

Obituaries

Ella Mae Durant

GREENWOOD – Ella Mae Durant, 74, of 109 Oakland Ave., widow of Roosevelt Durant Sr., entered into eternal rest on Feb. 8, 2021 at Self Regional Medical Center.

Born in McCormick County on April 12, 1946, she was a daughter of the late Horace Curry and Ella Lou Adams Curry. She was a member of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, where she served in several ministries to include deaconess, member of the Usher Board, Gospel Choir and Willing Workers. She was also a member of Pastor's Aide and Missionary Ministry.

She leaves to cherish her memory three sons, Roosevelt (Sadie) Durant Sr., Gary Durant and Jimmy Workman; three daughters, Evonne Butler (Donald) of Augusta, Ga., Tawanda

Durant of Greenwood and Ebony Harvey (Shahid) of Augusta; one brother, James (Eleanor) Curry of Buffalo, N.Y., one sister, Elizabeth Wright (Cecil) of McCormick; 19 grandchildren; a god-daughter, Bri Harrison of Greenwood; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Home going services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, at Faith Christian Center, with the Rev. Darrell Padgett officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hermon Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers and flower bearers were family and friends.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no home visitation was held.

Percival Tompkins Funeral Home was in charge.

Derotha Elizabeth Tompkins Holloway

PLUM BRANCH – Derotha Elizabeth Tompkins Holloway, 85, of 250 Serpentine Drive, wife of the Rev. Ray Charles Holloway, passed Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 at Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont.

Born on Feb. 7, 1936 in McCormick County, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Tompkins Sr. and the late Fannie Mae Harrison Tompkins. She grew up in Plum Branch and attended the schools in McCormick County.

Derotha received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry and Mathematics from Benedict College in Columbia. She earned her Master of Arts in teaching degree from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo., and began doctoral degree studies of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Derotha retired from the McCormick County Public School District after nearly 40 years of dedicated service as a classroom teacher of chemistry and mathematics and program coordinator for the HOPE Program. Her expertise and love of teaching deeply touched the lives of students who entered her classroom.

Derotha accepted Christ at an early age and became a faithful member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Plum Branch, where she served as church clerk. Her religious service continued as she dutifully served as first lady of the First Baptist Church, Lincolnton, Ga., The Rock Hill Baptist Church, Saluda and The Shaws Creek Baptist Church, Trenton.

Derotha will be remembered for her welcoming smile and genteel nature that enraptured all with whom she interacted.

Derotha was joined in holy matrimony to the Rev. R.C. Holloway, and they made their home and raised their family in Plum Branch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and four brothers.

She leaves to cherish her beautiful memory her husband, the Rev. R.C. Holloway, Plum Branch; her daughter, Sharon D. Holloway, Augusta, Ga.; her brother raised as her son, Larry (Melanie) Tompkins, Greenwood; her niece raised as her daughter, Sallie M. Tompkins, Atlanta, Ga.; her brother, James (Carolyn) Tompkins, Plum Branch; her mother-in-law, Catherine C. Holloway, Laurens; her brother-in-law, George (Colletta) Holloway, Waterloo; and two nieces raised as her precious granddaughters, Kiara and Brianna Tompkins, Greenwood. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever treasure her memory.

Private services were held for immediate family only.

The family received friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 at New Hope Baptist Church.

The family was at the home, 250 Serpentine Dr., Plum Branch.

Percival Tompkins Funeral Home was in charge.

Sarah Fuller King

McCORMICK – Sarah Fuller King, 75, of 947 Jefferson Street, McCormick, wife of James Claude King, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at Self Regional Medical Center.

Born in Silverstreet, she was a daughter of the late Charles William and Mae Ola Edgins Fuller. She was a McCormick High School graduate and worked as a seamstress in her home.

Surviving in addition to her husband of the home are her children, Janice King and Michael King (Tina), both of McCormick; sisters, Jessie Freeland of Plum Branch, Mary Watson of Ninety Six and Gladys Wells of Columbia; brothers, Carl Fuller (Cindy) of Texas, Fred Fuller (Katie) of McCormick and Doug Fuller (Cindy) of Bradley; grandchildren, Mallory King and Brandon

King (Brandi); and great-grandchildren, Alice Beasley and Kyrie Beasley.

Graveside inurnment was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14 at Plum Branch Cemetery with the Rev. Kelly King officiating.

The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at Harley Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.harleyfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Greenwood (www.gwdhumanesociety.org) or Humane Society of McCormick County, 1351 Hammond St., McCormick, SC 29835.

The family will be at the home of Fred and Katie Fuller, 1531 Jefferson Street, McCormick, SC 29835.

Harley Funeral Home is in charge.

Lois Quattlebaum Maffett

MODOC – Lois Quattlebaum Maffett, 96, of Lee Dr., Modoc, wife of the late W.E. "Billy" Maffett, entered into rest on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.

Born in Saluda, she was the daughter of the late Curtis and Maude Eubanks Quattlebaum. She was a retired buyer for Belk's Dept. Store.

Survivors include one daughter, Judi Timmerman (James) Keith; two sons, Curt Maffett and Bill (Cathy) Maffett; seven grandchildren; 12

great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011, www.alz.org.

Condolences may be sent to www.edgefieldmercantilefh.com.

Edgefield Mercantile Funeral Home is in charge.

Kathryn Anne Gilmour Mellor

McCORMICK – Kathryn Anne Gilmour Mellor passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 13, 2021. She was 70 years old.

Kathy was born to Ernest William Andrews and Kathleen Gilmour Elwood in Stretford, England. She grew up surrounded by English countryside and spent much of her childhood building straw bale houses, roller skating and teaching herself how to ride horses. After getting married to Michael Mellor and having her children, Kathy and her family moved to Montreal, Canada and spent four years enjoying the local Masters swim club and working with autistic children. She then moved to New Jersey, got her associates degree and spent 20 years working as a nuclear medicine technician at Cape May Regional Hospital. Kathy was a very active person and took up running and triathlon in her 60s and made many friends in the local community where she was often referred to as just "Mum." Kathy was active in the duplicate bridge group and had begun to participate in pickleball until the onset of COVID-19. She also enjoyed reading and puzzles, and the game show Jeopardy was a must watch every night.

When Kathy retired, she and her partner Richard, moved to Savannah Lakes Village in McCormick and resided there for five years with their beloved dog, Stella. They enjoyed days of fishing and kayaking on the local lake.

Kathy developed a love for photography and spent much of her retirement photographing everything



from her grandchildren to animals and nature. Her photographs displayed an artistic eye and were even featured in her own exhibit at the Red Rooster in Feb. 2020. Genealogy was also a passion, and she was the family's local historian and keeper of records.

Kathy will be missed greatly by her partner, Richard Bradley, and his children, son Andrew Aitken of Lancaster, England, son Paul Mellor and wife Tracey Mellor (nee Gilbert) of Easton, Pa., daughter Emmeline Renshaw of Williamstown, N.J., sister Janet Andrews of Calabria, Italy and sister Margaret Taylor and husband Alan Taylor of Sutton Bonington, England. She was a loving Nanna to Oliver, Christopher, Morgan, Leah and Matthew. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who live all over the world.

A memorial service will be planned for the summer.

Strom Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Josephine Miner Wash

GREENWOOD – Josephine Miner Wash, 84, widow of the late Harold A. Wash, resident of Sagewood Road, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at her home.

Born in Plum Branch, she was a daughter of the late Thomas D. and Gladys Bowick Miner. She was a member of First Baptist Church and retired as a hairdresser and realtor. She served as president of various societies, including the United Daughters of the Confederacy for nine years, the Genealogical Society for eight years and the Daughters of the American Revolution for eight years and was appointed to the National Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution for two years. She helped organize many organizations, such as the Women's Republican Organization in Greenwood, where she served as membership chairperson, and the Greenwood Women's Club, where she served as secretary for 10 years. She also volunteered with the Arts Council for seven years, the Greenwood Community Theatre for 10 years, the Greenwood County Library and the Greenwood Museum.

She was predeceased by two sons, Russell and Rick Wash.

She is survived by one brother, Thomas Dudley Miner (June) of Greenwood; two sisters, Gwen M. Moss (Samuel) of Greenville County and Caroline M. Canady of Greenwood; two daughters-in-law,

Kelly B. Wash of Greenwood and Janet V. Wash of Charlotte; four grandchildren, Joe, Kiefer, Mathew and Mikayla Wash; and two great-grandchildren, Aaron and Brianna Wash.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 West Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

Online condolences may be sent to www.blythfuneralhome.com.

Blyth Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge.

Note of Thanks

Your kindness was deeply appreciated during our time of bereavement

We, the Wells-Prince Family, extend our sincere thanks to Pastor Michael Butler and to the New Hope Baptist Church family and also to friends in the McCormick and Greenwood area for all the love and support shown us during the passing of our beloved family member, Robert O. Wells. We so appreciate your phone calls, visits, food, donations, cards and floral arrangements. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Heartfelt thanks,
- The Wells-Prince Family

Lander University announces Freshman Honor Roll for Fall 2020

GREENWOOD — Lander University has announced the names of 125 undergraduate students who have been named to the Freshman Honor Roll for earning top academic achievements during the first semester of the 2020-21 school year.

The Freshman Honor Roll recognizes students who have earned less than 30 credit hours and have achieved a GPA of 3.00-3.49 during their first year of study at the University.

Local students who received this honor are Kayla Green, of Clarks Hill; Jalen Salliewhite, of McCormick; and Emily Turman, of Plum Branch.

Founded in 1872, Lander University is a four-year institution that is state-assisted, co-educational and

serves approximately 3,500 students. Located in Uptown Greenwood, the University has a long-standing tradition of providing a challenging, enriching education that prepares graduates to lead lives of meaningful activity, personal satisfaction and service to others.

The institution offers more than 80 areas of study in the liberal arts and sciences, with professional programs in STEM, education, business and nursing. Graduate programs include the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning; Master of Education in Montessori Education; Master of Science in Management; Master of Science in Emergency Management; and Master of Science in Nursing-Clinical Nurse Leader.

UofSC Aiken announces Fall 2020 Dean's List honorees

AIKEN - The University of South Carolina Aiken congratulates those students who made the Dean's List for Fall 2020.

To earn this distinction, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

Local students named to the Dean's List are Rebecca Andrews of Clarks Hill, who is majoring in Sociology and is part of the class of 2026; Henry Cartrett of Clarks Hill, who is majoring in Exercise and Sports Science and is part of the class of 2027; and Samuel Herndon of Clarks Hill, who is majoring in

Communication and is part of the class of 2026.

UofSC Aiken, a comprehensive university in the University of South Carolina system, offers undergraduate and master's degrees to approximately 3,700 students in 50 programs of study. U.S. News and World Report (2021): #1 Regional Comprehensive Public College in the South. This 2021 distinction marks UofSC Aiken's 23rd consecutive ranking among the top three in this category. The university has won the first place ranking fifteen times.

UofSC Aiken announces Fall 2020 President's List honorees

AIKEN - The University of South Carolina Aiken congratulates those students who made the President's List for Fall 2020.

To earn this distinction, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a GPA of at least 4.0.

Local students named to the President's List are Holly Burden of Troy, Olivia Cannady of McCormick, Mark Daniels of Clarks Hill and Alexis Talbert of McCormick.

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sive university in the University of South Carolina system, offers undergraduate and master's degrees to approximately 3,700 students in 50 programs of study. U.S. News and World Report (2021): #1 Regional Comprehensive Public College in the South. This 2021 distinction marks UofSC Aiken's 23rd consecutive ranking among the top three in this category. The university has won the first place ranking fifteen times.

SLV Men's Golf Association Results

By Ken Bastow

The Savannah Lakes Men's Golf Association Mixed Valentine's Golf Tournament results for Thursday, Feb. 11, are as follows:

Event: Polish two ball, must count two best balls and count third and fourth ball if under par.

First place, 18 under par: Steve Grecco, Roger Carter, Harry Hafer and Blind Draw.

Second place, 16 under par (card match): Greg Walker, Michael Payne, Charles Lewis and Sandra Phillips.

Third place, 16 under par: Robert Scheible, Michael Hunter, Em Clifford and James Stagges.

Fourth place, 14 under par (card match): Ed Howerton, Donald Carmody, Larry Stawick and Sue Slagle.

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By Bob Edmonds Measurements taken at Cedar Hill Rd.

	Lows	Highs	Rain/Etc.
Tuesday, February 9	29°	66°	
Wednesday, February 10	48°	72°	
Thursday, February 11	60°	63°	
Friday, February 12	40°	43°	0.29"
Saturday, February 13	38°	41°	0.77"
Sunday, February 14	40°	42°	1.14"
Monday, February 15	41°	45°	0.22"