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Classmate Teaches in London

Doris Blackwell Smith, her husband Ron, and several members of her family spent January until May in London, England, under the auspices of Mississippi College (known locally as MC). The following is an account of her time there.

Mississippi College's London Semester Program has a long and exciting history of providing students with the experience of studying overseas which would not be possible to achieve in a classroom setting alone. To allow students to study abroad while at the same time maintaining MC's high level of excellence in education and character building has been the goal



Doris, her family, and students tour cathedral.

of the London Semester Program from its inception in 1989. Part of the quality control process is to have two veteran MC faculty members on-site with the students to coordinate the daily activities. During the spring of 2010, I had the privilege of serving as one of the London professors for the program.



Doris and her family riding the Tube

their last opportunity to have such an experience for many years. In addition to attending Mississippi College for the academic excellence, most students want to be part of a small Christian campus. In other words, the 20 MC students we worked with during the London Semester were intelligent, ethical, caring, funny, and an absolutely wonderful group.

The curriculum and academic standards are rigorous. But, the resources are unbelievable. The museums are perhaps the best in the world – the British Museum, the National Art Gallery, the Tate, the Victoria and Albert only begin the list; and, they are all free! In addition, theater and the arts are very alive and well in London. The West End is simply crawling with audiences both young and old. We attended concerts and/or theatre performances 3-4 times a week. We attended church services in some of the oldest and best known cathedrals in the Western World.



Doris and Ron walk in Amesbury near Stonehenge

We lived in a small bed-and-breakfast hotel in the heart of London. When in London, our primary means of transportation was on foot or the tube, London's highly efficient underground rail system. We were amazed how quickly we became skilled tube commuters and a mile became only a "short walk."

Everything in London is expensive. Even items in fast-food restaurants cost about twice what they cost in the U.S. To make matters worse, most British food does not come close to Southern cooking. Vegetables don't seem to be a big part of the English diet.

London is an exciting city that is steeped in history and tradition, and there is always something to do. But, one of the bonuses of living in London is the accessibility of London to other places. We enjoyed exploring the countryside and smaller towns where the people are warmer and less harried, which allowed us to get a better feel for British culture. As part of the program, we took day trips to nearby areas every weekend. During spring break, we went to Scotland and Wales. For a long weekend, our family went to Ireland. Before returning to the U.S., we were able to spend a few weeks in Western Europe and visited France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and the tiny nation of Liechtenstein. Of course, since London is home to people from all over the world, it is a multi-cultural place, and one can learn a great deal about other cultures without ever leaving the city. The diverse population helped us understand differences throughout the U.K. and Europe, the role of the European Union, and international perspectives on U.S. culture and foreign policy. The range of experience and diverse worldviews made each day an exceedingly interesting and enriching experience.

Our four months in London provided us with many challenges and opportunities that greatly enriched our lives. Perhaps the most important lesson learned, however, was the reinforcement of our love for our nation, particularly Mississippi, and its people.

Doris' family at Rye Beach





“Tex” and Linda Smith Define “A Girl’s Best Friend”

Linda and Colonel **Bob “Tex” Smith** have been married for forty years and have had a very unusual life together. He joined the Air Force during the Vietnam War and became a pilot. Over the next twenty-five years they moved all over the world. At one point when they were in California, Linda pursued a career as an actress. To make ends meet she worked as Al Pacino’s chef for seven years. After the Air Force career was over, they retired to Omaha. Linda had sold jewelry since she was 16 years old and had wanted to open her own store. A Girl’s Best Friend was born. After being open for two years, she decided to handle clothes. Linda and “Tex” realized they needed more room and moved down the street to a bigger store, which just happened to have a kitchen. Since Linda was an accomplished chef, she decided to include a Southern Tea Room. Customers are really surprised and pleased when they walk in and see how big the store is and the quantity of inventory in stock. There are three employees who help keep things running smoothly. Word of mouth has proven to be the best way to get the word out about the store and its services. Many times a woman will walk in our front door and say, “This must be what heaven looks like.” A Girl’s Best Friend is really a unique store and a must for Omaha women.

A Girl's Best friend specializes in distinctive jewelry from around the world, including the countries of Nepal, Brazil, Afghanistan, and China as well as the United States. We also have some consignment pieces from selected artists. We carry "Charles & Covard's Moissanite", a diamond alternative stone that has more fire and luster than a diamond at a tenth the price. Linda also says, "Our clothes and accessories are unique to Omaha. We work to stay ahead of the trends."



Tex Smith and his wife Linda



Customers enjoy the Southern Tearoom.

Best Selling Novel Films in Jackson



Kathryn Stockett returns to movie set.

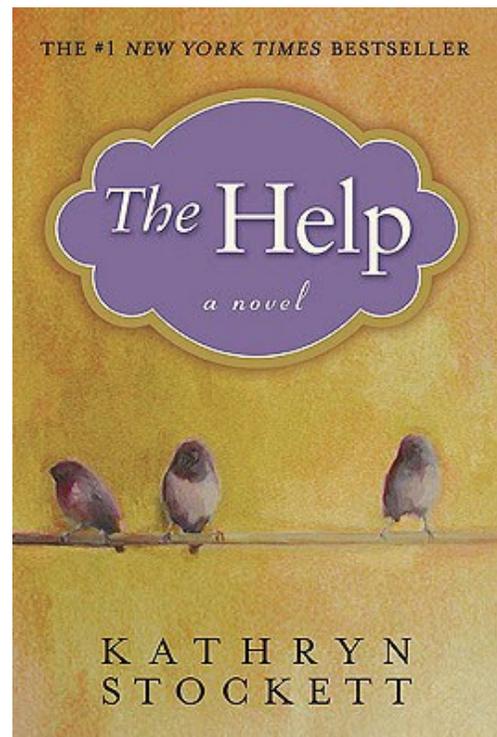
Kathryn Stockett, granddaughter of Caroline and Robert Stockett, Sr. who were the owners and operators of Stockett Stables at the east end of High Street near the Fair Grounds, wrote a best selling novel *The Help* which is being made into a movie. Of further interest is the fact that Kathryn is the daughter of Robert Stockett, Jr., who is married to Barbara Burke, a sister of our very own Class of 1963 member, John Burke.

Most of the filming is being done in Greenwood, Mississippi; however, at least two days were spent in Jackson, featuring the Fondren area near Duling School and downtown at the Mayflower Restaurant and Greenwood Cemetery.

Not much had to be done to the Fondren “strip” to return it to the early 1960s. The yoga shop was the most amazing, as it morphed into a Shell filling station. Outdoor steps were added to the Capri Theatre to create a blacks-only entrance into the balcony of the movie house (originally The PIX). Free signage and paint jobs added to the sixties ambiance for Campbell’s Bakery, Wells Cleaners, Bob’s Cut and Curl, the shoe repair shop, and Kolb’s Cleaners. Brent’s Drugs had little exterior work required, though the neon portion of their sign which said “Drugs” was reactivated. It had been dark since Brent’s was converted to a soda fountain restaurant and gift shop. In addition, a mural featuring the Happy Shopper was painted on the wall between Brent’s and McDade’s Grocery (formerly a Jitney-Jungle). Beehive hairdos and sixties clothing were the order-of-the day for filming.

The next day movie crew and actors moved to the Greenwood Cemetery on West Street next door to Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home. This was followed by the Mayflower Café in downtown Jackson on Capitol Street. An icon dating to the 1930s, the restaurant is noted for its neon squiggles on the overhanging awning. Inside, the Mayflower retains its old-time diner feel, with leather booths, tile floor, and period counters.

The Help is scheduled for release to theaters in the spring of 2011.



Fondren Returns to Sixties for Filming



Fondren shops along North State Street get sixties facelift. Note Wallace McMillan's 1957 Chevy in front of Seabrook.



Butterfly Yoga reverts to...

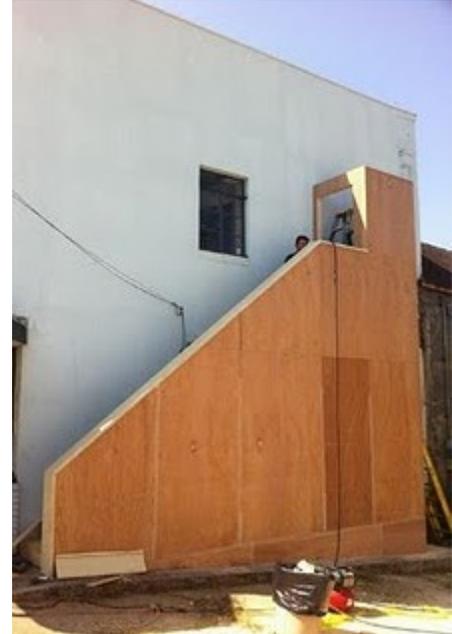
...the Shell Oil Filling Station.



Fondren Returns to Sixties for Filming



The Capri Theater gets a “blacks only” entrance for purposes of filming a 1960s story. Note the marquee and the vintage cars.



The wall between Brent's and the former Jitney Jungle received a sixties vintage mural.





Who rode a bus like this to school or to town? Who remembers the fare?
Remember when there were bus tokens.



Bob's Barber Shop gets its barber pole back.



Vintage cars, including Wallace's again await filming in the Morgan Center parking lot.

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Filming leaves Fondren for downtown Jackson. Note: the Mayflower Café needs no period revision.

Daughter's memories of golden days at Brent's

From the column "keeping up with Lottie" by Lottie Brent Boggan as printed in the Thursday, August 20, 2009, edition of *The Northside Sun*



BACK WHEN Brent's Drugs first opened, it was a full service pharmacy, and my daddy's philosophy (the customer is always right) was meant for everyone who worked there. Down through time, that same principle has stayed with the drugstore

For many years Brent's has been a popular northeast Jackson meeting place. Some of the friends, loyal customers, and regulars were Mrs. Westbrooke, Martha Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lowe, Colonel Birdsong, Dr. Cooprey Shands, Tom Crockett, Tom Abernathy, Mrs. Vera Davis, Edith Hamilton, Jessie Mallette, Dr. Blair Batson, Tim Leonard and Nick Greener. In addition, there were the members of my daddy's old poker club: Dr. Bill Smithson, Dr. Bill Lotterhoss, Fred Sullins, who was editor of the *Clarion Ledger* for many years, Johnnie Cleveland, John Hand, Johnnie Sellers,

who had a monopoly on Jackson's Cadillac dealership after World War II, Dr. Frank Collette, a man with a wooden leg who kept his poker winnings in the leg, Mayor Allen C. Thompson, Tiny Sampson, Bagby Hall (the Lincoln-Mercury dealer), Dr. Joe Melvin, Jack Schultz (co-owner with his wife of Sudie's, next door to Brent's), Bill Montgomery, Leon Burton.

Through the years, numerous governors and other local, state, and national politicians were customers. Probably one of the most well-known figures was **Miss Irene Breland**, who had dedicated her life to teaching in the public schools and was beloved by all her students. She finally succumbed to death at age 99, not from old age, but after being robbed and beaten in her carport.

All of these people are old Northeast Jacksonians, too many of whom are now gone. I've left out so many people, but there simply isn't room in this column for me to list them all and, truth to tell, my brain isn't what it used to be. However, there is another person I do remember correctly - the man who was my daddy's wonderful business partner for many years and who always called me "little sister," Doc Noble.

Shortly after the store opened, a pair of young twins came to work for the soda fountain, Ed and Ned Sweeney. Their daddy told my daddy, "Mr. Brent, if these boys give you any trouble, you just let me know." And they never did. Just 15 when they started working for the drugstore, the two of them were always perfect gentlemen.

Keep in mind that my daddy was from the old school. Back in the early '60s, when Jackson's lunch counters and restaurants were integrated, he threatened to take out the bar stools. But that didn't happen. Instead, he changed his mind and everyone was welcome at our store, as they needed to be. And when openings came up for black policemen in Jackson, my father recom-

mended those two nice young men, Ned and Ed Sweeney, to his friend, Mayor Allen C. Thompson. They were hired. To the best of my knowledge, they were the first black policemen the city of Jackson ever had. We were so proud of and for them

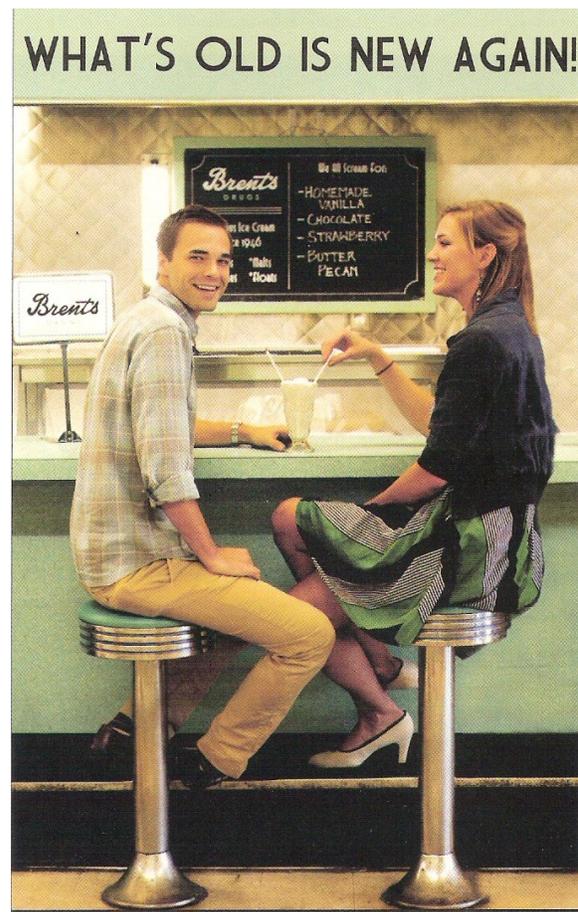
When my father was barely 60 years old, he had the beginnings of Alzheimer's Disease. None of us knew what it was, or recognized it back then, and without consulting anyone he sold the store to two of his faithful employees, Paul Heflin and Bob Grantham. The sale surprised his family, but it was time for him to step down and let them take over.

And, as it has a way of doing, time moved on. My father passed away quietly at Lakeland Nursing Home April 28, 1986. When he died, Ned and Ed Sweeney asked to ride their motorcycles and escort him on his final journey from Wright and Ferguson, the funeral home my grandfather Warren Ferguson, cofounded. My soul was thrilled to see those two loyal friends stand with their hands over their hearts at the red lights and crossroads, then zoom ahead of us to prepare the way at the next stop. Ned and Ed led the Brents, the Boggans, and our family and friends to Lakewood Cemetery. After all these years, I still cannot tell of this without crying.

Sadly, Ed has since died. Ned is still alive. We see him on television every now and then. Some years ago, the last time we saw each other, he said, "I carry that write-up you did about me and Ed leading your daddy's funeral procession in my billfold." What lovely gentlemen they were! And what good friends!

On down the line, Bob Grantham and Paul Heflin sold Brent's to Randy Calvert. Although he never met my daddy, on through the years, Randy kept my daddy's name and tradition alive.

Brent's has been a northeast Jackson landmark since 1946, and it will still be a soda fountain. And hopefully, its many loyal customers will continue to support it as they have done in the past. I am proud to say that I was a Brent, that my Daddy was Alvin Brent, and that he built Brent's Drugs. All through the years, everyone who worked in the store stayed true to his way of thinking. Even now, some 63 years later in 2009, my daddy's philosophy that the customer is always right has been kept alive.



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Blast from the Past: Teen Tempos

Teenagers flocked to the WLBT studios to appear on Teen Tempos, the live, local version of "American Bandstand" in the 1950s and 60s. The show also featured a "Teen Report" to cover the goings-on at local schools. At that time WLBT's manager was Maurice Thompson, and the Teen Tempos director was Chuck Allen. Hagan Thompson was host of the show. He had quite a succession of co-hosts including Lou Anne Pepper, Harriet McClure, Nannette Workman, Lynne Krutz (a Belzoni native and Millsaps student at the time, now married to classmate George Pickett), Melissa Darnell, and Judy Moon – maybe even others. Most of the dancing was to records, but there was also live music. Ed Thomas, Clifton Thomas and their sister Barbara were regulars for live entertainment. Others who played were Tim Whitsett (trumpet and harp), Lane Cameron (guitar), Stuart Liles (bass), Bill Witt (piano), Jimmy Hodo (sax), Howard Camp (drums), Fred Hawkins, Tink Coulet, Raymond McClinton, etc.



Teen Tempos host Hagan Thompson with Miss America, Lynda Lee Mead.



Host Hagan Thompson "loosens up" and dances with the teens.

Note the monitor in the background.

Robert Johnson, MHS Class of 1962 recently was talking to a friend and colleague in Atlanta. While he was participating in a spinning class, this friend made the acquaintance of a former Jacksonian, Hagan Thompson, the afore mentioned host of Teen Tempos. Hagan, now in his 80s, lives in a retirement community in Georgia. Robert says that Hagan suffers a little from dementia but despite his mental lapses manages to stay in pretty good physical shape. Spinning classes will certainly take care of that!

If you remember any stories about being on Teen Tempos or happenings in Jackson in the 1950s or early 60s, Hagan would get great pleasure hearing about them. You may either send a note or card to him at the address below or you could email his daughter Edie Thompson at edie.thompson@yahoo.com.

Mr. Hagan Thompson
Sunrise at Johns Creek
11405 Medlock Bridge Road
Johns Creek GA 30079



Students participate in a segment called the “Teen Report”

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In Memoriam



Charles Tolliver Squires, Sr., 65, was born May 23, 1944, in Tallahassee, Florida, and passed away on Monday, May 17, 2010, at hospice in Lexington, South Carolina, from complications of MRSA (methacillin-resistant strep aureus) which had attacked his heart. He was a son of the late John W. and Elizabeth Ann Mahery Squires. Charles grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, on Webster Street, a great place nestled between Millsaps College and Beth Israel Cemetery off North State Street in the Belhaven neighborhood. He attended Jackson public schools: Power Elementary and Bailey Junior High, graduating from Murrah High School in 1963. While at Murrah, he participated in the Theater Guild all three years and was an active member of the Stage Scenery Club. In addition, he was on the track team; and in 1963, he was a member of the 440 relay team which set a new record that lasted for many years. Charles and his family were active members of First Presbyterian Church.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College. Charles served with the Tennessee Army National Guard. He worked for Athens Stove Works and Magic Chef before becoming chief industrial engineer for Suburban Manufacturing Company in Dayton, Tennessee. Later he was manager in industrial engineering for Davidson Exterior Trim, TEXTRON in Americus, Georgia. By the time of his Murrah High School Forty-Year Reunion Charles was retired and living in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Nunley Squires.

Charles is survived by his children, Elizabeth Livingston (Tim) of Lexington, South Carolina; Anne Hartley (Chuck) of West Columbia, South Carolina; and Charles T. Squires, Jr. (Wennie) of Augusta, Georgia. He is also survived by brother, John W. Squires, Jr. (Sue) of Shreveport, Louisiana; sister (MHS Class of 1956 and former MHS art teacher), Ann Squires Scott (Dan) of Nashville, Tennessee; twin brother (also MHS Class of 1963), Jimmy Squires (Vicki) of Dallas, Texas; sister (MHS Class of 1966), Kathy Squires Huff (Fred) of



**Jimmy (left) and Charles
with their father John Squires**

Jackson, Mississippi; and four grandchildren: Cal and Drew Livingston and Caroline and Gabriel Hartley

A memorial service for Charles was held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010, at Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Lexington, South Carolina. The memorial service was followed by a visitation and celebration of Charles' life at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth

Jimmy (left) and Charles relax in their lawn chairs.



Jimmy (left) and Charles "dressed up"

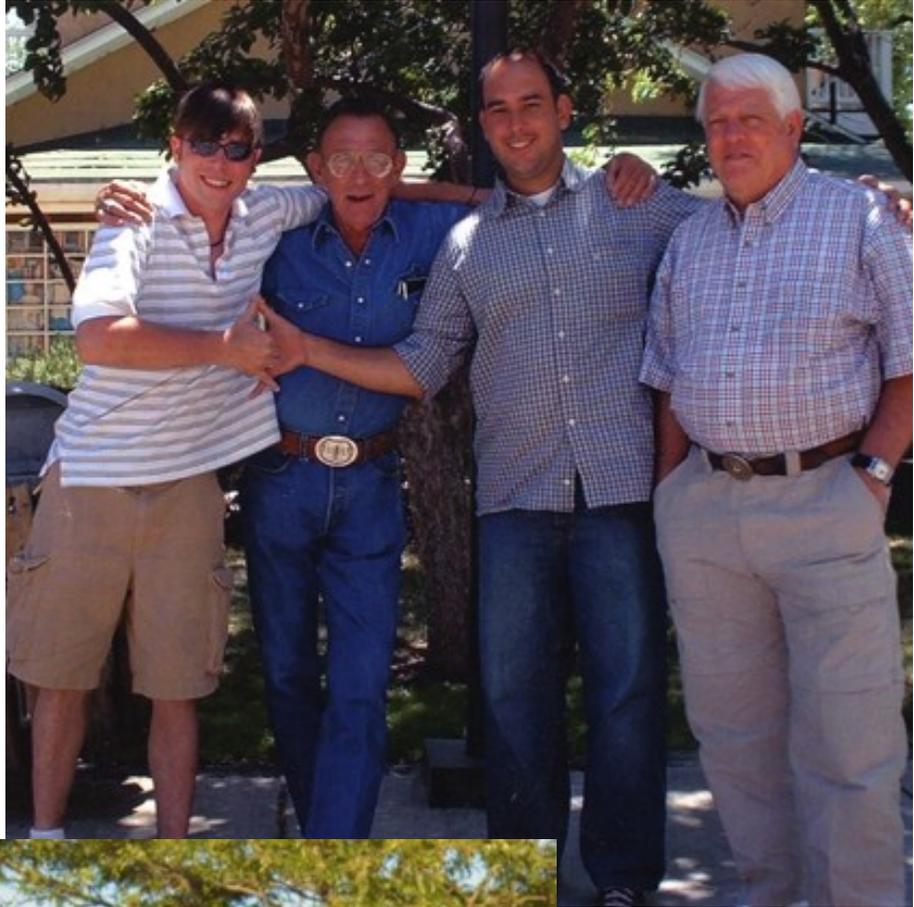


Back row from left: Charles, Mike Mockbee, Jimmy and front row : Bill Watkins and David Mockbee at the Mockbee home

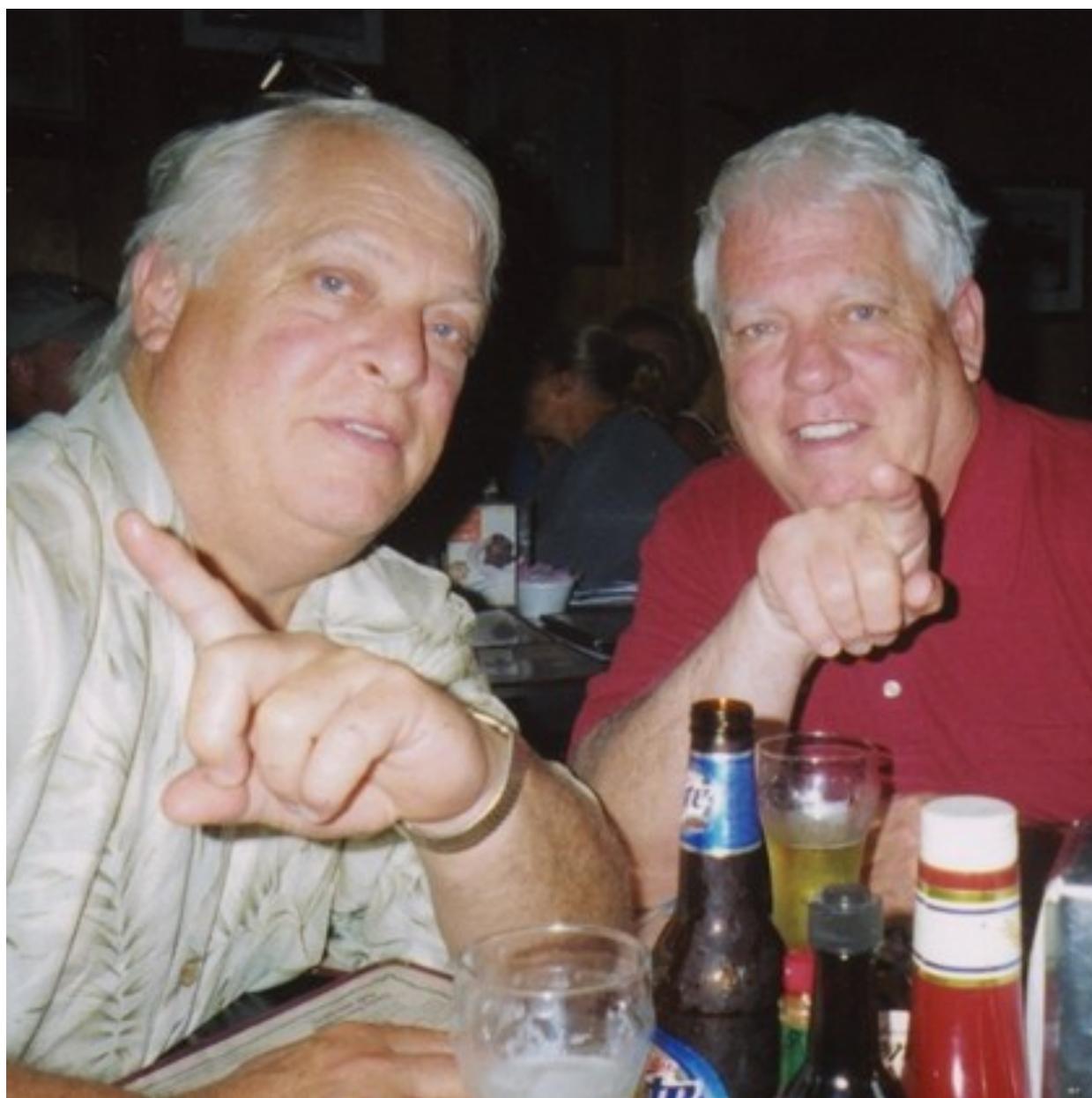
Jimmy (left) and Charles with their mother, Elizabeth Ann Squires, at the beach.



From left to right:
Charles Jr.,
his Taos New Mexico
friend Spaco
Popducen,
a fraternity brother
of Charles, Jr., and
Charles, Sr.



Charles (left)
and Jimmy
“dress down”.



Jimmy and Charles

**Gifts in Charles' memory
may be made to
Pets Inc.
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Obituaries of Interest

Bailey Mississippi History Teacher Dies

Mary Matilda Kyle, 88, died Thursday July 1, 2010, at Wisteria Gardens in Pearl, Mississippi. Her visitation was held at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home on High Street in Jackson, and her graveside service and burial took place at Galilee Baptist Church Cemetery near Hazlehurst in Copiah County, Mississippi. Born in Georgetown, Mississippi, to Alfred F. and Mary Emma Gandy Kyle, Sr., she was a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, the University of Southern Mississippi, and George Peabody College for Teachers. She taught school for 41 years, first in Copiah County and later in the Jackson Public School System at Bailey Junior High School, where she taught Mississippi History to many who would go on to be members of the Murrah High School Class of 1963. She was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. In addition she belonged to the Retired Teachers Association and Alpha Delta Kappa. In retirement she resided at Chateau Ridgeland in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Miss Kyle was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Robert A., Peter B. "Pete", and Alfred F., Jr. "Slick". She is survived by her sister Lavelle Kyle Hearn of Hattiesburg and several nieces and nephews who lovingly called her "Aunt Monk". Memorials may be made to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and designated for the Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Kyle Sr. and Mary Matilda Kyle Memorial Scholarship Fund. These memorials should be mailed to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, P. O. Box 530, Jackson MS 39205.

Watkins Elementary School Teacher Dies

Watkins Elementary School teacher, **Frances Virginia Horton Thorne**, 77, died Thursday, July 22, 2010, in Grenada, Mississippi, where she and her husband moved seven years ago to be near family. She was born in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, on February 11, 1933, to Leon and Ollie Horton. Her family moved to Jackson, where she graduated from Forest Hill High School. She married James Robert "Rob" Thorne on July 12, 1953, and they enjoyed 57 years of a wonderful marriage.

Mrs. Thorne took full advantage of the many educational opportunities in Jackson and attended Hinds, Belhaven, and Millsaps before graduating from Mississippi College with a degree in elementary education. Then she embarked on a remarkable teaching career that spanned over 36 years in the Jackson area. In addition to Watkins, she also taught at Alta Woods Baptist Church Kindergarten, Key Elementary School, Baker Elementary School, and Timberlawn Elementary School. Olin G. Lewis, Jr., who served as her principal during her time at Timberlawn, summarized Thorne's dedication to the teaching profession by saying, "Frances Thorne never met a child she didn't love. She was a master teacher who understood the importance of the school-family connection. I would have to say that her most outstanding attribute was her ability to instill self-confidence into every boy and girl in her classroom."

Mrs. Thorne was passionate for her beloved Mississippi. Hundreds of schoolchildren in Jackson learned about magnolias and mockingbirds in her annual Mississippi program that celebrated her home state's rich gifts and traditions.

She was a member of The Garden Club of Jackson, the Men's Garden Club along with her husband, Cane Creek Outdoor Club, Retired Educators Dinner Club, Grenada Iris Club, and Edith Nunnelee's Sunday school class (Grenada). Mrs. Thorne was a longtime member of Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson where she and her husband taught Sunday school to three-year-olds for twenty-three years. After the move to Grenada, she and her husband joined First Baptist Church, where their children and grandchildren were also members, and they quickly became part of a new and loving church family. One of the Thorne's great joys in life was traveling extensively around the world to places like Australia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, Hawaii, Alaska, London, Paris, Germany, Japan and many other beautiful locations. Mrs. Thorne is survived by her husband; two daughters, Leesa (Bobby) Nolen of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and Laurie (Butch) King of Grenada, Mississippi; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Jerry Horton of Argenta, Illinois; Carolyn Alleman of The Dalles, Oregon; and Linda Magee of Jackson, Mississippi.

Bailey Junior High Teacher and Coach Dies

Coach Muse (Corwin G. "Bubba" Muse, Jr.), 84, died Friday, October 15, 2010, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Muse was born in Jackson, Mississippi to Marion and Corwin G. Muse, Sr. He graduated from Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia prior to joining the U.S. Navy during World War II and serving in the Philippines. Following his military service, he enrolled in and graduated from Mississippi College. He was a coach and a teacher not only at Jackson's Bailey Junior High School but also at Vaiden High, Clinton High, and Pearl High Schools. A long-time resident of Clinton, Mississippi, Muse graduated from Mississippi College School of Law and worked as an attorney for the Veterans' Administration as a civilian lawyer in Vietnam. Later he was employed with the Social Security Administration as an Administrative Law Judge. He retired from this position in 1986. Other interests in Coach Muse's life included ownership of a Western Auto, racetrack owner, cattle farmer, and brewer. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jeannie Lipsey Muse (August 12, 1993), and his sister Marion B. "Bootsie" Muse Hines. He is survived by his children, Wayne Muse of Jackson; Lynne Godfrey (Don) of Clinton; and Anne Murphy (Mike) of Olive Branch, Mississippi, as well as four grandchildren. Coach Muse's memorial service was held at the High Street location of Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home.

Nostalgia: Belmont Café Owner Dies

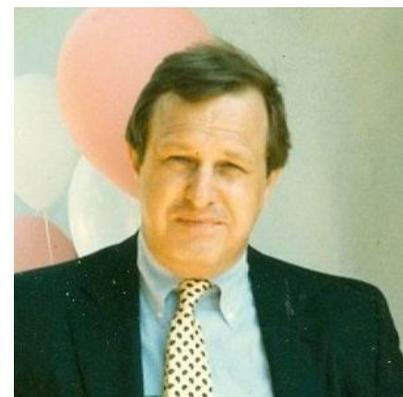
Dell Hubbert Sylvester, 89, who along with her husband (Lewis C. Sylvester) owned the Belmont Café on Capitol Street here in Jackson, died Monday, October 11, 2010. For over twenty-five years they owned the Belmont, which was across the street from the Governor's Mansion. Because of its location and their hospitality and good food Dell became a hostess to mayors, governors, congressmen, movie stars, and the City of Jackson.

Classmates' or Teachers' Family-Deaths

Jane Alexander's brother Clyde Wayne Alexander, Jr., 72, of Hot Springs, Virginia, died in Nantucket, Massachusetts, on Thursday, September 9, 2010, of pulmonary fibrosis. Born in Eldorado, Arkansas, to Clyde Wayne and Annette Compton Alexander, he was raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, and Jackson, Mississippi. He attended LSU and graduated from Ole Miss and the University of Mississippi Medical School. After serving six years in the U.S. Air Force, he practiced anesthesiology in Nashville, Tennessee, for thirty years. He served as Chief of Anesthesiology at Westside Hospital and Medical Director at both Parkside Surgery Center and Centennial Surgery Center. Wayne was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville and attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hot Springs. After retiring, Wayne and his wife bought a 1780s log cabin in Hot Springs, which they turned into an antiques shop. For nine years they owned and operated Mustoe House Antiques. In addition, Wayne recently graduated from The Master Gardener Intern Program in Virginia. He is survived by his wife Kay Keeble Alexander; his three children Wayne Alexander III (Vicki) of Niceville, Florida, Allyson Alexander LeMay (David) of Richmond, Virginia, and Todd Alexander (Kristi) of Nashville; and ten grandchildren. In addition, his brother Dr. Charles Alexander (Lauren) of Oxford, Mississippi, and his two sisters Jane Alexander of Nashville and Janet Alexander Coburn of St. Petersburg, Florida, survive him.



Mason Arnold's brother Richard Lloyd Arnold, 71, died Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at his home in Jackson, Mississippi. Lloyd was born to Claude L. and Amanda Mason Arnold on December 16, 1938, in Orange, Texas. He served in the United States Air National Guard. A long time resident of Jackson, he was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1965 and worked for the state of Mississippi for more than thirty years. His last service was as a Special Assistant Attorney General with the State Attorney General's office. Lloyd was an avid duck hunter, model maker, and "arm chair expert" on World War II. He is survived by his brother, several cousins, and his dog Sweetie.



Bob and Ross Burkett's mother, Anne McCann Burkett Gilbert, 93, died Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born October 28, 1916, in Oakland, Mississippi, to Benjamin Franklin McCann, Sr. and Bessie Estelle Tipit McCann. A resident of Jackson for most of her life, she graduated from Central High School. In addition to being a charter member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, she lived her faith as an active member of the W.M.U., sang in the sanctuary choir, worked in the church library, taught Sunday school, and participated in mission outreach both at home and abroad. A homemaker for most of her career, she went to work in the family business, Burkett Electric Motor Service, after the death of her husband Ross A. Burkett. Then in 1976 she began work with Mississippi Rehabilitation Services and was there until she retired in 1995. At age 79 she married William K. Gilbert, and they moved to Madison, Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Ross A. Burkett, second husband William K. Gilbert, a sister, and a brother. Her survivors include sons Dennis Ross Burkett (Mary) of Brandon, Robert "Bob" Burkett (Nancy) of Florence, and Ronald A. Burkett (Sharon) of New Kensington, Pennsylvania ; daughter Linda Burkett Hall of Knoxville, Tennessee; two step-sons, a step-daughter; two sisters; nine grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Coach Kermit "Rosey" Davis' daughter, Dana Ames Davis, 63, died July 7, 2010, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, after a brief illness. She was buried at Lakewood Memorial Park. Dana, who was born December 7, 1946, was a member of the Murrah Class of 1965. She taught in the Mississippi school system for twenty-five years. Dana was predeceased by her parents Kermit and Mary Hogan Davis. She is survived by her brother Kerry Davis (MHS Class of 1962) of Auburn, Alabama, and three nieces: Kim Davis Luttmann of Las Vegas, Nevada; Lauren Davis Carroll of Atlanta, Georgia; and Rachel Davis of Tampa, Florida.



Karen Files Hicks' mother, Mary Katherine "Katie" Doerr Files, 84, of Greeley, Colorado, died Friday, August 13, 2010, at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley. Born on December 19, 1925, in Los Angeles, California, to William and Mary Williams Doerr, she grew up in Dallas, Texas. Katie who was a life-long learner and an avid reader and gardener, married James Files in Wichita Falls, Texas, on June 30, 1944. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her grandson Tim Reynolds. She is sur-



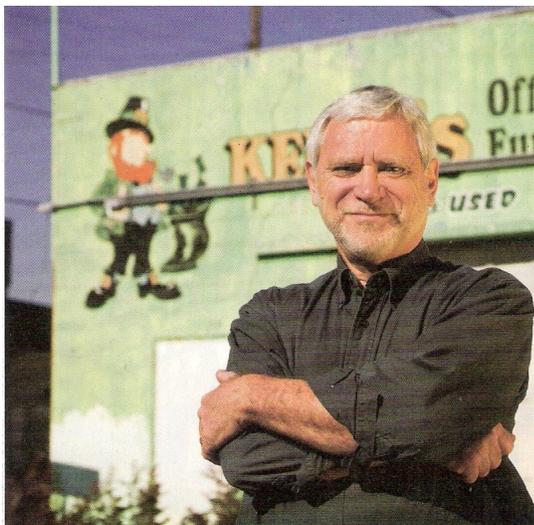
vived by her four daughters, Karen Hicks (Bill) of Buena Vista, Colorado; Nancy Niehoff (Peter) of Greeley; Claudia Baker (Bob) of Cedaredge, Colorado; and Laura McCormack (Jordon) of Avon, Ohio; her two sons, Jim Files (Nancy) of Dallas, Texas, and John Files of Galeton, Colorado; ten grandchildren; and fifteen great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Triangle Cross Ranch, a not-for-profit assisted living home for intellectually disabled adults, c/o Adamson Funeral and Cremation Services, 2000 Forty-seventh Avenue, Greeley CO 80634. Condolences may be sent to family members at www.adamsonchapels.com.

Tony and Pat (Hatch) Monk's son-in-law, William Scott Loftin, 36, died Sunday, October 24, 2010, at Methodist Hospital in Germantown, Tennessee. Scott had been battling an infection that resulted from injuries he received in a fall from a deer stand in December 2009. Services were held at Holy Apostle Episcopal Church in Collierville, Tennessee, under the auspices of Collierville Funeral Home while burial followed at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Mount Pleasant, Mississippi. A 1999 graduate of Mississippi State University and an avid Bulldog fan, Scott enjoyed framing at the Loftin family farm in Red Banks, Mississippi. In addition, he loved hunting – especially turkey, deer, and pheasant. Scott is survived by his wife, Julie Monk Loftin; son, William (Will) Walton Loftin; daughter, Kate Scott Loftin; mother, Janice Scott Loftin Baker of Byhalia, Mississippi; father, William Person Loftin, Jr. of Erin, Tennessee; a sister; two nieces; and a nephew. He was the grandson of Essie Scott of Hernando, Mississippi, and the late Walton Scott as well as the late Peggy and William (Billy) Loftin of Red Banks. Memorial gifts may be made to the Will and Kate Scott Loftin Educational Trust at Citizens National Bank.

Art teacher **Malcolm Norwood's** wife, Mary Claire Sugg Norwood, 81, of Cleveland, Mississippi, died Monday, August 16, 2010 at Cleveland Personal Care. She was born May 13, 1929, to John Minor and Claudia Roberts Sugg in Scott, Mississippi, and married Mr. Norwood on August 8, 1954, in Benoit, Mississippi. They were married for fifty-five years. She was an active member of Cleveland's First Baptist Church and served as the organist there for many years. In addition, she was a respected teacher of music at Drew Elementary School and at Delta State University. Mrs. Norwood also taught many students piano in her home. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Malcolm M. Norwood on August 11, 2009; brother, John Minor Sugg, Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Suzanne Norwood. Mrs. Norwood is survived by her sons, Mark Norwood of Hattiesburg and Bill Norwood (Cecelia) of Yazoo City; daughter, Stephanie Champion (Jeff) of Madison; sister, Carolyn Nau of San Antonio, Texas; and six

Bio Updates

Hervey Graham Folsom sent an email: “Bob and I were in a mystery dinner theater called "A Brush with Death" this summer benefiting the American Red Cross. My character was a reporter from a magazine (hence the pen with a feather and notebook) and Bob was the photographer with me. It was about a murder that took place at an art exhibit. Everyone on stage was a suspect. We are still involved in community theater (CAST Theatre), doing the box office, acting, and compiling the newsletter entitled newsCAST. ‘CAST’ stands for Community Actors' Studio Theatre. “My mother would approve, wouldn’t she?” (Note from Hervey: “The girl in black in [the] photo is Julie Jackson; [she] played "the detective" in the mystery comedy. She's from [the Anniston, Alabama] area.”)



Gerald McCormick is shown outside the former Kelly Furniture Warehouse which he now owns and leases. This building is in an area of downtown Jackson that is being redeveloped as Old Capitol Green. This area will be a mixed-use space south of Capitol Street and north of State Street. In fact, several restaurants such as Hal and Mal’s are in the area as well as a substantial number of artists who have their homes and studios here. The photo of Gerald appeared in the June 2010 issue of *Portfolio Magazine*.

Barbara Miller Marshall’s granddaughter Caylen Ayscue was one of four Mississippi children who had their names featured on the No. 28 car driven by Kenny Wallace in NASCAR’s Nationwide Series race in Bristol, Tennessee, on August 20. This promotion was part of a national fundraiser for the Chloe Duyck Memorial Fund which raises money for research on congenital heart defects. Three-year-old Caylen was



born with ten different heart defects and has a pacemaker. She is also a member of Mended Little Hearts of Mississippi, the organization which raises awareness of and promotes education on congenital heart defects. Caylen's mom, Erin Marshall Ayscue is the group coordinator for the state chapter.

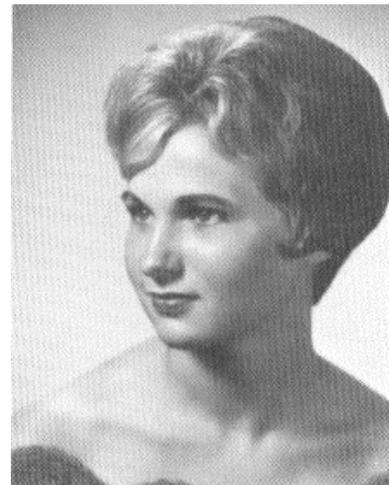
Tony and Pat (Hatch) Monk's hunting camp, Vaiden Hill Hunting Club, just outside of Vaiden, Mississippi, was torched by arsonists October 3, 2010. Six of the fifteen trailers there were burned and several others received damage. The fire also destroyed ATVs and other vehicles at this camp which had served three generations of hunters.

Margaret Stockwell McGuire retired August 31, 2010, from BB&T Insurance where she was an accountant with CPA designation, who performed the due diligence reviews for the company's acquisitions. She plans to enjoy her grandchildren more, "play" house, enjoy her garden, and see her friends often.

Bruce Sumrall has a new granddaughter, his fourth. Ruth Caroline Sumrall (7 lbs. 13 oz. and 19 inches long) was born June 14, 2010 to Wade and Lee Sumrall. She is also welcomed by her sister Anna.

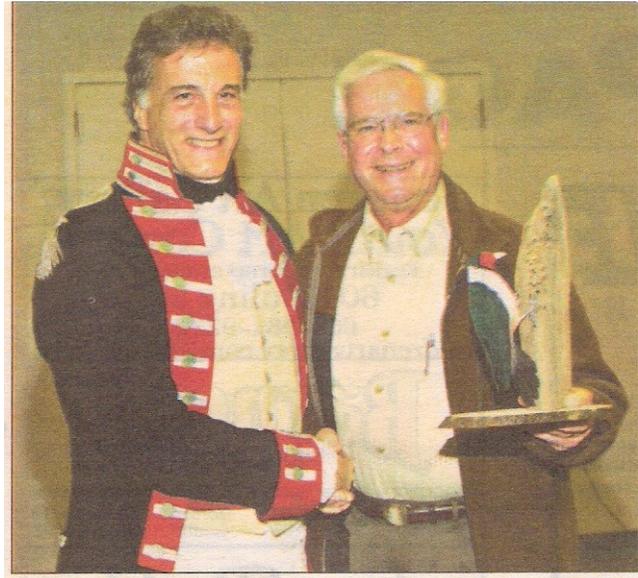
Eugene (Gene) Wann retired from Georgia Power Company (a division of Atlanta-based Southern Company) two years ago after working there for forty-two years. He was in labor relations. Since then, he has particularly enjoyed taking trips by motorcycle (Yamaha Stratoliner 1900cc at this time). He has also owned Harleys, Goldwings, and other Yamahas. Shortly after his retirement he rode to California and back, stopping at all the national parks along the way and taking in much of Route 66 ("the Mother Road") Recently he made a trip through Florida to the Keys and back. He rides the Blue Ridge Parkway often because it is not only convenient but it is also one of the best motorcycle rides in America. Gene has been married to Kay for 29 years, lives in Woodstock, Georgia, and has two grown daughters and four grandchildren with whom he loves spending time.

A celebration for the life of Elizabeth **Jan Tumas** Foregger (January 3, 1946 – October 18, 2009) was held on Sunday, October 17, 2010, from three pm until five pm at her home on Trace Cove Drive in Madison, Mississippi. In Jan's memory, the family created several gardenscapes around her D'Lo, Mississippi, country place. The family suggested that a fitting memorial donation would be a tree to be planted around the gardens. They mentioned that some of her favorites were sassafras, ironwood, redbud, beech, river birch dogwood, and magnolia. With the help of an expert at Lakeland Yard and Garden, we selected as a memorial from the Murrah Class of 1963, a sweet bay magnolia because of its deer resistance and because it is a long-lived Mississippi native tree.



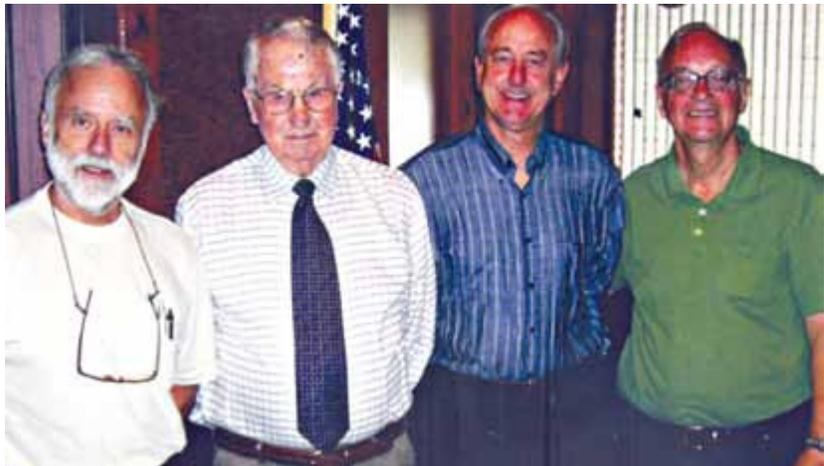
Class of 1963 Photo Gallery

At a Court of Honor for First Presbyterian Church's Boy Scout Troop 18, longtime Scouter Jim Moore (right) presented *Bryant Boswell* (former Scoutmaster of Troop 18) with the "Meriwether Lewis woodpecker" that he carved. The life-size woodcarving was presented in appreciation for Bryant's inviting the troop to the annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in October 2009.



Tony Monk's son Josh and grandbaby Morgan watch the Mississippi State vs. LSU football game. Josh does not seem pleased with what is on the television screen.

The Fondren Civitan Club recently installed its new officers for 2009-2010: (from left) Don Potts, past president; Maurice Laird, president; Steve Edwards, secretary / treasurer; and Darby Sowell, chaplain.



Nostalgia: St. Andrews Day School Kindergarten



Top row (left to right): Unknown, Tommy Watkins, Steve Waldron (with bow and arrow), Ernie Knight, and Leslie Bear

Middle row: George Donovan and Kendall Blake

Bottom row: Gwen Walker, Unknown, Hervey Graham, Helen Garrison, Julia Ward, Carole Chase, and Mike Nelson

Does anyone know who the two “unknowns” are?

Nostalgia: St. Andrews Day School Fourth Grade Class (1954-55)



**Back row (standing left to right): Faye Moore, Gale Butler, Syd Johnson (Teacher),
David Clark, Leslie Bear, Steve Asher, Tommy Watkins**

**Middle row (seated): Maury Fontaine, Mike Nelson, Larry Ashley,
Priscilla McDaniel, George Donavan**

Front row (seated): Lamar Beacham, Ernie Knight, Steve Waldron, Sara Ann Weir

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www.poorjuliaart.com

Julia Walter Allen's scrap metal art

Charles Richey's 12-year-old, spayed female Jack Russell needs a home

Minnie's owner died in September. She was born and raised in Pennsylvania and needs a good home. I've inherited her but am not able to provide a good home for her (I live in the NY & travel every week).

She weighs 17 lbs., is in great physical shape, current on rabies booster. Minnie can be the sweetest dog but also can get aggressive, best to let her approach you when she's in the mood to be sweet. It doesn't work well the other way. She's passive/aggressive - scared to death of thunder and gunshots. Can snap at people when she's been surprised. But, feeds from the hand like a guppy!

She's been on a farm with lots of other dogs for the past four weeks, and the family there has asked me to try to find her another home. She's not used to other dogs and has gotten jealous when the family gives attention to the others.

Minnie is perfectly house trained and gives back plenty of love. I hope a Jack Russell lover out there understands.

I'm Peter. My cell is 706-416-6326. I'll pay for vet bills and reasonable room and board.

