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Columbia, and in 1979 she received the Col. S.L. Finklea Award for her volunteer work with the American Cancer Society. She helped breast cancer victims through the Reach to Recovery Program and was a longtime volunteer with the Lexington Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary.

**Mollie Geneva Lee Whisenhunt**

'52, June 9, Orangeburg, S.C. She served as youth director of First Baptist Church of Greer, S.C., education director of Northside Baptist Church of Orangeburg, and secretary for Estate Life Insurance Company and Hygrade Meat Products of Orangeburg. She was a church organist and clerk for 40 years, was a member of Edisto Fork Grange, and was county director for the Orangeburg Homemakers Extension Club and Council. She was also a partner in Dairy Equipment Co.

**Betty Jean Seymour** '53, June 6, Richmond, Va. She was a minister, teacher and scholar, and for more than 40 years was a soloist in the choir of River Road Baptist Church in Richmond. After graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary she was a campus minister at four colleges between 1955 and 1966, and she was a founding member of Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry. From 1960 to 1966 she was director of religious activities at Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, and from 1971 until her retirement in 2003 she taught in the religious studies department at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. At Randolph-Macon she was the first full-time woman faculty member and was named assistant dean of students,

in which capacity she worked with the first women admitted to the school. She went on to be the school's first tenured woman faculty member, the first woman to chair a department, and the first woman to achieve the rank of full professor, and she was co-director of the school's first women's studies program. A three-time recipient of the school's Thomas Branch Award for Excellence in Teaching, she also received the S.N. Gray Distinguished Professor Award, the Exemplary Teaching Award from the United Methodist Board of Higher Education, and, in 2003, the Faculty Certificate of Appreciation. Upon her retirement the B.J. Seymour Alumna Award was established in her honor. In 2009 Randolph-Macon awarded her an honorary degree.

**Lawrence Olin Way, Jr.** '53, June 30, Holly Hill, S.C. He was commissioned a Navy ensign in 1953. After his discharge, he was a cotton and grain farmer from 1955 to 1980. He established Holly Hill Milling Company, Inc., serving as owner from 1957 to 1980, and later became involved in purebred cattle ranching. He was on the board of directors of the American Beefalo Association and was named Premier Breeder of the Year in 1982. Later he became involved in addiction counseling and served as intensive treatment coordinator at the Tri-County Commission in Orangeburg. He also served on the board of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of South Carolina from 1974 until his death.

**ELIZABETH McDAVID CAMPBELL, 1917–2010**

WHEN ELIZABETH McDAVID CAMPBELL '38 died September 6 in Naples, Fla., she left behind an exceptional legacy of advocacy for children. Her caring and creative assistance and hands-on efforts enabled many young people to overcome the challenges of poverty, emotional distress, illiteracy and abuse.



A native of Greenville, she earned a degree in history from Furman three months after marrying Robert S. Campbell, Jr., of Gaffney, S.C. Their partnership lasted until Bob's death in 2003. Bob was the founder of Campbell Limestone Co., which in 1968 merged with Vulcan Materials, the world's largest supplier of crushed stone.

The Campbells, models of business acumen and generosity, were strong Furman supporters. A scholarship program named for them provides financial support to 12 students annually. In return,

the students commit to be tutors and mentors to local children.

Tobi Swartz, who oversees the Campbell Scholars (as well as the Bridges to a Brighter Future program), says the scholarship "combines financial support to students who need assistance to attend Furman with an experiential work opportunity. The Campbells understood the importance of teaching college students the value of service. Not only are the Campbell Scholars' lives changed

through their experience, but they enrich the lives of the children they work with."

Bob and Betsy Campbell were also members of the Richard Furman Society, which consists of those who provide annual unrestricted gifts of \$10,000 or more to Furman, and the Heritage Society, made up of individuals whose planned gifts will benefit the university. In addition, the Campbells supported a number of initiatives at Clemson University, where the Betsy M. Campbell Learning Symposium for Teachers

and the Betsy Campbell Carriage House at the South Carolina Botanical Garden bear her name.

Her generosity and civic-mindedness extended to other areas. She was a leader in the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Gaffney, the first president of the Gaffney Friends of the Library, and a founder of the York (S.C.) Place Episcopal Home for developmentally impaired children, which honored her with its Henry B. Richardson Award. She was also a strong supporter of Camp Kanuga, an Episcopal camp in North Carolina.

She received honorary degrees from Limestone College, Clemson and, in 2002, from Furman, which recognized her support of the university and her work on behalf of children. In 1998 she received the Order of the Palmetto, the state of South Carolina's highest civilian award.

As her obituary stated, "Betsy believed in helping young people teach each other values, attitudes and skills that would enable each of them to contribute in their community as envisioned by our Creator."