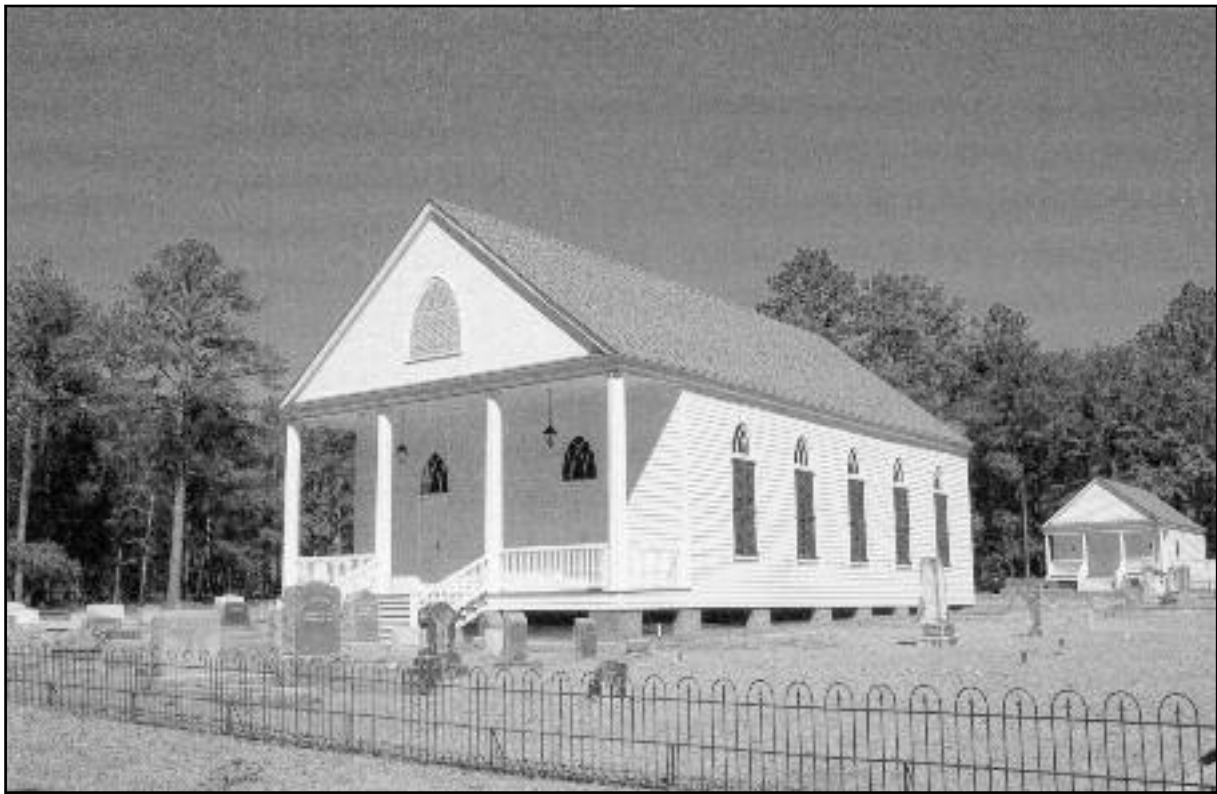
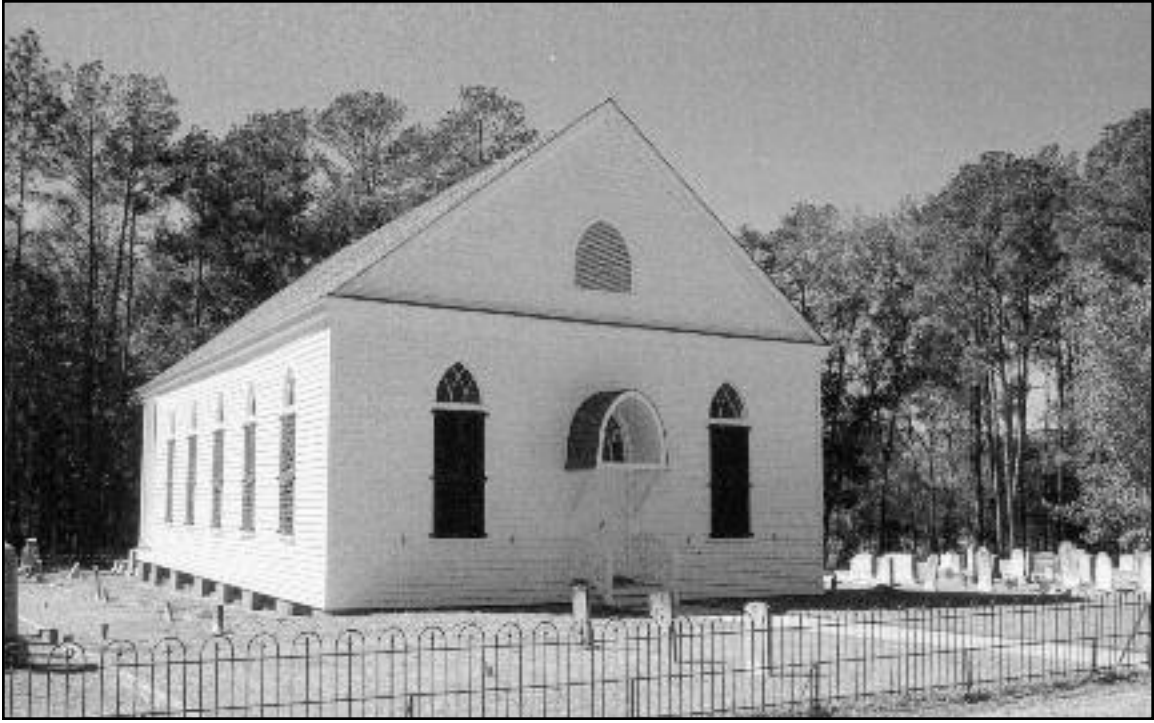


Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland
McMillan and Moye
82nd
Anniversary Reunion



and
Eighth Mizpah United Methodist Church
Homecoming
at
Buford's Bridge, South Carolina

October 12, 2003



MIZPAH

*Go thou thy way, and I go mine,
Apart, yet not afar;
Only a thin veil hangs between
The pathways where we are.
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me";
This is my prayer;
He looks thy way, He looketh mine,
And keeps us near.*

*I know not where thy road may lie,
Or which way mine will be;
If mine will lead thro' parching sands
And thine beside the sea;
Yet God keeps watch 'tween thee and me,
So never fear;
He holds thy hands, He claspeth mine,
And keeps us near.*

*Should wealth and fame perchance be thine,
And my lot lowly be,
Or you be sad and sorrowful,
And glory be for me,
Yet God keep watch 'tween thee and me;
Both be His care;
One arm round thee and one round me
Will keep us near.*

*I sigh sometimes to see thy face,
But since this may not be,
I'll leave thee to the care of Him
Who cares for thee and me.
"I'll keep you both beneath my wings,"
This comforts, dear;
One wing o'er thee and one o'er me,
Will keep us near.*

*And though our paths be separate,
And thy way is not mine,
Yet coming to the Mercy seat,
My soul will meet with thine.
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"
I'll whisper there.
He blessed thee, He blesseth me,
And we are near.*

JULIA A. BAKER

2003 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING
82nd Anniversary

of the

Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion

and

Eighth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming

October 12, 2003

11:30 am

Opening Hymn..... "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Invocation Rev. Edward Stiltz, (Olar Charge)

Words of Welcome..... Mickey Brabham

Songfest

- "I Am Thine, O Lord"
- "Take the Name of Jesus With You"
- "Rock of Ages"
- "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer"
- "The Church in the Wildwood"
- "Amazing Grace"

Offertory

Reunion Meeting

- Enumeration of the Families
- Approval of the Minutes of the 2002 Meeting and Treasurer's Report
- Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

Hymn..... "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Benediction and Blessing The Rev. Edward Stiltz

Come, Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace:
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above:
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it? Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I'll raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'll come:
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safety to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me:
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To thy precious bleeding side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious bleeding side.

Take the Name of Jesus With You

Take the name of Jesus with you, Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you, Take it then, where'er you go.
Precious name, O how sweet? Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet? Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever, As a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather, Breathe that holy name in prayer.
Precious name, O how sweet? Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet? Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

The Beautiful Garden of Prayer

There's a garden where Jesus is waiting, there's a place that is wondrously fair;
For it glows with the light of His presence, 'Tis the beautiful garden of prayer.
O the beautiful garden, the garden of prayer, O the beautiful garden of prayer;
There my Savior awaits, and He opens the gates, To the beautiful garden of prayer.

There's a garden where Jesus is waiting, And He bids you to come meet Him there;
Just to bow and receive a new blessing, In the beautiful garden of prayer.
O the beautiful garden, the garden of prayer, O the beautiful garden of prayer;
There my Savior awaits, and He opens the gates To the beautiful garden of prayer.

The Church in the Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood, No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.
Come to the church in the wildwood, Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the vale.

Oh, come to the church in the wildwood, To the trees where the wild flowers bloom;
Where the parting hymn will be chanted, We will weep by the side of the tomb.
Come to the church in the wildwood, Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.

**MIZPAH
1856-2003
82nd
Reunion**

19 September 2003

Good Morning

The congregation of MIZPAH welcomes you to the 82nd reunion.

Welcome home.

Restoration update:

Placed three name bricks in walkway and three are on order.

Installed slide/bolt locks on the exterior of shutters.

Carpet runners are to be installed in the aisle for acoustics.

Some heart pine flooring, bricks, and nails still remain for sale.

MIZPAH trustees met to discuss the future of MIZPAH and the possibility of making the cemetery perpetual care. Join with us to ensure the church and cemetery we inherited will be passed on to those that love her.

Clyde Kearse
15417 Low Country Hwy.
PO Box 805
Olar, SC 29843
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Email: icki@mindspring.com

Mizpah Church Families Association
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 31, 2002 - August 31, 2003

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2002 \$8,867.36

Receipts:

Interest..... \$ 14.58

Reunion Collection - October 13, 2002..... 734.00

Total Receipts 748.58

Total in Bank & Receipts \$9615.94

Expenditures:

Mel Rizer - Paper Goods \$ 30.00

Mary Steadman - Roll of Plastic 16.00

Helen's Florist - Flowers for Church 58.30

Sun Incorporated - Printing Program Books, etc. 1229.60

Total Expenditures \$ 1,333.90

Total in Bank August 31, 2002 \$ 8,282.04

Amanda P. Morris
Treasurer

Mizpah United Methodist Church

MIZPAH FAMILY BOOK COMMITTEE

August 31, 2002 - August 31, 2003

Bank Balance as of June 30, 2003..... \$8,739.38

No Receipts

No Expenditures

Amanda P. Morris 26 Old Olar Road Denmark, SC 29042

Joyce T. Kearse PO Box 805 Olar, SC 29843

Memorial Flowers

by Mizpah Church Reunion Association

Inez White Brabham

Died May 11, 2003

Katherine Kirkland Black

Died February 1, 2003

Timothy F. Lull

Died May 20, 2003

Jay Perdue

Died February 2003

Martha Louise Brabham Limehouse

Died September 10, 2003

Martha Kirkland McKenzie

Died March 25, 2002 (???)

Lula Edmonds Kearse

Died August 9, 2003

Geneva "Pert" McMillan Wall

Died April 28, 2003

Sadie Harter Cooner

Died April 4, 2003

Mary Jones Hiers

Died March 25, 2003

Gerald Wescoat "Westy" Breeland

Died June 17, 2003

Billy Cave Myrick

Died April 24, 2003

John Henry McMillan

Died March 29, 2003

As well as to the memory of all the deceased in our families

Flowers on the Piano

Given by

Grady Kearse,

Gwen Bullington

and Brenda Jowers

In Memory of a Dear Wife & Mother

Mrs. Lula Edmonds Kearse



Flowers on either side of the altar

In Memory of

Rev. Dr. Timothy Lull

and

In Memory of

Mrs. Sadie Cooner

By the Brabham Family

YOUNGEST - 2002



Arianna Elizabeth Ayer - 15 mos.
Mother - Brenna E. Ayer • Guest - Brian A. Elkins

OLDEST - 2002



Left to Right - Mrs. Myra Johns Mayfield - 91 yrs. old
Mrs. Cecil (Belva) Kears, Mr. Cecil Kears, brother to Myra

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Recent births in the Brabham family include: Darryl Michael Tyler, son of Craig and Michelle Tyler of Westhampton, NJ, and grandson of Harvester and Lue Tyler of Denmark; Kheshaun Kelly, son of Lori Kelly, grandson of Yvonne and the late Leroy Kelly, Sr.; Jala Tyler, daughter of Mark and Melinda Tyler, granddaughter of Ervin and Grace Brabham of Govan, SC, and Barbara and Luther Tyler of Denmark; Ryan Brabham, son of Kim and Duane Brabham. Lue also writes, "We are patiently awaiting the arrival any day now of a daughter to Eric and Shelia, Columbia, SC, granddaughter of Ervin and Grace Brabham."

DEATHS:

Inez White Brabham, wife of Robert F. Brabham, died May 11, 2003, at her home in Sumter. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Eugene White Sr. and the late Inez Wells White. Her survivors include: her husband, Robert F. Brabham; son, Robert F. Brabham and his wife Edla of Charlotte, NC, and son, Gene Brabham and his wife, Frances, of Georgetown; daughter, Gail Miles and her husband, John, of Valley, Ala.; six grandchildren, Jennifer Brabham Sara Brabham, Tiffany Miles, Jamie Lacey, Rita Lacey and Robin Lacey; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Madyson Lacey. Preceding her in death were a daughter, Corinne B. Lacey, and two brothers, Archie and Eugene White.

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Timothy F. Lull, husband of Mary Carlton O'Neal Lull of the Brabham family, died May 20, 2003, in Berkeley, CA from complications after surgery. His survivors include Mary Carlton, their sons, Christopher and Peter, and one grandson, Taylor, and his in-laws, Robert E. and Clarice Brabham O'Neal. Tim was President of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and was editor of a book on Martin Luther's writings. He was author of My Conversations with Martin Luther and other books on Luther. Tim was born April 8, 1943 in Fremont, OH to Ray and Ruth Lull and graduated with honors from Williams College. He was a graduate of Yale Divinity School and earned a PhD from Yale University. His career included serving as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Needham, MA, teaching systematic theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and serving as academic dean and professor at PLTS before being appointed President in 1997.

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Martha Louise Brabham Limehouse, daughter of the late Mattie Morris and Lee Hendrix Brabham of Denmark, SC, died September 10, 2003, in Charleston, SC, where she was a longtime resident. She was born January 25, 1925, and is survived by three sons and her sister, Milford Brabham Fine of Denton, NC.

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BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Patti and Peter McGee (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H.) are enjoying his "almost retirement" from legal practice in Charleston. Peter received the Durant Award for outstanding public service from the South Carolina Bar Association this year. Their daughter, Madeleine, lives in Charleston and is president of The Community Foundation Serving Coastal South Carolina. She was featured in an article about the foundation's philanthropy in the Post and Courier in June. Their daughter, Evelyn (Evie), is married to Stephen Colbert and lives in Montclair, NJ. They have three children, Madeleine, 8, Peter, 5, and John, who is almost one year. Evie is a full time Mom and Stephen works in the entertainment industry, most regularly as a correspondent for the "Daily Show" on the cable channel, Comedy Central. During a visit with Patti and Peter in June, they traveled to Orangeburg to see "Aunt Dot," Dorothy Guess. Patti spends much of her time gardening. "I have become an avid gardener (like my Mother), and as a result spend a great deal of time working with our local Horticultural Society, as well as a member of the boards of directors of the Garden Conservancy and the Southern Garden History Society."

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Bill McLean (William Brabham McLean) of Moultrie, GA, writes that 53 members of his branch of the Brabham family celebrated a reunion Aug. 2 and 3 in Greenwood, SC, at the home of Margaret and Jim Anderson. Bill's family are descendants of Vernon Brabham who moved from Bamberg to Georgia in 1918. Vernon's father was Henry Jasper Brabham, grandfather was J.J. Brabham. Bill reports, "On Sunday, we had a cemetery tour of Cope, Bamberg, Mizpah and the surrounding woods. We were able to get to all of the grave sites except Joseph Brabham Sr.; the woods were too wet (water was standing in the woods and ditches everywhere). We called Mr. Clyde Kearse and he and Joyce met us at Mizpah and opened the church for all. Ya'll sure did a great job of restoring the church. This was the first time some of our crowd had been to the church and the family cemeteries." Bill is seeking more information about the Cope family or the Jennings family from Cope, SC; some of these ancestors are buried in the Old Union Cemetery near Cope. If you know of information, please contact Bill McLean, McLean Engineering Company Inc., 815 S. Main St., Moultrie, GA 31768. Phone (229) 985-1148.

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Joyce Talley Vega, wife of David C. Vega who is son of the late Theo Brabham Vega, writes of the birth of grandson, Hampton Talley Cooper Smith, of Summerville, SC. Born Oct. 1, 2002, in Charleston, Hampton is the son of Rosanne Vega Smith and Robert C. Smith.

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Elaine Johnson, wife of W. E. Johnson Jr., announces the birth of a grandson, Jake William Johnson, born July 11, 2003. He is the son of James Thomas and Tammi Johnson and the brother of James Thomas (Jaycee) Johnson Jr, born Oct. 30, 1998, and Jared Lamar Johnson, born Dec. 11, 2000.

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BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

Ginger Brabham McCully writes of news of her family, the descendents of the late Clarence and Virginia Brabham: Evelyn McCully, wife of Robert McCully Jr., grandson of Clarence and Virginia, graduated from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College in May with an Associate Degree in Nursing; Misty McCully, wife of Jason McCully, great-grandson of Clarence and Virginia, graduated from South Carolina State College in May with a BA degree in Nursing; Robert McCully Jr. is pursuing a degree in Naturopathy from Clayton College of Natural Health; and Dustin McCully, son of Cindy and Brab McCully and great-grandson of Virginia and Clarence, received the Mark Clark Award at the Citadel Summer Camp for Boys.

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Family members from California and Colorado traveled to Columbus, GA, in January to celebrate Clarice Brabham O'Neal's 90th birthday. Among those joining Bob and Clarice at the party were their daughter, Mary Carlton O'Neal Lull, their two grandsons, Chris and Peter Lull, and their great-grandson, Taylor Lull, all of Berkeley, CA, and their daughter, Nan O'Neal Campbell, of Denver, CO. In March, after a serious bout with pneumonia, Bob entered Pine Manor Nursing Home where Clarice visits him almost every day.

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Lue H. Tyler writes of news of the descendents of Ollie Brabham: Carrie Sojourner Simmons was appointed Interim Mayor of Denmark, SC, by Gov. Jim Hodges; Rev. Consee Brabham of Columbia, SC, is the newly elected Assistant Pastor of Honey Ford Baptist Church in Denmark; Mrs. Yvonne Brabham Kelly of Columbia, SC, has been chosen to serve on the Deaconess Board of Friendship Baptist Church in Columbia; Ervin Brabham III of Govan, SC, is back on his feet after an accident in 2002.

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Ed and Peggy Brabham Nicholson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Orange Beach, AL with their four children and their families, which included six grandsons and two granddaughters. The children surprised Ed and Peggy with a dinner at the Perdido Beach Resort. The week at the beach was in July, but the actual anniversary date is Sept. 19.

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News of the Brabham family is compiled by Nan O'Neal Campbell, 1262 Steele St., Denver, CO 80206 If you know of Brabham family members who did not receive a notice of the Mizpah reunion, please send names and addresses to Nan at the above address or by email to nanoneal2000@yahoo.com.

THOSE WE REMEMBER

Sadie Harter Cooner

Sadie Harter Cooner, known in Bamberg County for her musical talents, died last Friday morning, April 4, 2003, at the age of 104, at the Bamberg County Hospital.

Although she was a petite Southern lady, she touched the lives of many with her grand love of music. Known to many as "Miss Sadie", she enjoyed all types of music, but "Ragtime" was her favorite.

She played the organ at Trinity United Methodist Church for over 55 years and shared her talent by playing the piano for many groups. She played at weddings, funerals and many civic programs, and clubs, including the Men's Bible Class at Trinity United Methodist Church and the Lions Club.

Miss Sadie became a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs in 1922. At age 99, she gave a concert to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of that organization.

In Bamberg, she founded the Apollo Music Club and served as its president for several years and the secretary for "many, many years."

She loved people, enjoyed stories, jokes, and being with her friends of all ages. She was active in the United Methodist Women Circles. Miss Sadie was also a member of the Golden Age group and attended their meetings until her death.

Born in Allendale on September 11, 1898, she was the daughter of Julia Platts and Willie E. Harter. She attended the Fairfax School and Columbia College, graduating from there in 1919. There, she served as a Student College President. After graduating, she taught several years in Olar.

In 1922, she married Roy E. Cooner and moved to Bamberg. Mr. Cooner died in 1965.



Survivors include her niece, Anne Harter Wilson and her husband, Jim; and a niece-in-law Marian B. Harter, all of Salisbury, N.C.; three great nephews-Steve, Mike, and Rick Lentz; one great niece Julie L. Bingler; and many cousins. Her two brothers predeceased her - William H. Harter and Jay Carlisle Harter.

Her funeral was held Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church in Bamberg. Rev. Jim Dennis officiated the service and burial was in the South End Cemetery.

Cooner Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Sadie Harter Cooner Scholarship Fund of Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 335, Bamberg, SC, 29003.

MEMBERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS



Seated - Sarah Seabrook and
Mary K. Morris. Standing -
Amanda P. Morris



Joyce Kearse, Amanda Morris,
Sarah Seabrook, and Mary K.
Morris



Donnie and Judy Ayer and
Family.

MEMBERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS



Donnie Ayer and Family.



Kenny, Laura and Delaine Cone



**John & Ginger Sanders, 2 sons
& families**

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Youra of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, are the proud parents of a little daughter, Sydney Rachael, born on October 17, 2002. Sydney is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Youra (Brenda Williams) and great-granddaughter of Laura Kearsse W. Kirby of Bamberg and the late Col. Albert Williams.

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DEATHS:

Lula Edmonds Kearsse, wife of James Grady Kearsse of Kline, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2003, in Barnwell County Hospital after a lengthy illness. Lula was a graduate of the Orangeburg School of Nursing, and was a retired nurse. Survivors, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and sons-in-law; Brenda and Walter Jowers of Nashville, Tennessee; and Gwen and Joe Bullington of Statesboro, GA and two granddaughters, Jessamine Jowers and Amanda Bullington. Lula's two sisters are Mrs. Jean Edmonds Guest of Athens, GA, and Sybil Edmonds Parler of Wadena, IA. Her brother is DuBose Edmonds of Orangeburg, SC. Funeral services were held on August 12th at Calvary Baptist Church in Barnwell. Committal services followed in the family plot at Great Salkehatchie Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Sadie Harter Cooner of Bamberg, died April 4, 2003, at the age of 104. She was well known for her musical talents which she shared with her church, community and throughout the state. "Miss Sadie" was the pianist for the Mizpah Reunion for many years. Her husband was the late E. Roy Cooner.

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Gerald Wescoat "Westy" Breeland died June 17, 2003. He was the son of Laura Mae Breeland of Barnwell - predeceased by his father, Edwin C. Breeland. He was the grandson of Thelma Kearsse Breeland. Funeral services were held at Mole Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Rev. Edward Stiltz on June 19, 2003. Burial was in Mizpah Church Cemetery where he was a member.

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MARRIAGE:

Peggy Holloway and Greg Kearsse were married on August 2, 2003, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Bamberg. Greg is the son of Caroline Kearsse and the late J. Carlisle Kearsse, Jr. Jo-Ann Kearsse Kennedy and family attended Greg and Peggy's wedding. They brought their children, spouses, and grandchildren numbering fourteen in all. Doug and Evelyn Kearsse from Columbia were also in attendance.

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Courtney Owen, daughter of Laura O. Williams Dodds, of Columbus, GA, is expected to return to the United States in December, 2003, after serving as a Missionary in South Africa for the last two years. Courtney plans to seek a career in counseling after the first of the year. She is the granddaughter of Laura W. Kirby and the late Col. Albert Williams.

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Steve Kemmerlin of Varnville participated in the famed Historian Stephen Ambrose's D-Day to the Rhine Tour June 1st - 13th, 2003. The tour group visited the countries of England, France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, Germany. Much emphasis was centered on the Allied Landings at Normandy and the area in which the Battle of the Bulge was fought. Steve had the good fortune of rooming with a World War II veteran, (Pete Horverstein), who had not been back to Europe in fifty-nine years. Steve is the son of Betty K. Wells and the late Harold Kemmerlin and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kears, Sr.

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Waddy Thompson will have a book on fundraising to be published in November. "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Grant Writing" is part of the popular series published by Alpha Books. Waddy has worked as a fundraiser for the arts in New York City for the last 21 years. Waddy graduated from Eastman School of music in Rochester, New York, earning his Master's Degree. He received his PhD. degree in Music Composition from Florida State University. He is the son of Elizabeth (Pert) Kears Thompson and the late Waddy Thompson.

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Cindy Kears Feggrs has completed courses in the program of study at USC leading to an Award of a Certificate in Culinary Arts. Cindy and her husband, Tim, reside in Lexington, SC. Cindy is currently a Radiation Therapist at the Baptist Medical Center in Columbia. She is the daughter of June and Chester Kears of Fairfax.

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The Clarks in Richmond, Virginia, (Rick and Amy), are beginning to learn what empty nesting is like. Carrie began her junior year at Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg,, VA, where she is pursuing degrees in communications and political science. She is president of the Greek drama club. Will began his freshman year at Lynchburg College, also in Lynchburg, VA. where he plans to major in history. Will continues his interest in the theater. He played Capt. Kirk in a musical version of Star Trek, "Wrath of Khan", which he helped to write. He also received his Gold and Silver awards in Venture Crew. Amy is leaving her job after 25 years and is in the process of exploring other options. She began her term as Chair of the Board of World at Work, an international compensation association. Rick has

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

accompanied her on related trips to Florida, Arizona and Banff, Canada. Rick continues his term as an elder at church and spends most of his time on home projects.

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Fred and Lorraine's family gathered for the 19th annual beach week reunion at Garden City Beach, SC, during the first week of August. These reunions have been held at various beaches along the Coast of North and South Carolina, beginning with Emerald Island, NC, and working up and down the coast for variety.

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In July, Jonathon Hastings, the son of Van and Dot Hastings, and a grandson of Fred and Lorraine Clark, accepted a position with Gonzalez Architects. His office overlooks the Savannah River in historic Savannah, Ga. Jonathon recently proposed marriage to Christina Lingga, who works for the State of Georgia, and is a resident of Savannah. Chrissie accepted the proposal for which we are all very happy.

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James Chatham Harris, son of Stephen and Lynne K. Harris of Lexington received his Arrow of Light, the highest honor in Cub Scouts. He has advanced to Boy Scouts and received his Tenderfoot, the first rank in Boy Scouts. He has earned his First Aid Badge, and Eagle requirement. Chatham is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kearsse.

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Michael Waltz, husband of Deborah K. Waltz, graduated from Midlands Technical College with the degree, Associated Science for Electronic Engineering Technology. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waltz of Goose Creek and the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kearsse.

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KEARSE FAMILY



**Lois & Bill Craven (Kearse)
David Sojourner (Moye)**



**Mary Alice & Buster Morris
Lois & Bill Craven**

KEARSE FAMILY



Kearse Clan



**Amanda, Joe Gwen Bullington,
and Grady Kearse**



**Joe, Gwen, Amanda Bullington,
Ben Kearse**

KEARSE FAMILY



Larry & Betty Wells
June Kears
Margaret Heirs



Jon Kears and family



Ben Kears and Olin Kears

KEARSE FAMILY

Betty K. Wells and granddaughter
Cassie Kemmerlin, daughter of
Steve and Terri Kemmerlin of
Varnville.



Kathy Kears, Francis Kears,
and George E. Kears

Francis-George Kears, Lynne
K. Harris, Tim Segars & Cindy
Segars



KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Allison Danielle Green was born on July 8, 2003, in Charlotte, NC. Allison is the great great granddaughter of the late C. W. (Will) Kirkland, the great-granddaughter of Kathryn (Kitty) Kirkland Bradley, and daughter of Justin and Julie Green of Charlotte.

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DEATHS:

Katherine Kirkland Black died February 1, 2003. She was a retired registered nurse from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville, TN, and veteran of WWII U.S. Army Nursing Corps. After retirement she lived in Charleston.

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Jay Perdue of Summerville, SC, died in February, 2003. He was the husband of Jane Kirkland Perdue and they had one son, Jayson. Jay was the son-in-law of the late Frank and Janey Beth Kirkland of Charlotte, NC.

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Martha Kirkland McKenzie (Mrs. Ross McKenzie) of Sumter died on March 25, 2002. She was the sister of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill and the daughter of the late Benjamin Brown Kirkland of Columbia, SC.

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MARRIAGES:

Michael Cunningham Watson, Jr. and Tammy Marie Gurganious were married on November 16, 2002 in Wallace, NC, and are residing in Raleigh. Tammy is the daughter of Durwood and Jean Gurganious of Ivanhoe, NC, and Mike is the son of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson of Bamberg and the grandson of the late John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Douglas Harrison Engle and Tatiana Esperidiao Miranda were married on August 14, 2003, in Mariana, Minas Gerais, Brazil. They are living in Rio de Janeiro. Doug is the son of Earl and Connie Engle and the great-grandson of the late Pauline Barker Kirkland.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Connie Engle, granddaughter of the late Pauline Barker Kirkland, and her husband Earl who retired from General Motors and is now a distributor for Jim Barna Log Systems, lived in Hendersonville, NC,

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(in one of these log homes). They have two sons. James Simonton Engle (Jim) lives in Decatur, GA, and works with faux finishes, carpentry and woodwork of all kinds. Douglas Harrison Engle (Doug) is a professional photojournalist who lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He went there with Associated Press in 1998 after three years in El Salvador and four years in Mexico. He left AP a year ago and is establishing himself as a freelance photojournalist. He was in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq for 12 weeks earlier this year. His personal website is <http://dengle.tripod.com/> where you can see some of his excellent photography.

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Ruth Snelling Linley's daughter and family, Sarah and Jay Clingman and their daughters Hannah (9) and Rebecca (6), spent two weeks in England the last of July. They traded condos (Charleston and suburb of London) and cars with a family from London and had a wonderful sightseeing trip. Sarah is the great-granddaughter of the late Pauline (Lena) Kirkland Black.

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Harriett Hamilton Kirkland Gilmore celebrated her 90th birthday in August and was honored by forty friends and family. The dinner at the Hendersonville Country Club was given by her son and his wife, Bill Jr. and Ellen Gilmore of Tallahassee, FL, and her daughter, Harriett Gilmore Northcutt, of Louisville, KY. In attendance were her sisters, Kathryn Kirkland Johnson of Daytona Beach, FL, and Carolyn Kirkland Wehner of Port Orange, FL, and grandchildren, Leslie and Steve Greenfield of Cumming, GA, Hamilton Northcutt from Atlanta and Allen Northcutt III from Mashpee, MA.

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Ellen and Bill Gilmore have been active in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which both great grandparents on the Kirkland side fought for Southern liberty and freedom. Bill is Adjutant of his local SCV Camp in Tallahassee and just attended the National Convention in Asheville, NC, this August.

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Leslie Gilmore Greenfield of Cumming, GA, has started a part-time home business that is a part of Southern Living Magazine called Southern Living At Home. She sells some of the home, garden and kitchen products shown in the magazine. Her husband, Steve, has returned to the produce packaging industry as a sales manager. Together, they began the Big Brother, Big Sister Program this summer and are enjoying the challenge of getting to know Tyler, who is 14 years old.

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Greg Gilmore has just begun a new career with Atley Pharmaceutical Co. in Houston, TX. Leslie and Greg are the children of Ellen and Bill Gilmore and grandchildren of Harriett Kirkland Gilmore.

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Lou and Jan Odom had the pleasure of all their grandchildren for visits this summer. Melanie and Sarah Miles Williamson of Fairbanks, AK visited first and were followed by Sam and Jake Kirkland Battalio of Pacifica, CA. Mel, Sarah, Sam and Jake are the great grandchildren of Ione Kirkland and Luther A. Odom.

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Lou and Jan Odom were in Clemson in June for Lou's 50th class reunion. Though records are not kept on such matters, it is believed the Class of '53 set a record for participation in the Golden Tiger Celebration.

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Andrew Chumley, son of Helen Wehner Chumley and Douglas Chumley of Illinois and grandson of Carolyn Kirkland Weyner, is getting his Masters in Religious Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, TX.

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Mrs. Gladys Kirkland of Walterboro, widow of Marion Kirkland and formerly of Colston, recently became a resident of Carrigg Manor, a residential home near Bamberg.

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James Risher Tatum has been made assistant editor of the Chronicle Independent newspaper in Camden, SC. Jimmy is the son of Mary Risher Tatum and the late John M. Tatum, Jr. and grandson of the late John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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John A Tatum IV is a senior at the University of South Carolina in Columbia and Christine Dargan Tatum (Christy) is a sophomore at USC. They are the son and daughter of John A Tatum III and Mary Laney Tatum of Beaufort.

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Mike Watson, Jr. is a family physician employed by Moncure Community Health Center in Moncure, NC. This health center provides medical and prenatal care for the large Hispanic population in central NC. He also volunteers at Alliance Medical Ministries in Raleigh. This clinic is supported by over 100 churches and targets the working poor in Raleigh (Wake County). His wife, Tammy, is an RN and serves as Clinical Director at Goshen Medical Center, Inc. at Faison, NC, which provides medical care for the under served in eastern NC.

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John Tatum Watson is employed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as a medical officer (epidemiologist) and is assigned to the Chicago Department of Public Health. He went to Taiwan in June as part of the SARS investigative team. He and his wife, Donna Weagel, moved to Chicago from

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Seattle, WA. John and Mike, Jr. are sons of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson and grandsons of the late John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Dr. Michael C. Watson of Bamberg was awarded the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Jim Hodges in December 2002. This was given in recognition of his 48 years of medical practice and establishing the first HIV/AIDS Clinic in a health department in South Carolina.

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L.E. (Gene) Jarrell of High Point, NC (email <gator@triad.rr.com>) reports that the Robert C. Kirkland Cemetery listings may be viewed at the following address: <http://rootsweb.com/scbamwe/cemeteries/cemeteries.html> This cemetery, along with many others in the area (including Mizpah) are also on the web.



Kent, Kelsey, Clint, Ben, Nicholas Kirkland, Carla Hoefa & Family.

McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS

Colby John Hiers was born December 31, 2002, to John Landis and Susan Dalton Hiers. Paternal great grandparents are the late L. Wendell Hiers and Louise McMillan Hiers.

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DEATHS:

John Henry McMillan died March 29, 2003. He was a retired dairy farmer of over 50 years. He was the son of the late Daniel Boone and Hattie M. McMillan. He is survived by three daughters, one son, ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, one sister, and one brother.

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Mrs. Geneva "Pert" McMillan Wall died April 28, 2003. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boone McMillan. Surviving are a daughter, Betty Wall Sample, and a sister, Daisy McMillan Lane, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Mrs. Mary Jones Hiers formerly of Ehrhardt died March 25, 2003. She was the daughter of the late Frank N. Jones and Lola McMillan Jones. She was a retired school teacher, Sunday School teacher, and a member of several organizations. She is survived by one son.

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Billy Cave Myrick of Ulmers died April, 24, 2003. He was the son of the late Williams W. Myrick and Rosa Cave Myrick. He is survived by his wife, Margie McMillan Myrick, a son, Roger Myrick, one daughter, Roseanne M. McPherson, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Brian S. Ellis, son of Bruce and Beth McMillan Ellis, received his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Clemson University in January 2003. At present, he is serving at Minot Air Force Base, Minot, North Dakota. He received his First Lieutenant commission May 1, 2003. He is the grandson of the late Maxwell McMillan and Ruth P. McMillan and the late Broadus Ellis and Betty S. Ellis.

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Frank Biggers, Anne M. Biggers, Elizabeth Biggers holding Anneliese Bernat, Ruth P. McMillan, Will K. Proveaux and Lynn K. Harris.

MOYE FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Marion Moyer Smoak and her large family held their annual beach reunion in June at Garden City Beach, SC. The family, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, spouses and friends make this week a great time for "just being together."

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Beverly Smoak Robinson of Seneca has been named *District Teacher of the Year* from Oconee County. She will compete for the *SC Teacher of the Year* to be held in January. Marion, Clint Smoak and all of the family are very proud! Beverly's daughter and husband (Ashley and Derek Ramsey) of Charleston are expecting their first child in February.

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Chandler Summerville, son of Brenda Smoak and Larry Summerville of Beaufort, SC, graduated from Beaufort High School and is now a freshman at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

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Linda Smoak and husband, Terry Weiland, reside in London, England where they both teach in the Dodd Schools (government schools). They are able to fly home for the holidays and for summer vacations to be with Marion and the family.

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Sarah Moyer Young (formerly of Columbia, SC) has moved to Raleigh, NC, to be near her daughter, Susan and her husband, Wes, and grandchildren who reside there. She is enjoying her move and is very active in her various hobbies, her music, and community affairs.

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In order to help us with future family news please use the following format for reporting your news items to your family representative:

Births

Deaths

Marriages

Items of Interest

It is also very important if you're providing pictures to be included in the book to write names of the people on the back of the photograph as you would like them to appear. If you want any items returned be sure to include a request as well as the address to which they should be returned. Special news items should be summarized and edited.



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