

Evans turns 100

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More than 200 of Vivian C. Evans' family members, friends, neighbors and church members helped her celebrate her 100th birthday recently.

Her sons, John A. Evans Jr. and James Evans, hosted the celebration at the Quality Inn & Suites on Hawthorne Road. The tables were adorned with pink and white linens and beautiful pink rose arrangements. Granddaughter Allison E. Martin was Mistress of Ceremonies; another granddaughter offered the toast and Bro. Alan Brown, Evans' minister at Capernaum Church of Christ, offered the grace.

Born Vivian Clingman in 1908 in Clemmons, Evans was the fourth of seven children born to William and Sarah Clingman. She is the only one of the siblings still living. The family lived on a small farm in Clemmons, where life was very hard.

She attended a segregated school through seventh grade; and although a very good student, Forsyth County would not allow people of color to attend any higher grades. With such a limited education, she went to work for a private family as a maid. Years later, she became a cook for the school system.

She met and married John A. Evans Sr. They were married for 63 years before his passing and reared three sons: John, James and Robert. Their home was filled with a lot of love, wisdom, hope and vision.

They desired that their sons would receive a college education and "through the grace of God and many sacrifices made by John and me," Evans said, "all three got their college degrees."

All the party guests praised Evans. Her niece, Gurtie C. Brooks of Capital Heights, Md.; nephew Charles



Vivian C. Evans with two of her sons, John A. Evans Jr. and James Evans.



Vivian C. Evans

"Skipper" Clingman of Cincinnati, Ohio; and cousin Virginia K. Newell thanked her for having been a good,

giving person.

Almost everybody talked about how great her apple pies and Christmas cookies were and how they looked forward to being treated to some! Ruby Rucker remembered that Evans sold her sweets at W. G. White's store.

"She peeled her home grown apples in a special way without any waste and made her own crust," Rucker said.

Evans also made her own clothes and quilts, which she exhibited at the fair. Always independent and courageous, she started driving at 13 and continued to do so until she was 94, when she voluntarily parked her car after having passed both the written and eye tests.

Breeden earns her DDS from Howard University

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Angela Breeden recently received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from Howard University College of Dentistry.

Breeden is a 2000 graduate of Mount Tabor High School

and a 2004 graduate of UNC-Wilmington. She is currently in a general practice residency program at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in Bronx, N.Y. Her parents are Roland and Lynda Breeden of Winston-Salem.



Angela Breeden



Mildred Searcy

First Calvary honors its beloved secretary

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First Calvary Baptist Church honored Mildred Searcy on Sunday, Sept. 28 at the 11 a.m. morning worship service.

She is celebrating 58 years of service as the church secretary. When asked why she has decided to keep the job for so long, she replied, "it was God's plan."

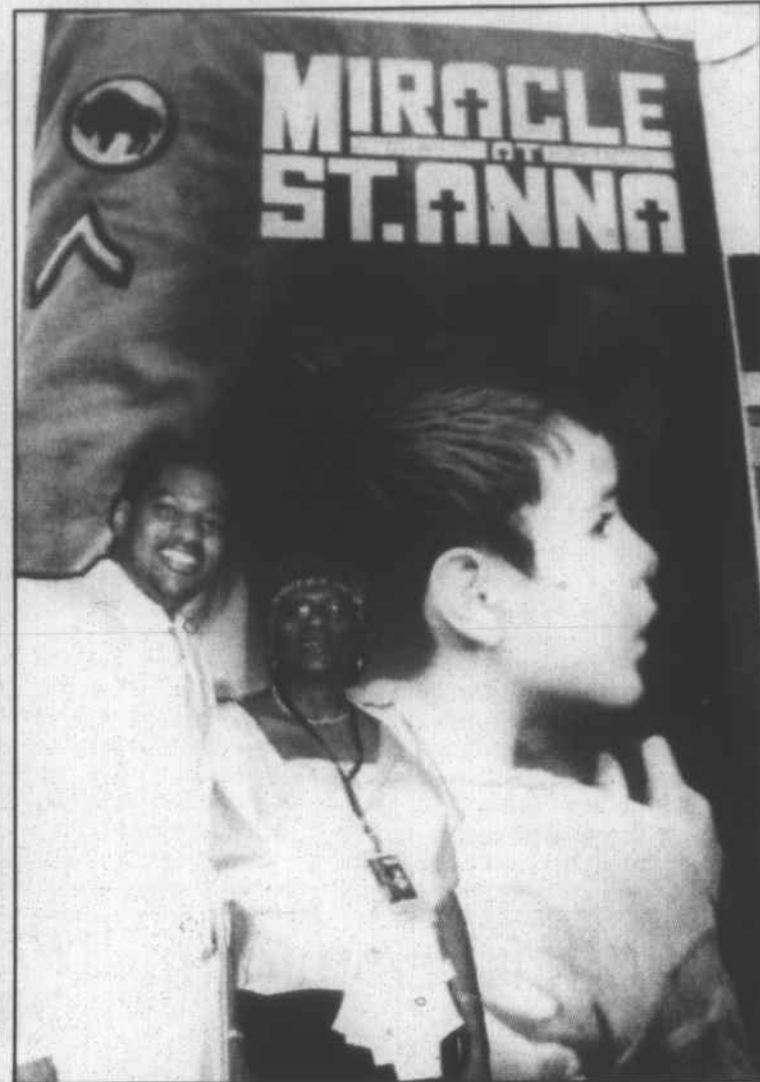
Her family, church members and friends all helped to make Searcy's day super great.

"What a blessed day," she said.

Searcy has been instrumental in the church's Computer Training Ministry and many other ministries.

Currently, she is the church's administrator. Searcy, a native of Winston-Salem, was baptized at First Calvary and has attended the church all of her life. She retired as a Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools business teacher in 1997.

RISING STAR



Submitted Photo
Winston-Salem native Shawn Luckey and his mother, Beverly Luckey Cooke, stand outside of the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York last week. Luckey, the artistic director of Diversity Players of Harlem, has a role in the new Spike Lee film, "Miracle at St. Anna." His mom was his special guest at the movie's Big Apple premiere.



Small Business Training Program

A City sponsored Business Training Program is set to begin on Thursday October 16, 2008. The series of seminars meets on Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Anderson Center, Continuing Education wing, on the Campus of Winston-Salem State University. The class will meet in room # C002. Classes end on December 18.

Every year through the City's Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program a series of seminars are offered to interested City residents thinking about entering into the business world. Topics include Market Analysis, Legal Issues, Customer Service, Insurance Needs, Book Keeping and Taxes, Writing a Business Plan, and How to Apply for Funding. Qualified participants who complete the program are then eligible to apply to the City's Small Business Loan Program for funding to assist in starting a small business.

Please call, Ruben Gonzales, Development Office, at 747-7474 if you'd like to register or have questions.

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