

IN HONOR OF

William Brodus & Lillian Wyatt Howell



William Brodus Howell is the seventh child born to Timothy Randall and Maggie Borders Howell. He is the great- great-grandson of Silvy, great- grandson of Solomon and Martha Roberts Howell, and grandson of George and Alice Webber Borders and Daniel and Mary Lizzie Oates Howell.

Brodus grew up in the Washington Community and was educated in the Cleveland County Schools. He received a B.S. degree in Math & Science from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte NC; a Masters degree from Columbia University, New York; and Administrative License from A & T State University, Greensboro, NC. He taught school in Cheraw, SC, Gaston County (John Chavis) and Cleveland County (Washington High) in NC. He became principal of Washington High.

Lillian E. Wyatt Howell is the eleventh child of the late Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wyatt, Sr. She grew up in Atlanta, Ga., and was educated in the Atlanta public school system after spending two years in Oglethorpe Private School. Lillian began school at a very early age and was an accelerated student throughout public school. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and Clark University in Atlanta, Ga., (B.A. degree in Home Economics/minor in Education), and North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC, (Masters Degree In Home Econmics). She began her teaching career in Canton, Ga. After marriage, she taught at Camp High, Green Bethel, West Cleveland and Crest Jr. High, all in Cleveland County.

Brodus was introduced to Lillian in November 1942 by his late aunt, Winnie Borders, of Atlanta. They were married eighteen months later on Sunday, May 28, 1944, in Atlanta and began their life together in Shelby where both were employed by the Cleveland County School System.

Their marriage produced four children. William Brodus, Jr. "Winky" is a former Theatrical Consultant. Vincent (Ph. D. Quality Control Engineer & Ph.D Theology) is employed by the Corning Company of New York and travels back and forth to Taiwan, Japan. He and his wife, Carolyn Kelly (Health Coordinator) of Fairfield, Conn., are the parents of Naila Shana (Engineer- Knoxville, Tenn.), and Vincent, Jr. "Beetle" (Computer Mechanic- Nashville, TN). Darryl (Actor/Singer) is employed by San Francisco Church of Christ. He is married to Tracy Williams (Psychologist) of Long Island, NY. They have two children, Caylan and Dylan. Angela "Angie" (Literacy Facilitator Charlotte- Mecklenburg School System) is married to Stanley Cunningham, a major account representative with the Charlotte Observer. They have two children, Kia Nicole (sophomore at UNC Greensboro) and Tayla Wyatt (freshman- Phillip O. Berry High School, Charlotte, NC. Both are trained competitive dancers at BB Dance Production of Charlotte.

Brodus, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, retired as principal of Washington High School in 1984 after forty-two years of service in the field of education. Lillian, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, retired from Crest Jr. High in 1988 after forty years of service. They are members of Washington Baptist Church and Waddell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, respectively.

The couple celebrated 60 years of marriage (Diamond) with families and friends on May 28, 2004, at the Cleveland County Council of Aging Senior Center in Shelby, NC.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!