



Photo by Judith Brown
GIVING BACK — Joanne Wilkes receives a pair of bright new pink and purple shoes Wednesday from Walmart volunteer and coordinator Sheila Dotson, who said she and the 70-plus Walmart store and distribution employees do the work to encourage children to dream big.

Antiques appraisals offered June 9

The Laurens County Library will host an antiques appraisal next Sunday afternoon as part of its meeting for Friends of the Library. John Ivy, owner of Ivy Auctions, and local antiques expert Martin Meek will evaluate and offer informal appraisals of antique items at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9, at the Laurens County Library. The short business meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. and the appraisals begin at 2 o'clock. An appraisal is free for Friends of the Library members, and a \$10 donation by non-members allows them to have an appraisal and provides a one-year membership into the organization. After the program refreshments will be served and attendees will be able to shop a special Collectors Corner at the Friends of the Library Book Sale. The meeting is also open for those who would just like to observe and learn more about the local antique market.

Obituary

Marcus G. Culbertson

Marcus G. Culbertson, of Laurens, 79, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 29, 2019.



Marcus G. Culbertson

Marcus G. Culbertson was born in Greenwood County to the late William Bascomb and Nellie Martin Culbertson. He retired after 40 years of service from Laurens Glass. He was a member of Union Baptist Church where he has served as deacon and grounds keeper.

He was a lover of nature and spent much of his time outdoors. Whether working his garden, tending to his cows or cutting firewood for shut-ins, he was happiest when working outside.

Surviving are his children: Donna Hampton and Daniel Culbertson of Laurens, Rhonda Culbertson (Brent) of Easley, Kimberley Vaughn (Kent) of Simpsonville; 10 grandchildren, Leslie Jones (Brian), Dillon Qualls (Heather), Kendra Culbertson

(Andrew), Kandace Culbertson and Kody Culbertson (Caitlin), Amber V. Davenport (Michael), Brie Vaughn, D.J. Culbertson, Tyler Culbertson, and Sierra Culbertson; 10 great-grandchildren; his former wife and the mother of his children, Gail C. Rogers; a sister, Bonita Ziegenfuss (Steve) and his beloved Border Collie, Bootsie.

He was predeceased by his wife, Christine "Chris" Williamson Culbertson, six sisters and a brother.

The family will gather at the home of his daughter, Kimberley Vaughn, 1321 Scuffletown Rd., Simpsonville and will receive friends at The Kennedy Mortuary on Saturday, June 1, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Union Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Alex D. Henderson with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Home Office, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or to Union Baptist Church, 536 Old Quaker Church Road, Laurens, SC 29360.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.thekennedymortuary.com.

— Council —

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"In 10 years, if we do nothing, an excellent road can go to a Class 4 road," Wilson said.

The assessment also noted that it only takes two-to-three years for a Class 3 road to deteriorate to Class 4.

"Right now, we've got a \$40 million challenge," Wilson said. "If we do nothing, we'll have a \$100 million challenge in 10 years."

"We need to seal the cracks (in Class 3 roads) to keep from going to Class 4. If we don't stop the water from getting into the sub-grades, we're going to lose these roads. ... We don't think about it, but these roads are assets and part of our infrastructure."

Council members took no

action at Tuesday's meeting.

"I think it's going to make the citizens of Laurens County happy to see some of these roads get fixed," said Councilman Kemp Younts.

Councilwoman Diane Anderson said she was not sold on the plan to fix the roads as presented.

"I agree that we have to have a plan, but I don't know that it's necessarily this plan," she said. "This hasn't been a priority for me. So, I need more information to prioritize it."

During council members' comments, Councilman Jeff Carroll addressed the dilemma facing the county's nearly 800-mile road system after years of underfunding.

"We have to stop talking and do something about it," Carroll said.

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