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formal personnel department. He served as a regional manager for Gardner & White of Columbia, S.C., from 1983 to 1991.

He was instrumental in the development of the Community Christian Health and Wellness Fitness Program in Orangeburg.

Glenn "Flash" Otis Kelley '58, February 21, Greenville. He was a stockbroker for nearly 40 years before retiring from USB PaineWebber. He served in the South Carolina National Guard and the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a 50-year member of Masons.

William Wendell Mason '58, February 27, Huntsville, Ala. He was an Army veteran and was retired from the Department of Defense.

Wesley Pollard Saylor, Sr. '60, November 28, Boone, N.C. He taught Spanish, French and German and at the time of his death was a professor at Greenville Technical College. He was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as an intelligence officer and did a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Thomas Franklin Shirley '60, February 12, Williamsburg, Va. His work as a Baptist minister took him to churches in Texas, the Carolinas and Virginia. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention commissioned him into the Correctional Chaplaincy and for 20 years he served western North Carolina as administrative chaplain for 12 prison facilities. Upon retirement he became part of the staff of Smith Memorial Baptist Church in Williamsburg. He was a radio mechanic in the U.S. Air Force.

Mary Ann Powell White '61, February 19, Pinopolis, S.C. She was a retired teacher from Berkeley Elementary School.

Robert Lawrence Lampley, Sr. '62, November 20, Greer, S.C. He was a retired personnel administrator and at the time of his death was employed at Carolina Express Delivery in Greer.

ROLAND BAREFOOT, 1932-2007

Roland C. Barefoot '55, former director of planned giving at Furman and a star football player during his student days, died April 6 at the age of 74.

Born in Lancaster, S.C., he earned his degree in health and physical education. A four-year letterman and co-captain of the football team, he was elected to the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

Known for his quick wit and amiable personality, he joined the university's development staff in 1984 after 23 years in the trucking business. During his tenure as director of planned giving Furman established the Heritage Society, a group of university supporters who have included Furman in their estate plans.

At the time the Heritage Society was formed, Furman had approximately \$15 million in future gifts. Today the society has more than 700 members, with total planned gifts in force of approximately \$107 million.

Barefoot, who retired from Furman in 1999, also served on the board of the South Carolina Planned Giving Council and was instrumental in the "Leave a Legacy" program that encourages planned giving to non-profits in the state.

William Smoot Wagner '62, January 1, Lenoir, N.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force and in 1964 was selected by the National Institute of Public Affairs as one of 45 individuals nationwide and one of four members of the USAF to be awarded a scholarship for graduate study because of their exceptional ability and high potential in government service. He later worked with NASA at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, Fla., as comptroller of the Eastern Test Range. Upon retirement, he returned to Lenoir as owner of Wagner Sand and Stone. He was instrumental in the incorporation of the Village of Cedar Rock.

Robert Parrish Freeman '63, December 30, Chattanooga, Tenn. After his discharge from the U.S. Army, he began his career with First National Bank of Atlanta before moving to American National Bank and Trust Company of Chattanooga. He later joined SunTrust Bank and retired after 29 years of service. He continued to work for several years

as an independent contractor for Columbus Bank & Trust Company and Synovus Securities of Columbus, Ga. He volunteered with the Tennessee Aquarium, Memorial Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and Hunter Museum of American Art and was treasurer of Horse Creek Farms Homeowners Association.

Phillip Graham Smith '63, November 23, Walterboro, S.C. He was an environmental consultant with the Corps of Engineering and Department of Health and Environmental Control. He served three years with the U.S. Air Force in Fairbanks, Alaska.

William Michael Edwards '66, February 22, Columbus, Ga. He was the owner of several businesses, including Mike's Bikes and Columbus Rubber Stamps and Signs. He also served as the regional director for the Boy Scouts of America in North Carolina.

James W. Orr '67, March 2, Columbia, S.C. He practiced law briefly in Greenville before moving to Columbia in 1980 to live and work. In 1989 he co-founded the firm

of Bowers Orr L.L.P. He pursued a varied career before many state courts and all levels of the federal judiciary.

Willie Evelyn Mefford, M.A. '68, February 12, Spartanburg, S.C. She taught in South Carolina schools in Union County, Cherokee County and Spartanburg County, retiring after 42 years. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Mu Chapter, National Education Association-S.C. Education Association (retired), County Retired Educators of Spartanburg County, and Shepherd's Center.

Jack Allen Green, Jr. '69, February 28, Mauldin, S.C. He was a tennis instructor and coached the St. Joseph's High School boys' varsity team. He was a certified referee and National Tennis Rating Program verifier. He formerly was head tennis pro at various clubs, including Hunter's Creek Racquet Club in Greenwood and Spartanburg Athletic Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran and had served at the Pentagon.

Betty Elizabeth Sambola Kittrell '70, November 20, Charleston, S.C. She was retired as co-owner of Southern Arms Company in Greenville. She was a past regent of Behethland Butler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, past president of the Hillcrest Chapter of Greenville Council of Garden Clubs, and a member and former officer of Greenville Woman's Club.

James Lee Odom '75, February 10, Wakulla, Fla. He was a certified public accountant.

Charlie Milton Horton '78, January 29, Winchester, Va. He was the senior vice president of regional services for Valley Health and was a charter member of Kiwanis Club Blue Ridge.

Kenneth Elder, Jr. '86, December 19, Charlotte, N.C. He worked for Mark III Realty until opening his own firm, Elder Broach Properties.

Berne Marie Little Hannon '97, February 12, Greenville.