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## Stokes pays tribute to life and legacy of Emma Smith

Farewell to Lincoln County's Goodwill Ambassador  
 By Emmie D. Stokes

On January 18, 2021, Emma Julia Jenkins Smith died after a brief battle with Covid-19. No stranger to a health crisis, she began fighting her first life-threatening illness in January 1989 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. This year marked 32 years of her not only surviving breast cancer but thriving with courage and fierce dedication to serve the other cancer victims within the county. While she was once again living in Atlanta, she continued to reach out to patients by counseling and encouraging them; by providing financial assistance; and by extending friendship. Her physical presence is gone; however, the lessons she taught will forever function as a testament of her legacy of service to humanity.

Emma wanted to study nursing, but instead she worked in and retired from Kroger's accounting department. Nevertheless, absence of a nursing degree did not prevent her from tending to others. Through her many acts, she became a goodwill ambassador for Lincoln County. She promised God that if He would let her live, she would serve others, and oh, what a difference she made! Sometimes she attended conferences or workshops as a representative from an organization. She also attended meetings on her own to learn about new medications and treatments being offered and to gain more insight about the latest research. As a goodwill ambassador, she would share the information through churches, civic organizations, health fairs, and other venues. Between 1989 and 2009, she drove 63,700 miles (an average of 3,185 miles per year) in her personal vehicle to achieve those goals.

Many individuals benefit from The Silver Lining Foundation, which Emma and her family formed a few years ago to provide financial assistance for cancer patients. Because she knew the hardships a family could face while a member is undergoing cancer treatments, giving a donation, no matter the size, was very important to her. It was her way of saying, "You are not alone; I am here to help." Consequently, she never turned away any person who called her whether that person needed money or a ride to the medical appointment.

For Emma, caring for others seemed as normal as breathing. Perhaps it was because she was her parents' eldest child. Whatever the reason, there was something different in the way she cared. A few years ago, for instance, she learned one of her cousins had been diagnosed with cancer. When her cousin asked how difficult the chemotherapy treatments were, Emma told her they "were a breeze"; her cousin believed her. Of course her cousin soon learned Emma had not told the truth, and when she asked



EMMA SMITH

Emma why she had not been truthful, Emma laughed and said she lied because she knew if she had told the truth, the cousin would have refused to undergo treatment. If Emma needed to go with her cousin and hold her hand, she was determined to help her cousin live. Currently, that cousin's cancer is in remission, and she is doing very well.

The following words of wisdom depict some of the ways Emma's legacy of service will keep her memory alive:

1. Educate yourself about whatever you are diagnosed with, and never stop learning about it.
  2. Share what you learn with others, especially family members.
  3. Learn your family's medical history, and pay attention to the diseases members are being diagnosed with because the information might help save lives, including yours.
  4. Give to others, and do not expect to be paid for everything you do.
  5. If you make a promise to God to help others, then make certain that you do.
  6. Get involved and live your life with purpose.
  7. Never lose your sense of humor because it will help you when you face some of life's challenges.
- As we say farewell to Emma Julia Jenkins Smith, Lincoln County's goodwill ambassador, we can smile through the tears as we reflect on her many contributions. She made the world a better place, and she surely will be missed in her family, in her church, and in the community. She was planning to move back to her home in Lincolnton, but instead God moved her to her heavenly home. May she rest in peace.

### Planning, zoning meetings

The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 28. These meetings will be held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. each month if there is an agenda.



Theresa Maendele, (left) assisted by Sandy Yarborough, displays a very large pumpkin quilt she made for a family member.

## Classic South Quilt Guild members enjoy meeting at FUMC March 19

The Classic South Quilt Guild met Friday, March 19, at First United Methodist Church in Washington.

Several members gathered at 9 a.m. for a curved convergence workshop taught by Becky Stover. Perseverance paid off as many, after some challenges, completed items that turned out beautifully.

Following the workshop and a time for lunch, others joined the group for the regular meeting at 2 p.m.

All reports were approved prior to the introduction of two new members, Martha Stone of Cadley and Patty Wakefield of McCormick, S.C.

It was announced plans for the quilt show at the American Legion Hall in Lincolnton set for June 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. were complete. Lots of quilts from the Classic South Quilt Guild will be on display. The show will feature vendors in addition to a bazaar stocked with lots of projects the guild members are making to sell. Anyone wishing to be a vendor can call Linda Buesching at 706-359-1572 or Al Ewing at 661-666-3749. There is a vendor fee for the show. A highlight of the quilt show will be the presentation of three Quilts of Valor.

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Donna Taylor presented the next raffle quilt pattern. A trip to Annie's Pretty Pieces Quilt Shop in Hartwell is planned for the April meeting to pick fabrics for this pattern. The group will enjoy lunch in Hartwell before returning to Washington.

There was a reminder to bring items for the gift basket that will be given away at the end-of-year luncheon in May.

Officers for the next guild year

### LCHS seniors eligible to apply for scholarship

Seniors at Lincoln County High School may apply for the W.E. Mason Pioneer Scholarship by submitting an application to the Pioneer Educator Committee.

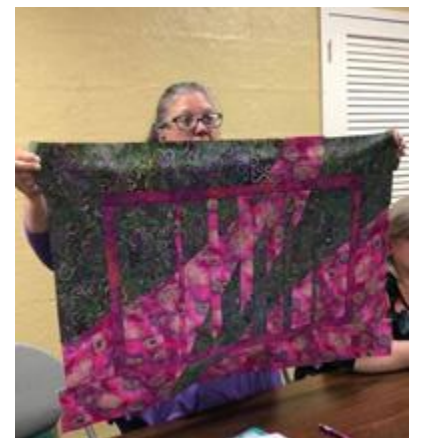
The scholarship is available to students with a grade average of 80 and above, and is designed to give preference to first-generation college students and those interested in pursuing the field of education. Students must have been accepted into an institution of higher education by the submission deadline, April 22.

Interested students should contact the high school counselor or principal.

For more information about the scholarship or to contribute, contact Luther Jones at 706-410-4349.



Elaine Bryan shows her lovely completed yellow and blue quilt begun a couple of years ago and "set aside" for another time.



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were announced as president-elect nominee, Sandy Yarborough, and secretary, Laura Toburen. These will be voted on in April.

Show and Tell followed and those who had completed the workshop were excited to show the other members their projects.

Elaine Filipiak and Lisa Sweet provided refreshments for all to enjoy

### Game night at Post 194

The American Legion Post 194, offers games for its members and the general public as "guests of the legion" on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.

The range of games available are billiards, darts, poker (with house chips), various card games like Hearts, Spades, Gin Rummy, etc. The Legion has added an "Old School" collection of games: Checkers, Chest, Pick-Up-Sticks, Dominoes, Jacks (with the bouncy red ball), Battleship, UNO, Jenga, Tic Tac Toe, Cribbage & Scrabble and much more.

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