

Major Notes

Dr. James J. (Jeff) Alexander, B.S. 1985, of Long Beach died March 11, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Omicron Delta Epsilon, and the varsity tennis team.

Alton E. (Tony) Anthony, B.S. 1949, of Deerfield died July 13, 2004. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Elaine (Jackie) Garrett Bailey, B.A. 1941, of Gulf Breeze, Fla., died March 6, 2004. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

John E. (Buddy) Bell, 1961, of Clinton died May 9, 2004.

Mary G. Nobles Bertschinger, B.A. 1928, of Ridgeland died March 27, 2004. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and the All-One Club.

Gladys Bond Blaine, 1929, of Hazlehurst died March 28, 2004. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and the Women's Pan-Hellenic Council.

Charles (Norman) Bradley, B.S. 1934, of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., died Jan. 31, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, Omicron Delta Kappa, Eta Sigma, the student executive board, and the Lamar Literary Society. He also served as editor-in-chief for the *Purple & White*. Millsaps honored him as Alumnus of the Year in 1973.

Dr. DeWitt Talmadge (D.T.) Brock Jr., B.S. 1944, of Jackson died Feb. 15, 2004. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Epsilon Delta. He also served as secretary for Kappa Alpha Order.

Martha (Earline) Watkins Bruce, Whitworth College, B.A. 1936, of Raymond died April 25, 2004. She was a member of Eta Sigma Phi, the Classical Club, the YWCA, the YWCA Cabinet, and the Millsaps Barbarians.

William S. Bryan Jr., B.S. 1951, of McComb died Feb. 20, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Dr. S. D. (Dewey) Buckley Jr., B.A. 1950, of Jackson died Jan. 24, 2004. He served as president for both Eta Sigma Phi and the Beethoven Club.

William J. Burnett, B.A. 1960, of Cordova, Tenn., died April 16, 2003. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

William (Bill) R. Burt, B.A. 1951, of Tupelo died Feb. 24, 2004. He was a member of the Ministerial League.

Sen. William (Bill) Caraway, Whitworth College, B.S. 1935, of Jackson died March 9, 2004. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Millsaps Players, and the Millsaps Singers. He later served as the first director of development for Millsaps.

Barbara Jo Wooton Carraway, 1948, of Ridgeland died Sept. 23, 2004. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Sara Jean Applewhite Cartledge, B.A. 1944, of Biloxi died Feb. 20, 2004. She served as editor for her sorority, Beta Sigma Omicron.

Fred A. Carver, 1949, of Beaumont, Texas, died Nov. 27, 2003. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

June Stellwagon Catledge, B.A. 1957, of Jackson died April 3, 2004. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority, Sigma Lambda, the Student Body Association, the Millsaps Singers, Wesley Fellowship, the YWCA, and the Pan-Hellenic Council. She served as secretary-treasurer for the senior class, president of Kappa Delta Epsilon, and secretary and treasurer for the Majorette Club.

Mary Elinor Moore Comfort, B.A. 1954, of Brandon died April 30, 2004. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority, Kappa Delta Epsilon, the Millsaps Singers, and the Women's Council.

Cecil L. (Pete) Conerly Jr., 1948, of Jackson died Sept. 16, 2004.

Jerry M. Covich, 1944, of Biloxi died June 1, 2004. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

Woodson Goforth Cowan, B.A. 1977, of Knoxville, Tenn., died March 22, 2003.

Julia Cropper Coyne, 1943, of Pass Christian died July 12, 2004. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Lois Rogers Davis, B.A. 1955, of Florence died May 17, 2004.

Martha (Evelyn) Brooks Durham, B.A. 1939, of Tucson, Ariz., died March 12, 2004. She was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority, Eta Sigma Phi, the YWCA Cabinet, and the *Purple & White* staff. She was also on the Dean's List.

Pat L. Gilliland, B.A. 1960, of Jackson died Dec. 16, 2003. He was a member of Campus Ministry and the Student Senate. He also served as No. 1 for Kappa Alpha Order, assistant to the student body president, vice president of the Christian Council, vice president of the Interfraternity Council, president of the Canterbury Club, and a psychology assistant. He was selected as a "Campus Favorite" in 1960. He was elected to the Irwin Province Court of Honor of Kappa Alpha, which recognizes distinguished alumni. In addition, he served as president of the Millsaps College Alumni Association.

George C. (Charlton) Hardin, B.S. 1950, of Madison died March 22, 2004. He served as sergeant-at-arms of the M-Club and participated in athletics.

John H. Hinton Jr., B.S. 1951, of Clinton died Feb. 13, 2004.

Capt. John N. Howard, 1945, of McLean, Va., died June 18, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

Marian Dubard Hubbard, Grenada College 1936, of Grenada died July 9, 2004.

Dr. William B. (Bernard) Hunt, 1947, of Grenada died Dec. 12, 2003. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

Rodney Walter Jeffreys, B.A. 1954, of Jackson died July 31, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and the varsity basketball team.

Daisy Kate Brown Jeffries, 1935, of Tylertown died April 22, 2004.

Frank Rea Darden Jones, B.A. 1935, of Jackson died June 16, 2004. She was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority.

Rev. James (Jimmy) Jones, B.S. 1956, of Mobile, Ala., died March 16, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, the Millsaps Players, the Millsaps Singers, the varsity football team, and the M-Club.

Maude McLean Lane, B.A. 1934, of Jackson died May 8, 2004. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority and was selected as a "Campus Favorite" in 1933.

Dr. J. D. Leggett, B.S. 1942, of Parker, Ariz., died Jan. 24, 2004. He was a member of the YMCA, the Ramblers Club, the Pre-Med Club, the Science Club, and Alpha Epsilon Delta.

Rev. Floyd O. Lewis, B.S. 1933, of Madison died March 27, 2004. He was a member of Sigma Rho Chi fraternity, the Ministerial League, and the YMCA Cabinet.

William Baldwin (Buddy) Lloyd, B.A. 1942, of Jackson died Aug. 17, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

Rev. William (Bill) R. Lott Jr., B.A. 1949, of Grenada died August 30, 2004. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Ministerial League.

Roddy Finley Luster, 1950, of Madison died May 4, 2004.

Merrie (Melissa) Matthews, B.S. 1980, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Feb. 2, 2004. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority, Beta Beta Beta, the Student Senate, the Judicial Committee, and the Millsaps Players.

Ruby Frances Stone McCharen, B.S. 1937, of Jackson died Jan. 12, 2004. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, the YWCA, and the *Bobashela* business staff. She also served as secretary of the junior class.

Mary (Sue) Yelvington McDougal, 1936, of Winona died Feb. 14, 2004.

Clyde Vernon McKee Jr., 1940, of Orange, Texas, died Sept. 14, 2004. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

William Patrick (W. P.) McMullan Jr., 1948, of Newton died Jan. 21, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

Bertrand (B. K.) Melton, B.S. 1939, of Clinton died Feb. 21, 2004. He was a member of the varsity football team, the varsity track team, and the M-Club.

Johnnie Floyd Miller, Whitworth B.S. 1941, of Collins died Sept. 18, 2004. She was a member of the YWCA, the Women's Association, the Glee Club, the Science Club, the Emphyreans, and the Baptist Student Union.

Rev. Richard F. Milwee, B.A. 1960, of Little Rock, Ark., died July 10, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and the Canterbury Club. He was also on the Dean's List.

Harvey C. (Carroll) Mitchell, B.A. 1943, of Plantersville died Feb. 3, 2004. He was a member of the advertising staff for the *Purple & White*. He also served as historian for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Dr. Ellis Mumford Moffitt, 1956, of Madison died April 17, 2004. He was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta.

William (Bill) H. Moore, B.S. 1953, of Madison died Sept. 18, 2004. He served as vice president of both Kappa Sigma fraternity and the student executive board. He also participated in athletics.

Dr. Keith C. Moses, 1977, of Augusta, Ga., died July 1, 2004. A member of the Black Student Association, he attended Millsaps as part of the Millsaps/UMC Pre-Medical Training Co-Operative (PMTC) program.

Jane Ellen Newell Naef, B.A. 1949, of Jackson died March 12, 2003. She was a member of the Millsaps Singers. She also served as corresponding secretary for Beta Sigma Omicron sorority and as treasurer for Kappa Delta Epsilon.

Norman K. (Ken) Nail Sr., 1944, of Tupelo died April 7, 2004. He was a member of the Millsaps Players and the debate team.

Louis Joseph Navarro, B.S. 1942, of Jackson died June 15, 2004. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Psi Omega, the YMCA, the Dramatic Club, the Ramblers Club, and the Men's Panhellenic. He also participated in student publications. He served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and vice president of the student body association. He was also named Master Major.

Dr. Sarah (Waudine) Nelson, B.S. 1944, of Ridgeland died July 23, 2004. She was a member of the Millsaps Vikings, the Millsaps Singers, and Theta Nu Sigma.

John (Nick) W. Nicholson Jr., 1941, of Jackson died March 6, 2004. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

Rev. Paulette Warren O'Dell, B.S. 1967, of El Dorado, Ark., died June 14, 2004. She was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta and participated in student publications.

Flora L. Anderson Parks, 1940, of Quitman died Dec. 7, 2003.

Laura (Ruth) Pellum, 1948, of Bedford, Texas, died Jan. 23, 2004. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority and Chi Delta. She also participated in student publications.

Deborah A. Delmas Peyton, B.A. 1974, of Gadsden, Ala., died Dec. 8, 2003. She was a member of the Millsaps Players, the Baptist Student Union, and the Wesley Group.

Elizabeth (Lib) Lampton Powell, B.A. 1949, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died March 20, 2004. She was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority, Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Delta Epsilon, and the Millsaps Players. She served as secretary-treasurer for Sigma Lambda and as secretary for the Millsaps Singers.

J.A. (Allen) Reynolds, 1945, of Montgomery, Ala., died Jan. 1, 2004. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, Eta Sigma, and the Millsaps Players. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program and was instrumental in organizing the V-12 alumni group.

Irene E. Rousseau, Whitworth College 1935, of Dallas died Jan. 19, 2004.

Charles W. (Bill) Satterfield, B.A. 1960, of Jackson died March 24, 2003. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Juanita Pierce Harvey Sontag, B.S. 1939, of Houston, Texas, died Dec. 6, 2003.

Ann White Spencer, 1953, of Jackson died Feb. 20, 2003.

Betsy Smith Street, 1962, of Canton died April 17, 2004.

Coralie Cotton Sutherland, B.A. 1925, of Pascagoula died April 9, 2004. She was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority and the Millsaps Singers. She was also a member of the first class of women graduates from Millsaps.

William P. (Phil) Wallace, 1954, of Jackson died May 1, 2004. He was a member of the varsity football team and the varsity basketball team. He was inducted into the Millsaps Sports Hall of Fame in 1983.

Doroth A. (Ann) Heggie Wilson, B.A. 1952, of Wimberley, Texas, died May 21, 2004. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority and the Majorette Club.

Zoe A. (Ann) Grigsby Wood, 1958, of Natchez died Dec. 17, 2003. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

George F. Woodliff, 1936, of Jackson died March 20, 2003.

Mable M. (Melvin) Simpson Worthey, 1930, of Jackson died May 25, 2004. She was a member of the Millsaps Singers, the debate team, the women's basketball team, the Three-Year Club, and the Cap and Gown Committee. She also served as vice president of the Girls' Glee Club, assistant secretary to the president, and vice president of the Philomathean Literary Society.

Dr. John B. (Ben) Younger, B.S. 1959, of Birmingham died Feb. 15, 2003. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and the M-Club.

Camille Hogan Davis of Jackson died Nov. 7, 2003. She was the wife of Harper Davis, B.S. 1947, former director of athletics and head football coach.



Nellie Khayat Hederi

Distinguished professor of modern languages

Nellie Khayat Hederi, emerita professor of Spanish at Millsaps College, died Sunday, May 30, at her home in Fountain Valley, California. She was 96.

Hederi was born in Gulfport, Mississippi, on February 6, 1908. Her family subsequently moved to Biloxi, where she graduated from Biloxi High School. She received an associate of arts degree from Whitworth College, which merged with Millsaps in 1937. She received a bachelor of arts degree in French from the Mississippi University for Women and a master of arts degree from Tulane University. In addition, she pursued advanced studies at Peabody College, part of Vanderbilt University, and at the University of Southern California.

Hederi taught French and Spanish at Jackson Central High School. After receiving an M.A. degree, she joined the Millsaps faculty in the Department of Modern Languages in 1952. She taught French and Spanish until her retirement in 1981. Former students remember her as an enthusiastic and scholarly teacher who made her classes a marvelous academic experience.

Hederi was an exacting but caring professor who was devoted to her students and would go to great lengths to help them succeed. As Dr. Don Fortenberry, Millsaps College chaplain, remembers her: “To meet Nellie in the halls of Millsaps, often as she sped down corridors on her daily walking sprints, with a pencil still lodged in her hair bun, or to watch her transported by great music at a Millsaps Singers concert was to have, even in passing, moments of encounter with a person who loved deeply and gave generously.”

While on the faculty, Hederi was the recipient of the Jim Livesay Award for outstanding contributions to Millsaps College and its students. She was one of the early supporters of the Millsaps Arts & Lecture Series. She and her husband, the late Karim Hederi, established scholarships for Millsaps students in honor of members of the Khayat and Hederi families.

After her retirement, her love for teaching and her commitment to Millsaps students kept her on campus several afternoons each week as a volunteer tutor, where she helped many students with their studies of Spanish and French. Apart from teaching, Hederi was a member of the Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church Choir and the Jackson Choral Society. She also traveled extensively with her husband.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Nellie Khayat Hederi Music Scholarship at Millsaps College, or the Salvation Army.

—Kay Barksdale

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LeRoy Pratt Percy

A life trustee whose counsel helped guide the College

LeRoy Pratt Percy, a life trustee of Millsaps College, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at the Percy home in Greenville, Mississippi. He was 86.

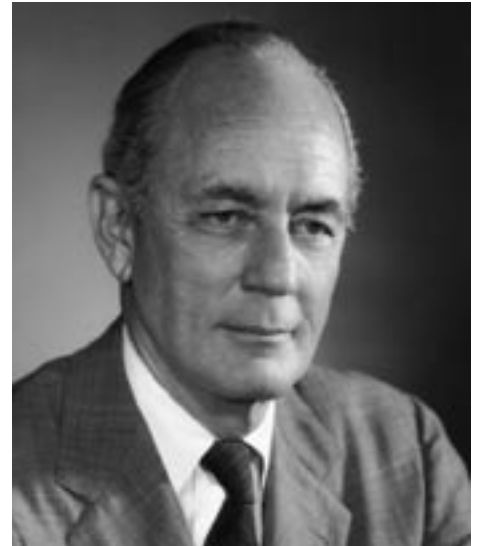
Percy became a trustee of Millsaps College in 1978 and was named a life trustee in 1985. A person of stature and integrity, LeRoy Percy's counsel was widely sought. In times of social tension his was a voice of sanity and moderation, and he was heard. As a Millsaps trustee and chairman of the board's academic affairs committee during the critical period of expansion in the College's academic program, his wise counsel strengthened the College. He received an honorary doctor of letters degree from the College in 1989.

Percy was born on August 23, 1917, in Birmingham and moved to Greenville at the age of 12. He was the grandson of U.S. Senator LeRoy Percy, the adopted son of the poet and writer William Alexander Percy. He was also the brother of the novelist Walker Percy. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduation, he returned to Greenville and began managing the family-owned Trail Lake Planting Co. He married Sarah Hunt Farish on January 3, 1939.

He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II. After his tour of duty, he returned to Greenville, where he ran the family farm for more than 24 years. He was a founder of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation and First Mississippi Corporation and served as chairman of the board for both companies. He was also chairman of the First National Bank of Greenville, a director of Entergy Corporation, and the Columbus and Greenville Railway.

Percy was a former Delta Council president and was a founding director of the first statewide Head Start program in Mississippi. Through his many contributions to Greenville, to Mississippi, and to Millsaps, he reminded citizens that a community flourishes not alone in its economic well-being but also in its arts and letters and in its civic decency.

—K.B.



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 the past and the present,
 the living and the dead.”

Mittie Creekmore Welty

As postmistress and in the bookstore, a touch of class

Mittie Elizabeth Creekmore Welty, a retired member of the Millsaps staff, died Tuesday, September 21, 2004. She was 87.

Welty, known to the Millsaps community simply as “Mittie,” moved with her family from Water Valley to Jackson when she was 10 years old. She graduated from Central High School in Jackson and went on to study at Randolph Macon College. In 1939, she married Walter Andrews Welty, the younger brother of Eudora Welty, who later used this wedding as the happy model for one in her novel *The Optimist’s Daughter*. She was active in many civic activities in Jackson and joined the Millsaps staff after her husband’s death in 1959, working as postmistress and in the College bookstore for 36 years.

Welty was a soft-spoken and unobtrusive presence on the Millsaps campus who brought dignity and class with her to work every morning. She and her lifelong friend, Katherine Lefoldt, who was hostess in the Academic Complex, were longtime Jacksonians who brought with them a connection with the city that helped anchor Millsaps to its historic past. For several years the two friends, often called the Millsaps Bobbsey Twins, donned white gloves and straw hats to take Millsaps parents on a tour of the “real” Jackson.

Katrina Jameson, who managed the Millsaps post office in the late 1980s, described Mittie Welty as a “true belle of the Old South.” She recalled when Harper Davis, then head football coach, came into the post office one afternoon excited about a new radio station that was playing all Big Band music. According to Jameson, he insisted on finding the station so Mittie could hear. “When he got it tuned in, Mittie said, ‘Oh, Harper! Let’s dance!’ So they did—right there in the P.O., Miss Mittie and Harper Davis did the jitterbug.”

Her loving spirit, keen mind, and ready sense of humor will endure in the memory of friends and family. As Eudora Welty wrote, “The memory is a living thing and during its moment, all that is remembered joins and lives—the old and the young, the past and the present, the living and the dead.”

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