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Roy Onias Barker '48, September 10, Greer, S.C. After service with the U.S. Navy during World War II he embarked on an engineering career, most of which was spent in Rochester, N.Y. He was retired from Eastman Kodak.

Mildred Adela Smith Lepingwell '48, June 11, Atlanta.

Betty Rose Newton Summersett '48, August 29, Columbia, S.C. With her husband, Ben, she owned and operated Laurel Hill Inn and Rib Room. She also managed the Summersett Building and served as hostess for Columbia Country Club.

Marjorie Gould Buck '49, November 28, Greenville. She taught for more than 35 years at Christ Church Episcopal School and Sara Collins Elementary School. She was a past president of the Crescent Music Club, a former member of the American Association of University Women, and a tutor for the Greenville Literacy Association.

John William Eckley '49, September 13, Gaffney, S.C. A veteran of World War II, he was retired from Milliken Company.

James Landrum Hill, Sr. '49, June 8, 2009, Belton, S.C. A World War II veteran, he was a longtime teacher, coach and administrator in Greenville County Schools and led the Carolina High baseball team to the state title in 1958. Between 1962 and 1972 he was athletic director, baseball coach and basketball coach at Anderson (S.C.) College, where he also taught accounting and was instrumental in developing the Department of Business Administration. In 1972 he returned to Greenville County and served as principal of two elementary schools. In retirement he taught in the county's adult General Education Diploma program. He served as a president of the Piedmont Lions Club.

L. Lawson Byrd '50, December 9, Gloucester, Va. He enlisted in the Navy during World War II at the age of 15

and served on several submarines. After his discharge he was a member of the Naval Reserves for 20 years, retiring as a lieutenant. Upon completing his Furman degree he began a career in education as a junior high school science teacher in Greenville. After earning a master's degree from the University of South Carolina and a doctorate from Duke University, he served as a principal of schools in South Carolina and Virginia, and taught at Clemson University, North Georgia College and Lynchburg (Va.) Community College. While working in education he also attended seminary at Duke and was ordained a Methodist minister. He went on to serve churches in Virginia for 16 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of the Tidewater Chapter of the Submarine Veterans of World War II and was national chaplain from 1997–2000. He was a lifetime member of the National Education Association and of the Virginia PTA.

James F. Harley '50, June 24, Pueblo, Colo. He was a Baptist minister at churches in South Carolina and Hawaii. He also served as hospital chaplain at Colorado State Hospital and Western State Hospital and was minister of visitation for First Baptist Church in Pueblo until his retirement.

Cannon Eugene Price, Jr. '50, October 31, Anderson, S.C. A retired Southern Baptist minister and educator, he was pastor of churches in the Carolinas, Maryland and Kentucky. After retiring he worked as an interim pastor. He was the founder of Price Driving School and was an income tax preparer.

Douglas Allen Venters '50, November 9, Ruby, S.C. After serving in the Marines for four years he became a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, from which he retired after holding chaplaincies at bases in Texas, Japan, South Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, South Carolina, Ohio, Germany



ELECTION WRAPUP: WOODALL WINS CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

AFTER 16 YEARS as an aide to Congressman John Linder of Georgia's 7th District, the last 10 as chief of staff, Rob Woodall should know plenty about how Washington works.

And after working behind the scenes for so long, he's now able to put his insider knowledge to even better use. In November, Woodall was elected to succeed Linder, who retired, as the representative for the district, which consists of much of Gwinnett County and the eastern Atlanta suburbs.

Woodall, part of the Republican wave that swept into office, is a 1992 Furman graduate with a degree in political science. He holds a law degree from the University of Georgia. John Ryan of the *National Journal* has written, "Woodall embraces the Tea Party movement's principles of limited government, strict constitutional constructionism and fiscal responsibility."

One of the new congressman's major issues is likely to be the "fair tax." In recent years he worked with Linder and co-author Neal Boortz on two books promoting the issue, one of which was a *New York Times* best-seller. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* says that Linder credits Woodall with "helping improve and promote [the] plan to replace the federal income tax with a national sales tax."

Woodall emerged from a field of eight candidates in the Republican primary last summer. He won a runoff for the nomination, then defeated Democrat Doug Heckman in the general election with 67 percent of the vote. According to Furman records, he becomes the sixth alumnus to be elected to the U.S. House.

While Woodall is just beginning his service in Congress, the tenure of Baron Hill '75 came to an end when he was defeated by Republican Todd Young in the race to represent Indiana's 9th District. Hill served five terms in Congress.

In one other major state election involving a Furman graduate, Democrat Elizabeth Harrill Mitchell '62 lost her bid for the governorship of Maine. Mitchell, who served as both speaker of the Maine House and president of the State Senate during her long career in state politics, was defeated by Republican Paul LePage.