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1948 to 1954. Afterward he was a resident in internal medicine at the Veteran's Hospital and was an assistant in medicine at Tulane University's Charity Hospital in New Orleans. He established a private practice in internal medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before accepting a position as staff physician at the V.A. Medical Center in Dublin, Ga. He remained there for more than 20 years and was chief of the medical service from 1965 to 1983. He earned board certification as a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine and as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Eleanor Owens Roper '46, January 18, Easley, S.C. She taught in Easley/Pickens County schools and was a PTA life member.

Edward Sanders '46 (M.A. '50), December 26, Charlotte, N.C. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II before returning to Furman to complete his undergraduate and graduate degrees. A lifelong educator and advocate for human rights, he began his career at Central High School in 1951. He taught history and served as athletic director before becoming the school's principal, and he was instrumental in the successful desegregation of the school. He opened Garinger High School in 1959 and served as its principal until 1971. In 1974 he played a major part in the successful execution of court-mandated busing requirements. He went on to serve as area superintendent for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system and as superintendent of the Darlington (S.C.) school system.

Eloise Crenshaw Trammell '46, January 25, Greenville. She was a retired accountant and had been a partner with her husband in J.H. Trammell Real Estate Company.

Clara Roselle Dill '47, December 18, Greenville. She was a retired librarian.

Lawrence Clifton Dillard '47, December 13, and **Ruth Pettigrew Dillard** '47, March 10, Easley, S.C. They were married for 62 years. Lawrence was in the U.S.

Army during World War II and took part in the Battle of the Bulge. At the end of his military service he returned to Furman to complete his degree. He then sold real estate for the Furman Company for 14 years and taught science at J.L. Mann High School for 20 years. Ruth was a longtime church nursery worker.

Martha Louise Smith '47, February 19, Belhaven, N.C. After teaching elementary school for five years, she became a missionary to India in 1952 and remained there for 25 years. She later worked in Durbin, South Africa, before retiring in 1992.

Grace Clain Dougherty '48, December 11, Washington, Pa. She was a registered nurse at Hunterdon Developmental Center in Clinton, N.J., retiring in 1992. She was a member of the Columbia Presbyterian Nursing Alumni Association.

Paul Clifton Greer, Jr. '48, December 10, Brevard, N.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a retired certified public accountant, having served Furman for 41 years.

Calvin S. Staggs '48, January 12, Campobello, S.C. He was retired from Springs Industries.

Bettijo Cox Bowe '49, January 20, Lehigh Acres, Fla. She was a teacher and served in the ministry for more than 50 years.

June Norton Chavers '49, December 5, Savannah, Ga. She was an avid gardener and accomplished seamstress.

William R. Gaul '49, February 9, Lyman, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then worked for Lowenstein Corporation until his retirement in 1986.

Robert Wynn Putman '49, January 29, Houston, Texas. A U.S. Army veteran, he worked as a mechanical engineer and was retired from Brown & Root.

Bruce Wilton Stroupe '49, February 12, Spartanburg, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was retired from Milliken & Company as director of recruiting.



CHOICE McCOIN, LONGTIME EDITOR OF CLASS NOTES

WHEN CHOICE McCOIN '57 died February 15, longtime readers of Furman publications lost a valued friend.

For 30 years Choice oversaw the class notes section in both *Furman* magazine and *Furman Reports*, a quarterly tabloid published for 25 years. As we wrote in early 2000 when she decided to retire from her Furman duties, "Many would view the position of class notes editor as more a chore than a job, considering the number of items that must be processed, reviewed and edited. But Choice's sense of responsibility, conscientious attention to detail and determination to get the facts straight prove that she views class notes not as a laborious task, but as a labor of love."

Upon her retirement, the Alumni Association recognized her years of service with a gift and luncheon.

In addition to her work with class notes, in the early 1970s Choice filled in for a time as editor of *Furman Reports*. She also established the university's Gilpatrick History Prize in honor of two legendary professors, Delbert and Meta Eppler Gilpatrick. The award goes annually to a woman for outstanding work in history.

Choice earned her Furman degree in history and held a master's degree from Emory University. She taught English and social studies at Hughes Junior High in Greenville and at Greenville Technical Education Center.

Known for her civic-mindedness, she was the first woman to head the Greenville County Historical Association, serving twice as the group's president, and was the author of *Greenville County: A Pictorial History*, published in 1983. Active in Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, she was also involved with the Little Theatre, Civic Ballet and the Thursday Study Club, and was the founder of the McCoin Book Club.

Gracious, courteous and thoughtful, Choice was a true lady. She gave generously of her time, talent and resources to the university she loved, and she will be remembered for her good humor, professionalism and sincere concern for others.

— JIM STEWART