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South Carolina. In 1952 he began teaching private music lessons while developing innovative approaches to music theory and technique. He was choir director for Unity Church of Greenville and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Robert Earl Gaillard '53, July 21, Greenville. He was mayor of Walhalla, S.C., for 10 years and director of economic development for Oconee County, S.C., for 20 years. He also served on the Appalachian Council of Government for 37 years. He was a member of the American Legion and Lions Club and saw military service in both World War II and the Korean War.

Layden Gilbert Marlowe '53, July 14, Asheville, N.C. Following service in the U.S.

Navy in World War II, he earned his college degree and began working with a bridge building company in Lebanon, Ohio. He later joined the Asheville Steel & Salvage Co. and became chairman and chief executive officer of Asheville Steel Co., Asheville Machine and Foundry, and Asheville Industrial Supply. While CEO of Asheville Steel, he directed the company's construction of the Sun Sphere, the landmark tower for the Knoxville (Tenn.) World's Fair in the early 1980s. Active in the United Way, he served on the city board of directors of the original Bank of Asheville, was chairman of Western Carolina Industries, and was a past president of the Asheville Sales and Marketing Executives Club.

Patricia Ayers Fitzgerald '54, June 28, Greenville. She worked with the Greenville Sheriff's Department and Armin Plastics and was a realtor for 25 years, retiring in 2006. She received several awards for outstanding sales performance.

James Benson Mattison '54, July 21, Belton, S.C. After serving in the U.S. Army, he operated Mattison Hardware Company in Belton for 52 years. He was a member of the S.C. Army National Guard for 33 years, serving as both a company and battalion commander.

Harold Dean Murphree, Sr. '54, May 19, Liberty, S.C. He was retired from Pet Dairy and from American Security.

Dan Irvine Howard III '55, July 13, Walterboro, S.C. He was a teacher, coach and principal, and for 23 years served as a counselor for the S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Walterboro.

Rachael Owens Newbill '56, June 18, Atlanta. She taught in the public schools for more than 30 years and was a reading specialist in DeKalb County until her retirement in 1994.

Robert Sidney Spann '57, June 13, Tampa, Fla. He worked in public relations for IBM and then for 28 years for the Tampa Electric Company, from which he was retired. He was also an expert rifleman who worked for a time for the gunmaker Winchester. An accomplished



HONORING THE '76 NATIONAL CHAMPS

The 1976 national champion Furman women's golf team received their championship rings this fall.

During the weekend of September 19-20, Furman welcomed the team home with a celebratory banquet, golf clinic and special recognition at halftime of the Furman-Delaware football game, when the women were awarded their rings.

Cindy Ferro '76, Leigh Coulter '79, Betsy King '77, Beth Daniel '78, Holly Hunt '79 and Sherri Turner '79 (left to right) returned for the weekend, as did many other former players and coaches. Cindy Davis '84, recently named president of Nike Golf, was the keynote speaker at the Friday banquet. Team members held a golf clinic Saturday morning and signed autographs before the football game.

Furman won the 1976 title by one stroke over Tulsa when Daniel sank a short par putt on the final hole at the Forest Akers West Course in East Lansing, Mich. The victory helped lay the groundwork for a Paladin program that has played in 16 NCAA championships, claimed 12 Southern Conference titles and produced numerous professionals.

Daniel, King, Turner and Ferro continued their careers on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour and combined for 70 wins and eight major championships. Daniel and King, two of the most recognized players in the history of women's golf, are members of the LPGA Hall of Fame.

