

Carol Ann Stockton Blake
Greer

Carol Ann Stockton Blake, 75, passed away June 7, 2016. Born in Texarkana, Arkansas, Carol was the daughter of the late J.M. Stockton and Irene Parker Stockton. She moved to Shreveport, Louisiana as a child where she would meet and later marry her childhood sweetheart, Eugene.

Carol was a devoted wife and mother as well as a talented seamstress, quilter and artist. She studied art at Louisiana Tech University before marriage. Carol used her creative talents in many ways, from charitable donations of wedding cakes or other handmade items to designing clothes. She resided in Greer, SC, for 26 years and had her own seamstress business supporting interior decorators before retiring in her 50s.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Eugene E. Blake; her daughter, Andrea Blake, of



Greenville, SC; her son, Jason Blake, and his wife, Grace Anne, of Shreveport, LA; her mother, Irene Stockton of Greer; two grandchildren; and Sam (the cat). She was preceded in death by her son, Nathan Blake.

A casual gathering of family and friends will be held 4:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2016 at The Wood Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greer Relief and Resources, 202 Victoria St, Greer, SC 29651 or the Greenville Humane Society, 305 Airport Rd, Greenville, SC 29607.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

June McCall Current
Tryon, NC

June McCall Current passed away on June 7, 2016, after a brief battle with cancer. Fred and June Current moved to Greenville in 1979, when Fred accepted a position as an Accounting Professor at Furman University. June later graduated from Furman herself, followed by a distinguished career as a banker in Greenville. She and Fred retired to Tryon, N.C.

A memorial service will be held at the Congregational Church of Tryon on June 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception to celebrate her life at her family home, 56 Wells Lane in Tryon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice of the Carolina Foothills at www.hocf.org.

Eugene Abercrombie
Greenville

Mr. Eugene "Gene" Abercrombie, 68, of 222 Kondros Circle, Greenville, passed on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at St. Francis Downtown Hospital.

Funeral Service: Friday, June 17, 2016, 12:00 PM at Walkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, with burial in M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery.



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Kenneth Ray Estes
Simpsonville

Kenneth Ray Estes, 56, passed away in the arms of his Savior on June 14, 2016. He was born in Anderson Monday, June 13, 2016.

Mr. Estes was born in County, SC to the late Spartanburg to Thomas Roy Herman and Ten-Ray Estes and Dorothy Harbin Whitaker. Ellen Duckworth Estes. She was a loving wife He was employed by the late Thomas M. American Services.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two sons, David Estes and wife Heather, missed by many. She and Jonathan Estes was also a member of and wife Katelyn; a Brushy Creek Baptist daughter, Hannah Church.

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A Celebration of Ken's Life Funeral will be held at the Chapel services will be 11 am at Woodlawn Funeral Saturday at Advent Home on Saturday, United Methodist June 18th at 3:00 pm. Church. The family will receive friends at friends at Woodlawn the church prior to the Funeral Home one service from 9-10:30 hour prior, and burial am.

Fletcher Funeral Home will follow. Service www.woodlawn-fn.com

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\$15M to be spent on studies for South Carolina-Georgia port

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — South Carolina and Georgia will spend about \$15 million during the next three years on studies for a joint \$4.5 billion container ship terminal to be built along the state line.

The board of the Jasper Ocean Terminal on Wednesday approved a \$5 million budget for the fiscal year beginning in July and was told that the same amount will be needed the following two years. The port agencies from the two states are splitting the cost of the studies.

The massive 1,500-acre terminal is planned for the South Carolina side of the Savannah River not far downstream from Savannah, Georgia, on the other side of the river. The first phase is expected to cost about \$2 billion.

The plan is to have the terminal come online in the mid-2020s when port capacity in both Charleston and Savannah begins running out.

Michael Rieger of consulting firm of Moffat and Nichol told the board that three related studies must be completed to get the required permits to build the terminal.

The first, which is under the purview of the Charleston District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, deals with the environmental impact of building the terminal. The consulting firm of Atkins North

During the coming fiscal year, a notice of intent is expected to be issued, formally telling the public of plans by the terminal board to seek permits for the project. That will mean a website will be launched where the public can get information on the project.

America will assist the Corps in that review.

Meanwhile, the Savannah District of the Army Corps of Engineers will review the impact of building the terminal in an area that is now used to dispose of silt dredged from the river's navigation channel. Another review will deal with how changes made in the river to accommodate the new terminal will affect navigation.

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J.L. Mann will raise funds this year for Clement's Kindness Fund during its Spirit Week activities. Last year, students raised \$151,422.85 for their charity.

J.L. Mann set to raise funds toward Clement's Kindness

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A Greenville high school will demonstrate kindness to a fund that shows a special kindness toward pediatric cancer patients and their families.

J.L. Mann High School has chosen Clement's Kindness Fund as its 2016 Spirit Week beneficiary.

Established at the Community Foundation of Greenville, Clement's Kindness helps address the medical, psychological, social, emotional and financial needs of Upstate families impacted by pediatric cancer and other serious blood disorders.

The fund provides assistance to families facing challenges surrounding a child's diagnosis, treatment, and recovery through the administering of discretionary funds, psychological counseling, travel and living expenses and out-of-pocket costs.

"We believe that Clement's Kindness Fund for the Children is an amazing organization," said Harrison Mills, student body president at J.L. Mann. "We are not only looking forward to changing the lives of those who benefit from Clement's Kindness, but we are also looking forward to our lives being changed."

"The opportunity for our students to rally around children who are dealing

with cancer is one that we know the entire Mann Nation will support and will help us to fulfill our motto of Making a Difference," said Charles Mayfield principal at J.L. Mann.

The school will compete against Greenville High School in the annual Spirit Week observance.

As part of the Spirit Week friendly competition, students at each school will hold a series of fundraising activities to raise money for their respective charities.

In 2015, the Spirit Week competition ended with Greenville High raising \$206,000.00 for Make-A-Wish South Carolina. J.L. Mann raised \$151,422.85 for the Center for Developmental Services (CDS).

Spirit Week 2016 begins on Sept. 9 and ends on Sept. 16, and a check presentation will be held during halftime at the J.L. Mann vs. Greenville High football game on September 16.

"We are thrilled to be selected as J.L. Mann's beneficiary for the 2016 Spirit Week and look forward to working with the students at J.L. Mann High School," said Bern DuPre, Clement's Kindness board chair.

"We appreciate the hard work and time the student body will be putting into Spirit Week and are grateful for their support."



Scott Talley, a candidate for Senate District 12, will face incumbent Sen. Lee Bright in the coming runoff election for the nomination.

SC Chamber-aligned PAC endorses Talley in runoff against Bright

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THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Former state Rep. Scott Talley has been endorsed by the S.C. Good Government Committee, a political action committee aligned with the state Chamber of Commerce, in the coming runoff election for the Senate District 12 Republican nomination.

Talley faces incumbent Sen. Lee Bright in that race, which will likely determine who represents that seat in the Senate, as no other candidates are filed to run in the general election.

Talley got the most votes of any single candidate in Tuesday's primary, with 3,681, or 37.69 percent of the vote. Talley came in second place, with 2,594, 26.56 percent of the vote. Greer businessman David McCraw got 2,241 votes (22.95 percent) and Duncan Mayor Lisa Scott received 1,250 votes (12.8 percent).

"Last night, we saw a vast majority of

incumbent Lee Bright's district reject the direction that he is taking the district and our state," the S.C. Good Government Committee said in a statement. Of the 976 votes cast for Senate District 12 Tuesday, 6085 were for a candidate other than Bright. "We firmly believe that it is time for a new direction in SD12, and Scott Talley is the candidate who will represent Greenville's and Spartanburg's best interests and make our state proud."

Bright and the state Chamber have been at odds for months. The S.C. Good Government Committee targeted the incumbent senator with negative radio ads before the primary election, and Chamber President and CEO Ted Pitts has called him a "do-nothing senator." Bright has dismissed the criticisms of the Chamber and its PAC, calling the Chamber and its leadership "crony capitalists" and casting himself as a protector of small businesses and families.