons, who assisted the family.
Frances McKinnon Newman  
Died June 25, 2007

Frances Newman, 86, of Hamlet, NC passed away Monday, June 25\textsuperscript{th} at FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital. She was born on August 15, 1920 in Darlington County, SC, a daughter of John and Eula McKinnon. Mrs. Newman worked as a secretary for Camp Mackall.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 27 at Richmond County Memorial Park. The Reverend Randy Blanchard officiated.

Surviving were her daughter, Norma Ann Newman of Swannanoa, NC; a sister, Betty Anne McAlpine of Hartsville, SC; and a number of nieces and nephews. Frances was predeceased by her husband, William Newman, Sr., and by a son, William C. “Billy” Newman, Jr.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Hamlet, 200 Rice Street, Hamlet, NC 28345, or to a charity of one’s choice. Online condolences may be made to www.watson-kingfuneralhome.com.
Evelyn Warner Page  
Died July 7, 2007

Evelyn Page, 82, daughter of the late Horace Tillman and Mary Stockman Warner of Greenwood, died Saturday at the Anderson Health Medical Center.

Following her early schooling in Greenwood, she entered Winthrop College, graduating with a degree in Mathematics. At Winthrop, she was involved in the Wesleyan Foundation and was leader of the Winthrop Prayer Group. She taught mathematics at the Winnsboro High School until her marriage in 1949 to Norwood Page. Through the remainder of her life, she was a homemaker and a devoted Christian.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons Russell N. Pope and his wife Claudia of Anchorage, Alaska, Forest W. Pope and his wife Diane of Martinez, GA, and Peter J. Pope of Six Mile, SC; a daughter Mary P. Parliman and her husband Bruce of Jamaica, VT; a brother, Andrew E. Warner of Greenwood, SC; a sister, Marion E. Eskew of Clemson, SC; grandchildren Alex Pope, Collin Parliman, Ryan Pope, Lindsey Pope, and Jordan Pope; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, July 12 at the First Baptist Church in Clemson Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 397 College Avenue, Clemson, SC 29631.
Ruth Lindsey Pigg Kirk
Died 29 July, 2007

Mrs. Kirk, wife of James M. Kirk, died Sunday. She was born in Union County, NC, a daughter of Benjamin T. and Jessie F. Pigg.

Ruth graduated from Wingate College and did post-graduate work at Winthrop College. She became a public school teacher at Pageland Elementary School. In addition, she was bookkeeper for 38 years for Lancaster Feed and Farm Supply, Inc. which she and her husband owned. She was also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Lancaster, where she was involved in Sunday School and the Women’s Missionary Union.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mary Kathryn “Kathy” K. Douglass and her husband Graham T. “Scott” Douglass, Jr. of Durham, NC; a son, James B. Kirk and his wife Jayne of Lancaster, a sister, Elsie M. Graves of Pageland; and a grandson, Robert James Douglass of Cary, NC.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 1 at the First Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Rob O’Neal. Burial followed in Lancaster Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 670, Lancaster, SC 29721, or to the American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29212
Dorothy Wade Watson  
Died August 7, 2007

Mrs. Watson, 87, widow of J. Drake Watson, died Tuesday at the Newberry County Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 15, 1920 in Timmonsville, SC, a daughter of Jesse D. and Dorothy M. Wade. She was a graduate of Timmonsville High School and a 1942 graduate of Lander College. Dot was a member of Aveleigh Presbyterian Church and a strong supporter of the Newberry YMCA.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, J. Drake Watson, Jr. and Katherine Richards Watson of Richmond, VA; and three grandchildren, James R. Watson, Dorothy A. Watson, and J. Drake Watson, III.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, August 12, at the Aveleigh Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Mitchell VanMeter. Burial followed in the Drake Cemetery in Blenheim, SAC.

Memorials may be made to the Aveleigh Presbyterian Church Club House Renovation Fund, 1211 Calhoun Street, Newberry, SC 29108, or the Newberry Family YMCA, P.O. Box 662, Newberry, SC 29108, or to Springfield Place Chapel Fund, 2006 Springfield Circle, Newberry, SC 29108.

Messages to the family may be sent via email to notes@whitakerfuneralhome.com.
Mrs. Thompson, widow of Fred Allen Thompson, died Aug. 17, in Hartsville. She was born in Rockmart, GA on May 4, 1918, a daughter of Lonnie L. and Lucille R. Morgan. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women. She was a former school teacher, Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, G.A. leader, hospital auxiliary volunteer, and was an active member of the First Baptist Church and many other civic organizations.

Her interest in antiques led to the creation of her shop, Forget Me Not Antiques, in Hartsville. She also expressed her creativity through her love of flowers and crafts. These loves were instilled in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and continue today.

Services for Mrs. Thompson were held on Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at the First Baptist Church Chapel. The Revs. Ryan Goodroe and Dr. Bill West officiated, with burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

She was survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Bill Connell of Hartsville, Susan and Walt Harvey of Hartsville and Nancy and Gary Walsh of Columbia; five granddaughters, Lisbeth and Charlie Kelly, Leigh and Kevin Addis, Mary Beth and Jeff Kliner, Amy and Malcolm Arnold, and Rebecca and Phil Coleman; and one grandson, Grady and Candice Walsh. She was the proud “Great Mom” to five great-grandchildren, Harrison and Anna Kelly, Caroline and Cameron Addis and Addison Arnold. She is also survived by a sister, Mary Alice Isbell, of Cedartown, Ga.

She was predeceased by a sister, Betty Ann Casey, and a brother, Lonnie Lewis Morgan Jr.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Hartsville, SC.
Alice Colvin Radcliffe
Died December 11, 2007

Alice Radcliffe died on Tuesday at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro.

She was born in Chester, SC on July 22, 1918 to Martin A. and Mary M. Colvin. In 1940, Alice married Joel Radcliffe, and thus began a life of service to others.

Besides raising their two children, enough of a challenge for many mothers, Alice actively involved herself in the community. At First Baptist Church in Greensboro, she taught Sunday School for over fifty years. She was Girl’s Auxiliary Director, and she participated in the Woman’s Missionary Union. She also directed Camp Lakewood for the Piedmont Baptist Association for eight years.

Alice and Joel provided a home-away-from-home for many foreign college students. For over thirty years she volunteered at the Greensboro Historical Museum. She was Regent of the Guilford Battle Chapter of the DAR, and a member of the UDC and the National Society of Colonial Dames. She gladly joined Joel on his travels throughout the world.

A memorial service was held for Alice on December 15th in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Greensboro. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

Alice was survived by her husband Joel; their daughter, Mary Welch of Falls Church, VA; their son, Joel Radcliffe, Jr. of Summerville, SC; a sister, Earlise Mobley of Anderson, SC; numerous nieces and nephews; step-grandson David Welch and his wife Carolyn; and great-grandchildren Zachary and Danielle Welch.
Mary Ann Smith Ivey  
Died March 23, 2008

Mary Ann Smith was born in Columbus, NM on March 19, 1922, a daughter of Edward and Marie M. Smith. She married Ellis Ivey in 1946, and thereafter lived in Saginaw, MI until the time of Ellis’ retirement.

In Saginaw, Mary Ann was active in the Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School and confirmation classes, and was a leader in the Methodist Youth Fellowship Program. She was also active in Kings Daughters, was a member of MENSA, and served as a volunteer for the Saginaw General Hospital.

In 1983 she and Ellis moved to Salem, NC, where they became members of the Salem United Methodist Church. When Ellis died, Mary Ann moved to Defiance, Ohio to be near her son.

Mary Ann Ivey died on Tuesday, March 18, at the Defiance Regional Medical Center. A memorial service was held at Kingsbury House in Defiance on Sunday, March 23. Interment was in the Westview Cemetery in Atlanta, GA.

Survivors include their son Ellis Ivey, Jr. and his wife Barbara; three daughters, Joanne Ivey of Edinboro, PA, Martha Ivey Kim and her husband Young Kim of Pleasanton, CA, and Christie Ivey Miller of Peru, IN; and four grandchildren, Justin Ivey and his wife Colette of Royal Oak, MI, Matthew Ivey III of Chicago, IL, Adrianne Ivey of Toledo, OH, and Adam Haber Ivey of Edinboro, PA. She was predeceased by her husband, two brothers Edward and Aldo, and a sister Sheila.
Corinne Banyon Burton  
Died February 5, 2008

Coty Burton, widow of Richard Burton, died on Tuesday, February 5. She was born in Charleston on January 29, 1916, a daughter of Dr. Endicott A. and Ollie M. Banyon.

After completing the Charleston schools, Coty attended Furman University, graduating in 1938. She married Richard Burton, and while Richard was serving in the Army during World War II, Coty worked for the Us Rubber Company. Later she taught at the Richard Winn Academy.

Mrs. Burton was an active member of her community. She served as president of the Fairfield Garden Club and was a charter member of the Winnsboro Cotillion, holding at times the offices of secretary and treasurer. She was also a past president of the Inquirendo Book Club. She was a volunteer with the Fairfield Memorial Hospital and the American Red Cross Blood Mobile, served on the board of the Fairfield County Library, was a Girl Scout leader, and delivered meals on wheels for 15 years.

For more than 60 years Coty was a member of the First United Methodist Church, in which she taught Sunday school and served on many committees.

A memorial service for Mrs. Burton was held on February 8 at the First Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Bundy Bynum. She is survived by one daughter, Margaret Richardson and her husband Tommy of Winnsboro; one granddaughter, Leigh Powell and her husband Jason of Blythewood; and two great-granddaughters, Caroline and Natalie Powell. Besides her husband Richard, she was predeceased by her sisters Iris B. Yearby and Kathleen B. Haley.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 109 West College Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180, or to a charity of one’s choice.
The Great Class

Of

Nineteen Hundred

and

Thirty Nine
ROSTER OF THE
CLASS OF 1939

★ Malcolm C. Johnson
★ Ellerbe P. Johnstone
Champ M. Jones
Edwin M. Jones
Elder H. Jones
★ James S. Jones Sr.
★ L. Frank Jones
★ Malcolm H. Jones
★ D. Thomas Joyce
★ J. Martin Kee
★ B. Hardin Keitt
★ James W. Kelly
★ Edward H. Kerrison Jr.
★ William J. Kienzie
★ Francis M. King
★ Alfred H. Kirchner
James M. Kirk
★ John J. Kirtton
★ Forrest T. Knox
★ W. Lucas Lafaye
★ Jack M. Lapham
★ Paul S. Lawson
★ Thomas O. Lawson Jr.
★ Perry E. Lee Jr.
★ Wilmer L. Lee
★ N. Ralph Lester
★ John B. Lipscomb
Elliott M. Loyless Jr.
★ Thomas E. Lucas
Herbert H. Lusk
★ John T. Lyles
★ James M. Lynes Sr.
★ Richard M. Lynes
★ James D. Mackintosh Jr.
★ Watson W. Magee
Peter M. Mahon
★ Joseph P. Maroney
★ J. Roy Martin Jr.
★ Robert H. Martin
Ladson M. Massey
★ Howard J. McAlhany
Laurens E. McAlpine
★ George H. McCarley
★ Robert Y. McCarter
Philip H. McCorkle Sr.
★ Kenneth J. McCown
★ Robert R. McCray
★ James G. McCullough
★ Eugene T. McCurry
Norman J. McFaddin Sr.
★ Thomas M. McKevington Jr.
Benjamin F. McLeod
★ Joel McMillan
★ Malcolm L. McMillan
★ Thomas T. McNair
★ Eldman C. Miley
★ William F. Miley Sr.
★ Lester L. Miller
★ Priestley G. Miller Jr.
★ William H. Monkton IV
★ James B. Montgomery
Elton W. Shepherd Sr.
★ Frank H. Shirley Jr.
★ John E. Simkins Jr.

Cleon C. Moon
★ James B. Moore
★ Fletcher L. Moore
★ Thaddeus R. Moorer Jr.
★ Daniel C. Morgan
★ Robert W. Moss Sr.
★ John B. Murphy
★ D. A. Mustard
★ Walter S. Nelson
★ Burrell F. Newman
George M. Newman
★ William C. Newman
★ M. Max 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. Pregnall Jr.
★ Jackson R. Price
★ Carl W. Prince
★ J. Ralph Pritchett
★ Morton Rabinowitz
★ Joel H. Radcliffe
Clarence W. Rainey
Francis L. Rawl
★ Henry A. Raynor
★ 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. Schroeder Sr.
★ Carl L. Schroeder
★ Byllyn E. Scott
★ William C. Seabrook Jr.
Taze L. Senn
★ Carroll D. Shealy
★ Joseph L. Shealy
★ Vernon M. Shell Jr.
★ Stephen L. Skardon★
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★ J. Gordon Smith
★ Louie C. Smith
★ A. Harvey Snell
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★ Denny L. Starr
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★ O. Keith Strickland
★ Ernest C. Sturgis
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★ Oren E. Sullivan Sr.
★ Ralph J. Sullivan
★ William E. Summerbell
James D. Sweeney Sr.
★ George P. Taber
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★ Thomas W. Talbert
★ Willie M. Terry Jr.
★ W. Harold Thackston
★ Charles F. Thomas
★ Eber H. Thomas Jr.
★ Herbert J. Thomas Jr.
★ Roy C. Thomas
★ Fred A. Thompson
★ Barham F. Thompson Jr.
J. Herbert Tibbs
★ John R. Towns
★ Heber V. Traywick
★ H. Philip Troy Jr.
★ Emory J. Vann III
Claude L. Vaughan Jr.
★ Jorge Vicaria
★ 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
★ Henry C. Whitehead
★ Francis M. Whitlock Jr.
★ Asa P. Whitmire
★ James T. Whitney
Jack L. Wilks Sr.
★ Coker D. Williams
★ George M. Williams
★ Horace B. Williams
★ James C. Williams Sr.
★ Loyd A. Williamson Jr.
★ Donovan J. Willis
★ Joseph M. Windham Jr.
★ William R. Wise, Jr.
★ Russell S. Wolfe II
★ Charles Woods Jr.
★ Leon C. Wright
★ Yates W. Wyant
★ Lorin M. Yelton
Ernest L. Young Jr.
★ T. Benton Young Jr.
William B. Zeigler
★ Deceased
HONORARY MEMBERS
of the
Class of '39

James R. Adkins - 2005
Mark S. Avent - 2001
Larry L. Bauer - 1998
Alma Bennett - 2007
Ashby B. Bodine - 1993
Joel V. Brawley - 1990
Chalmers M. Butler - 1997
Frank J. Cox - 2001
Clifton S.M. Egan - 2000
Mark R. Eisengrein - 1989
Beth C. Farmer - 1994
Dixie G. Goswami - 1989
Cecil O. Huey - 1994
John L. Idol - 1991
Jeannie Kelly - 1997
Adrienne Labranche - 2000
Robert L. LaForge - 1996
Francis A. McGuire - 1995
Donald M. McKale - 2006
Judith M. Melton - 1999
William N. Miller - 1996
Carolyn Robinson - 2000
David L. Senn - 1996
Virginia G. Senn - 1996
Benjamin L. Sill - 2005
Elton W. Shepherd Jr. - 1989
Cathy T. Sturkie - 1998
D. Kinly Sturkie - 2003
Lolly Tai - 1995
Raymond C. Turner - 1992
Jerry A. Waldvogel - 2001
Byron K. Webb - 2001
Alfred P. (Hap) Wheeler - 2002
Arthur P. Young - 2004

plus
All widows of deceased classmates

Note: ITOR Faculty Award for Excellence
★ = Deceased
## CLASS OFFICERS
### Through the Years

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Necrologist

- J.W. Kelly
- C.M. Jones
REUNION COMMITTEE

A Standing Committee
of the Class of ’39

Joel & Fran Brawley
Champ & Brooksie Jones
Elliott & Greta Loyless
Kinly & Cathy Sturkie
Julie O’Neal
David & Molly Senn
Dot Talbot
Tee & Betty Senn (Ex Officio)

The purpose of the Reunion Committee is to plan, organize and conduct class meetings, especially including the annual reunion in June.
HERITAGE GARDEN COMMITTEE

A Standing Committee of the Class of '39

★ Bobby Avent
Hank Avent '73
★ Bill Carlisle
Frank Cox '68
★ Walter Cox
Don Hutchinson
Elliott Loyless
★ Frank O'Neal
David Senn '75
Chief Shepherd, Rutgers '67
★ Tommy Thomson
Bud Webb '55
Michele Welch '89
★ Russ Wolfe
Bill Zeigler
Jim Sweeny, Chairman
Tee Senn (Ex Officio)

Shep Shepherd (Emeritus)
★ George Williams (Honorary)

The function of the Heritage Gardens Committee is to oversee the design, construction, and long-term maintenance, in coordination with appropriate University administrative operations, of the Clemson University Heritage Gardens.

★ = Deceased
THE
YEAR
IN
REVIEW

THE GREAT CLASS
OF 1939
Reunion 2007
Class Members and Honoraries at the Reunion
The flagpole was given to the class by Ruth Coleman in the 1970s in honor of her husband, General William S. Coleman, Clemson '39. At that time it was located in the caboose area, but was moved to the Heritage Gardens entrance when the Cadet Life Garden was completed, and later placed in storage when the map structure was built at the entrance. With its relocation to near the new Restroom, it was formally dedicated at Reunion 2007.
Dedication of the Flagpole

At Clemson for the dedication were Bill Coleman’s three daughters. Shown here examining the donor plaque at the base of the flagpole, they are (from left) Mary Coleman Gwinn of Columbia, Dr. Susan Coleman Fedor, also of Columbia, and Dr. Nancy Coleman Hart of Athens, GA.
A prominent feature of Reunion 2007 was the dedication of the new Restroom, given by the Class of '39 to the University as an integral part of the Heritage Gardens. Shown above is A. Neill Cameron, VP for Advancement, accepting the Restroom on behalf of the University. Later that evening, Neill was named an honorary member of the Class of '39.
This newest addition to the Class of '39 Heritage Gardens was funded principally by gifts from Class members, with a significant contribution by friends wishing to honor long-time Hort professor James H. Crawford, for whom a plaque is displayed. Plans for the Restroom were contributed by Ed Zeigler AIA (Clemson '77).

Construction was begun in Mid-2006, and the facility was completed (but not yet landscaped) in time for its dedication at Reunion 2007.
A Very Special Event

The Faculty Senate invites you and your guest to join in a celebration to honor the Clemson University Great Class of '39

on

Monday, January 7, 2008
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Faculty Senate Reception

The wonderful evening began with the chance to meet and greet old and new friends. Here the McKales and Youngs chat, while the band plays on - beautifully. Attendance included 39ers, original and honorary, and Faculty senate members.

Ralph Boys and friend sample the buffet, and after all were seated, Tee Senn and Chip Egan talked of the eventual transition from original to honorary 39ers, when the last two original 39ers will toast their classmates and turn over the reins to the latter-day 39ers (see p. 51). That occasion is to be marked by their breaking open and sharing the bottle of Year '39 Chateau Neuf du Pape (left) that was donated to the class by honorary '39er William (Whirl) Miller.

A highlight of the evening was a talk by guest of honor and our newest honorary member, Dr. Alma Bennett.
Designed by Jim Sweeny, the Class of '39 flag makes its inaugural flight in October, 2007. The flag will be displayed in the Heritage Gardens during class events.
The Faculty Selection

for the

Class of 1939

Award for Excellence

For the year 2007

See page 32 for prior years.
Dr. Alma Bennett
Award for Excellence - 2007

Alma Bennett
Professor of Humanities and English
Department of English Clemson University

B.M. cum laude - honors in music Belhaven College Jackson, MS 1962
M.S. (English) - Radford University Radford, VA 1974
Ph. D. (Humanities)- University of Texas Dallas, TX 1991

Asst. Prof., Humanities & English Clemson University, Clemson, SC 1991 - 1997
Assoc. Prof., Humanities & English Clemson University, Clemson, SC 1997 - 2003
Professor of Humanities & English Clemson University, Clemson, SC 2003 - Date

Dr. Bennett, who directs the M.A. in English Program, has excelled in teaching interdisciplinary humanities and literature courses at Clemson and in summer programs in Italy. Her professional life began at the Library of Congress, after which she enjoyed a twenty-year career as a pianist, performer, and teacher in the United States, Libya, and Japan.

Since joining the Clemson faculty in 1991, she has earned a reputation as a professor’s professor. She is regarded as an exemplary colleague, an inspiring teacher and mentor, and a nationally recognized scholar whose interests encompass the Italian Renaissance, mythology, contemporary literature, and Holocaust studies. Her publications include two books on American novelist and essayist Mary Gordon and a wide range of essays. She is also the editor of Jerome Reel’s Women and Clemson and the forthcoming biography of Thomas Green Clemson. As novelist Mary Gordon has commented, “Professor Bennett is an example of all that is best and most valuable in a contemporary teacher/scholar. Her work ranges across the disciplines, across historical periods, delving deeply wherever she fixes her gaze.” This expertise led to her serving as President of the National Association for Humanities Education.

Alongside such activities, her commitment to Clemson has been conspicuous in her teaching as well as in her service for the Faculty Senate, multiple committees, the Calhoun Honors College, the National Scholars Program, and the M.A. in English Program. Clearly, Dr. Bennett’s focus remains fixed on her undergraduate and graduate students and on Clemson University itself.
Tuesday, January 9, 2007 - At the Bell Tower

The Faculty Senate honors Award for Excellence winner Dr. Alma Bennett

Provost Doris Helms tells of the award, and Faculty Senate President, Dr. Charles Gooding, congratulates Dr. Bennett.

Jim Sweeny presents the bell replica and Champ Jones presents the Class History while Tee studies his speech. Tee spoke of the tradition of the award, and alerted Dr. Bennett to the certainty that she would be invited to become an honorary member of The Great Class.

Dr. Bennett graciously accepts the plaudits of the Class & Senate

Her name is forever inscribed on the Award for Excellence Roll of Honor beneath the old Tillman Hall Bell.
Resolution of Passage from the Great Class of 1939 to the Honorary Class of 1939

Whereas, Members of the Clemson University Great Class of 1939 have lived lives full of energy and tenacity, enveloping families, contributing to the recognition of faculty, supporting Clemson University, and continue to be, and have always been, a vital part of Clemson University;

Whereas, Members of the Great Class of ’39 have led lives that inspire and honor our highest convictions;

Whereas, The Great Class of ’39 possess a spirit that the members describe as the “Clem Fun Class of ’39”;

Whereas, The Class of ’39 will live forever by having the foresight to add honorary members to the class in order to carry on their hopes and dreams for Clemson University;

Whereas, Time is drawing night to pass the torch to the honorary members so that they may continue to reach for the goals of the Great Class;

Whereas, The Honorary Class of 1939 promises to uphold the ideals of the Great Class of ’39 and is proud to honor this duty; and

Whereas, In honor of the spirit of the Class of ’39, a bottle of 1939 Chateauneuf du Pape from Domaine de Beaurenard has been reserved since 1997 for this momentous occasion;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the official blending, as the final and fully integrated Class of 1939, will commence during a ceremony (location to be determined), as follows:

When the last two surviving members of the Class of ’39 are identified, they, along with two members of the Honorary Class selected by the Honorary Class, will participate in the ceremony by sharing the reserved wine, as a visible symbol of the very special and significant oath of the transmittal of obligations to the Honorary Class of 1939 from the descendants of all members of the Great Class of 1939.

(Signed) Taze L. Senn, President Class of 1939

(Signed) Clifton S.M. Egan, Chair Leadership Committee Honorary Class of 1939
This will be the 70th Anniversary of our graduation from Clemson in 1939. As of our 2008 reunion, there were only 62 living members out of a class that includes 383 members total. Soon we will all be gone to that great campus in the sky, but we leave with the sure knowledge that we have left our mark on our beloved school, in a way that few other classes ever have.

This will be the last reunion that we ourselves will manage. In the future, our honorary members will assume responsibility for the Class of '39 reunions (see Resolution, page 53), and although they will no doubt be well done, they won't be the same. Let's make every effort to attend this 2009 reunion, and make it a very special event.

Our initial planning includes our paying a last tribute to those 28 members of our class that gave their lives in the service of our country. At the same time, we plan to seal a time capsule in the Class of '39 Bell Tower, not to be opened until 2059, that will include a message from this great class to the University and the Class of 2059. Several more surprises are planned for inclusion in the time capsule, and you will be hearing about these as we approach our reunion next year.

We also expect that by reunion time next year, there will be significant progress toward the completion of the Class of '39 Heritage Gardens that you will want to see and hear about.

Finally, we have a surprise planned for our Friday night banquet next year that you will surely want to attend and participate in. So whether you can get around on your own or have to pushed in a wheel chair or carried in a litter, plan to come and enjoy this last of our annual reunions. Put it on your calendar, make reservations as soon as you can at the Ramada Inn, and let us know that you will be there.

/s/ Tee Senn
Class president
Medal of the

Class of '39 Award for Excellence