

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Worcester



Wayne and Pat Worcester recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was wed August 27, 1960 by the honorable Janelle B. McCraw, acting Justice of the Peace for Cherokee County, SC.

The couple was surprised a week before their anniversary by their children and their children's spouses, Regina and Rodney Ruff, Troy and Renee Worcester, and Tammy and Tim Postell. The evening began with a stretch Expedition limo ride to dinner at Sullivan's Steakhouse in Charlotte. Wayne and Pat along with their children enjoyed a delicious gourmet steak dinner in their very own private dining room.

After dinner the couple was driven back to the Fairview Lodge #339, where they were greeted by 80 guests for a surprise luau hosted by their grandchildren. Wayne and Pat were presented with authentic Hawai-

ian attire, complete with flower leis. The decorations and food at the Lodge represented an Hawaiian Luau in detail with tropical beach scenes, including sand and seashells, tikis, exotic flowers and plants. The color theme was lime green and pink and was tastefully displayed at each guests table. All decorating and food were done by the grandchildren.

The guest tables consisted of clear vases filled with floating orchids and bamboo leaves; patterned sand surrounded each vase and contained various seashells and starfish. Also displayed was a large memory table skirted with raffata, a flower border and a sand-covered top. Various framed photos of the couple and their families representing their fifty years together were placed on the table top. These same photos along with others were incorporated onto a DVD and played for the party. This



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Patterson

Eugene and Jeanette Patterson of Kings Mountain will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary September 1.

Jeanette Whisnant and Eugene Patterson were married at Bethlehem Baptist Church September 1, 1940.

They are the parents of two sons: Dr. Jerry Patterson and wife, Kim, of Chapel Hill, and Dennis Patterson and wife, Susan, of Kings Mountain. They have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

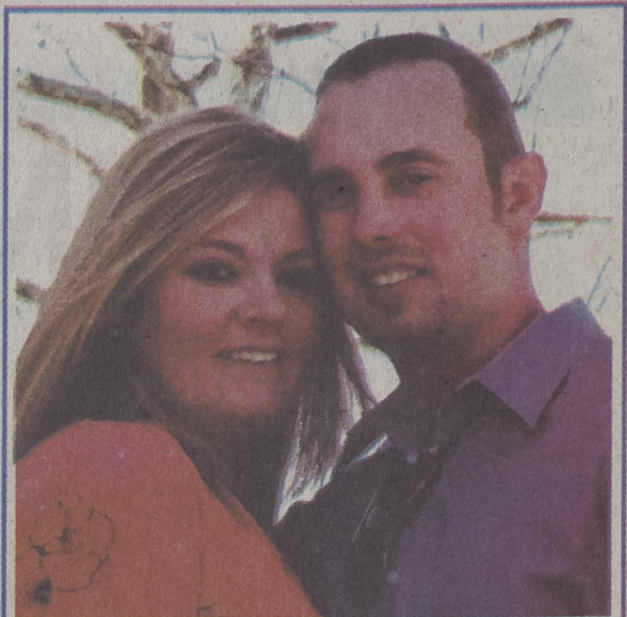
The Pattersons are members of Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

DVD also included audio of three of their favorite songs, "Love Me Tender", "Only You" and "When A Man Loves A Woman". And during the last song the Worcesters enjoyed a private slow dance.

Following the picture presentation, hor d'oeuvres were served buffet style. The buffet tables were decorated in the Hawaiian theme and the centerpieces were two lighted tiki masks and a lighted palm tree made from pineapples. All enjoyed homemade chicken and egg salad croissants, pasta salads, assorted nuts, cheese and crackers,

cocktail wieners and various fresh fruits served from watermelon bowls. Punch, soft drinks and water were served for beverages. For dessert the Worcesters cut their anniversary cake which was red velvet, and was decorated in the same Hawaiian theme, with golden numbers five and zero on the top. Throughout the celebration, a special arrangement of fifties- and sixties-era music was played for everyone's enjoyment.

The Worcester's credit their love and trust in God, and for each other, as the secret to a long and happy marriage.



Green, McAbee to wed

Mr. and Mrs. David Grigg announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheena Venese Green, to Colt Reid McAbee, son of Robbie and Debbie Goforth Dover. Both families are of Kings Mountain.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a graduate of Carolina Cosmetology Academy in Gastonia. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, singing, and playing softball and is employed at Shear Blessings in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County Schools. She is the granddaughter of Joyce Grigg and the late Rev. Gene Grigg and the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie D. Brooks.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 2004 graduate of Motorcycle Mechanic Institute in Orlando, Fla. He enjoys cross country ATV racing, playing softball and spending time with friends and family. He is employed by Chemetall Foote Corporation in Kings Mountain. He is the grandson of Mary Goforth and the late Floyd Gene Goforth. The wedding will be an event of October 9, 2010.

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sargeant. She also went on to teach school in Kings Mountain for many years and Sunday School at her church, Shiloh Presbyterian, for three decades.

Edith survived cancer. She lived through the Great Depression and it's "Hoover Days", six wars, the dawn of electricity in the south and several other technological advances. She remembered the day Amelia Earhart went missing and the attacks at Pearl Harbor. She had so many great stories to tell.

If I hadn't have known better as I walked up to her house Sunday night for visitation, I would have thought it was just another one of Edith's well-attended get-togethers. Her stories were still being told, just not by her.

Charles Alexander, who passed away early last Wednesday, was one of the last federally-appointed postmasters in North Carolina. He was appointed to that duty by the President of America and carried out his service from 1956 to 1977. His 21 years of service made him the longest tenured postmaster in Kings Mountain.

Even after retirement, he stayed involved in postal issues and was elected president of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, an organization that looked after the



Edith Morgan

welfare of all federal service folk, including the military. During his time with the organization, he argued for the release of a large segment of retirement money that had been withheld by the state with invalid reason, on the floor of the state capital. The money was released.

Mr. Alexander served his country for many years; first, in the Navy in the 1940s, when he married his great partner in love and life, Ruby.

They worked together at Elmer Lumber, and then, while serving as postmaster, Charles continued to develop his interest in architectural drawings. He found himself drawing basic house plans for an area developer, as well as the sanctuary of Macedonia Baptist Church. While he was drawing house plans in his spare time, Ruby was becoming more interested in the sale of real estate.

It was only natural that the

combination of their interest and skills eventually led to a number of homes and business buildings and developments, like Gold Run, scattered throughout Kings Mountain.

In addition to his service to city, state and country, Charles also served his fellow man, volunteering and reaching out beyond the church walls to participate in the "Lay Witness Missions". In this service, he helped form an ambitious prison ministry that garnered national attention.

Charles Alexander was active in nearly every civic club in Kings Mountain, including Rotary, the Lions, the JayCees, the Kiwanis and the VFW, where he served as president.

Ed Herndon, a welding instructor at Kings Mountain High School passed away a few weeks ago. He joined the teaching staff at KMHS 10 years ago, after retiring from 33 years at Duke Power.

At times, he was strict with his students, making sure they arrived to class on time and stayed on subject. Welding was the focus of each lesson, but other important lessons always seem to filter through his teaching, as well.

And he never missed a graduation, as he watched proudly from the sidelines at Cleveland Community College when his high school students crossed the stage to receive col-

lege credits for work they were able to do in Mr. Herndon's class at KMHS. He had a lot to teach and was great at it.

Every now and then, someone special comes along and teaches us things about life and living, they build a shelter for us and stand up for us when we've been wronged, they regale us with stories of how things used to be and show us how laughter can lessen any storm. We miss those special ones when they pass, but we can't help but smile when we think of where they're going.

ALEXANDER: will be missed

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called him. Reg Alexander used this analogy to calm a distraught daughter dealing with the loss of her last grandparent.

"I told her, 'honey', it's like he's parked his car in the parking lot of Disney World and he's just waiting for the tram to come by and pick him up and take him to the Magic Kingdom." He added, "I know he grabbed Mom's hand and they're having a magnificent time in heaven doing whatever it is that the Kingdom Dwellers do that bring smiles and laughter to the face of our Lord. I am confident that there is no way that we Earth-bonders can even begin to understand the joy and delight my Dad is now experiencing. We have tears



Charles Alexander

for our loss. We have smiles for his gain."

Reg Alexander and Cindi Wood Alexander want the community to know they covet their continued prayers.

Their friends find it difficult to separate Charles and Ruby in their memories.

Ruby and Charles Alexander, special friends, we will miss.

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