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The Furman family and the Alumni Association Board of Directors suffered a major loss April 19 when James G. "Buddy" Revels, Jr. '62 died of a heart attack in Louisville, Ky. He was 65.

Revels was a native of Hattiesburg, Miss., and for the last 10 years had been a teacher at Jefferson County High School. Before then he spent 18 years as a Baptist minister in South Carolina and Georgia. He also taught history at Mississippi College, and he worked at Furman for several years in the late 1970s, in development and student services. He was elected to the Alumni Board in 2002.

Tom Triplitt, head of the Alumni Association, said, "Buddy was passionate about alma mater and fiercely loyal and supportive. He had a way of making everyone around him feel good. He was a wonderful ambassador for Furman and credited Furman with much of his success."

Revels' family has asked that memorials be made to Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C., 29613, and to designate the gift to the Buddy Revels Fund.

Carolina. He was a member of the American Board of Endocrinology, Charleston County Medical Society, National Lipid Association and the Huguenot Society of South Carolina.

**Sandra Havelin Burdette** '61, January 6, Katy, Texas. She began teaching pre-school in 1972 and continued in pre-school education until she began working in special education. She retired from teaching in 1994, after which she co-founded the Katy/Richmond/Rosenberg Area Multiple Sclerosis support group.

**Shirley Reeves Moore** '61, December 26, Starr, S.C. She retired from Concord Elementary School after teaching for 32 years.

**Dianne Hurst Green** '62, January 5, Morristown, Tenn. For many years she was a social worker in Abingdon, Va., and East Tennessee.

**James Dale Cody** '66, November 27, Mauldin, S.C. He was retired from the U.S. Navy, having served in Vietnam.

**Ellen Nikula Taylor** '66, January 10, Holland, Mich. She taught on the Holland campus of Davenport University and chaired the communications department for several years until her retirement in 2005. She served on the Holland Township Planning Commission and was a member of the National Council of Teachers of English.

**Sandra Kay Veach Ground,** M.A. '67, December 11, Greenville. She spent her 41-year career working with young children and early childhood professionals. She taught in Belton, S.C., Denver, Colo., and Las Vegas, Nev., although most of her service was to the children of South Carolina in the Department of Social Services, the Governor's Office and the Department of Health &

Human Services. She was a longstanding member of the South Carolina Association for Children Under Six, the South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

**Nell Moseley Ramsey,** M.A. '67, January 31, Gaffney, S.C. She was retired from the Cherokee County school system with 36 years of service. She was a former director of Special Services of Cherokee County, which she was influential in founding.

**Gerhardt "Gary" Suhrstedt** '68, December 29, Somerville, Mass. An accomplished musician, he was an organ soloist and clinician who taught music and piano at South Shore Conservatory and at Tufts University. His wife, Barbara, was also an accomplished concert pianist; they performed as a duo in 40 states as well as in Canada and Russia. He was a member of the board of FLAME (Framingham Lomonosov Association for Mutual Exchange) in Framingham, Mass., a Russian Sister City Organization.

**Mary Tee Elizabeth Risk Cavin,** M.A. '73, Roseville, Calif. She was a regional Girl Scout leader and taught high school French and English in Menlo, Ga. She later moved to Greer, S.C., earned her master's degree in library science and became a middle school librarian in the Greenville County school system.

**Arthelia S. Warner** '74, April 20, Gainesville, Ga. She worked at Furman for 21 years as manager and director of information systems and also worked for many years with the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. She served as a substitute teacher in the Gainesville school system.

**Ronald Carlay,** M.A. '75, February 4, Laurens, S.C. He was a professional engineer, employed with the Torrington Company and with Jacobs Engineering. He was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

**Grace Shepard,** M.A. '77, December 7, Greenville. She was a high school teacher in the Anderson, S.C., school system.

**John Allen Waters** '84, February 13, Anderson, S.C. He had served in the U.S. Air Force and was retired from the BASF Corporation.

**David Eugene "Dewey" Willard** '87, March 8, Greenville. He was employed with Hitachi for 12 years.

**Millicent Lee Burns** '94, January 28, West Palm Beach, Fla. She worked in the decorative arts field with the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other galleries in New York and Philadelphia.

**Janis McCollum Childs** '01, January 20, Pickens, S.C. She was a co-owner of Napa Auto Parts of Pickens.

**Ellen Stewart Smith,** February 6. Wife of former Furman religion professor T.C. Smith, she taught English at North Greenville College and later worked in the library at Furman. She was a past president of the Greenville chapter of the American Association of University Women.

**Kelli Tate Morris,** April 21, Greenville. She joined the Furman development staff last fall as director of stewardship after more than 14 years at Winthrop University, most of them in development. At Winthrop she was director of annual giving and was instrumental in founding the South Carolina Annual Giving Officers Association.