

Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center Newsletter

Fall 2019



Friends Membership Drive Underway

Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center Friends Memberships run annually from October 1-September 30, so now is the time to join for the upcoming year. By becoming a member of the Friends, you show your support for the mission and goals of the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center. You are not only providing financial support for the many wonderful programs we offer, your membership also entitles you to advanced notice of workshops and events.

Your support helps fund the children's events at no cost to the public

and adult programs at a reduced cost. Your donation also helps fund items to help preserve and protect our extensive and growing collection, such as providing resources necessary for us in digitizing photographs and papers dating back to the 1700s. Please consider joining our Friends program by filling out the enclosed membership form. The Museum and Cultural Center would not be able to operate without your continued support! Call us at (803) 874-3964 if you have any questions about our Friends Membership. We look forward to seeing you soon at the Museum for tours and events!

Calhoun County Museum Celebrates Local World War I Veterans

November 11, 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. To remember this special occasion, the Calhoun County Museum opened a special exhibit to commemorate the centennial. A large part of the exhibit had never been seen by the public before. The most striking part of the exhibit was the "Wall of Honor." The wall showcased over 620 men's names, from Calhoun County, who went to fight the Great War. When these men went off to battle, they were not sure what would await them. Many fought in trenches while a few

stayed home as part of the Home Guard to keep the home front safe. Out of the 623 men who served, only 20 died, most from illness and diseases. People who visited the museum heard the love story of Dr. George Cannon and Mrs. Sadie Bates-Cannon and saw a photograph of the ship that Mr. F.M. Prickett sailed on across the Atlantic Ocean 27 times. Visitors also got to experience what a trench may have looked like. Calhoun County is very thankful to all these men who served the United States in World War I, a war that was to end all wars.



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2019 Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center Gala

Saturday February 2, 2019 was a magical night at the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center at this biennial gala. We showcased Calhoun County's patriotic spirit. Instead of an art show as the main exhibit, the museum curated a centennial tribute to the World War I soldiers of Calhoun County and to the Armistice of 1918 which ended World War I. Many artifacts were on display to the public for the first time. A special ceremony was held at the beginning of the evening to remember the men who sacrificed so much featured and the Sandy Run K-8 Choral Choir singing patriotic songs. The museum was decorated in red, white, and blue and delicious food prepared by Jack Brantly's Aberdeen Catery of Camden, South Carolina was located throughout the museum. Beautiful exotic flowers created by David Bull, Bayne Haigler and the museum staff adorned the tables. The Band of Oz provided the musical entertainment in the Activities Room, and Shannon Pinckney played the piano in the Archives Library. Sallie Porth of Sallie's Greatest prepared delicious cocktails for everyone to enjoy; Donny Knight captured some of the special moments through his camera lens and valet parking was available for guests. We hope that everyone enjoyed this gala, and if you missed out on this "Friendsraiser," you missed out on something special! Look for more pictures on page 6.



Calhoun County Courthouse Renovations



In 2017 - 2018, the Calhoun County Courthouse underwent an extensive rehabilitation project. Phase one consisted of replacing rotten wood on the outside, painting outside trimwork, replacing the roof with copper, painting the interior, installing new carpet, and fixing any structural issues. The Museum wanted more than anything to see what was in the timecapsule in the cornerstone. On October 31, 2018, the cornerstone was pulled out, and the timecapsule was removed. Inside were coins spanning from the 1830s to 1913, along with a selection of newspapers, a St. Matthews Town Ordinance book, and some miscellaneous deteriorated papers that we were unable to identify.

Currently there is an exhibit at the museum displaying the items found in the timecapsule. We applaud Calhoun County Council, Calhoun County Administration, and the Calhoun County Courthouse employees for their hardwork in preserving the courthouse for future generations.



An Afternoon of Classical Music

On Sunday afternoon August 4, 2019 The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center presented an Afternoon of Classical Music featuring Syndey Porth, piano and Harris Banks, cello. These musicians played pieces individually as well as duets that showcased their talent. The music featured was composed by Johannes Brahms, Fredric Chopin, Gasper Cassodo' and others. After the performance, those in attendance enjoyed a reception of cakes created by Mrs. Joanne Ziegler and Bonnie Brunt's Cakes.

Sydney is a double degree student at Oberlin College and Conservatory, studying piano. She has been studying music since the age of five. She is a graduate of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. Throughout her music career, Sydney has preformed in masterclasses with many distinguished musicians such as Dr. Robert Blocker and piano duo Anderson and Roe. Sydney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Porth of Cameron, South Carolina and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lois (Bud) Porth of St. Matthews, South Carolina and the

late Mr. Brice Porth.

Harris is a rising senior music major at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. Harris plans to attend graduate school to continue his studies in cello. He has studied cello for twelve years under the guidance of Johanna Wilson, Jackie Hendricks, and Dr. Richard Thomas. Harris is the son of Ken and Cheryl Banks of Piedmont, South Carolina, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Banks of St. Matthews, South Carolina.

We are proud of these hard working students with Calhoun County ties!



It's All in a Days Work at The Calhoun County Museum

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center offers a variety of after hours and cultural events throughout the year. These events could not take place without the assistance of our generous patrons. Thank you for your support! Some of this past years fun events include the following:

Bottle Decorating- Brandy brought her artistic abilities to the museum with a glass bottle painting class. Class attendees got to paint two bottles, one with a Christmas motif and another that was freestyle. Everyone was an artist that night!

Holiday Cookie Decorating- Lynn Waldrop from "Love and Cookies" brought delicious cookies and her decorating expertise to teach this class on how to decorate cookies. Lynn demonstrated how to "dam" the icing and then fill in cookies to get that smooth finish and how to add cute designs.

Community Choir- The Cameron Community Choir always puts on a fantastic Christmas Cantata each year. Singers from numerous churches showcase their amazing talent through two public concerts. The Museum is always delighted to help sponsor this joyful event in memory of C. Frederic Ulmer.

Painting Dandelions- It is always a pleasure when Denise brings her painting talents to teach a class at the museum. This year she instructed the class on how to paint an abstract dandelion through techniques such as blending different colors together.

Calhoun Players- The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center is a proud sponsor in the memory of C. Frederic Ulmer of the Calhoun Players. This year the talented cast performed Annie Get Your Gun. Congratulations to the Calhoun Players on a job well done.

Ft. Motte Reunion Festival- For the last 18 years, the Fort Motte Community has gathered to celebrate their heritage. The museum helped sponsor this year's event by providing the music.

Creative Movement through International Dance and Music- Kelly Kemmerlin brought her dance moves to this class of beginners and seniors. Kelly taught dances such as the tango and salsa. Thanks Kelly!

Learning to Shag- The museum partnered with Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Patti Shuler to teach lessons of the state dance of South Carolina, the Shag. Classes were held at the Calhoun Hills Golf Complex.

Clay Rice Silhouettes- Silhouette artist Clay Rice brought his unique skill to the Museum in August. Mr. Rice creates a silhouette of a loved one in just a few minutes by viewing one's profile. If you were not able to have a silhouette created, look for Mr. Rice in the future!

Tours- The Calhoun County Museum offers many different tours, whether it is for a school group or a personal guided tour.

Interviews- The museum takes pride in interviewing veterans and anyone who wants to contribute to the history of Calhoun County. This year we have interviewed Dr. John Rheney, Mr. Fred Gantt, Sr., Mrs. Claudia Ann Jenkins, and Mr. Moss Perrow Sr.

We thank everyone who has participated in our programs over the last year. We are anticipating another busy year at the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and new website for programs and more information. We look forward to seeing you next year! Check page 7 for more pictures throughout the year!



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The Pearlstine Family Reunited for a Sentimental Journey

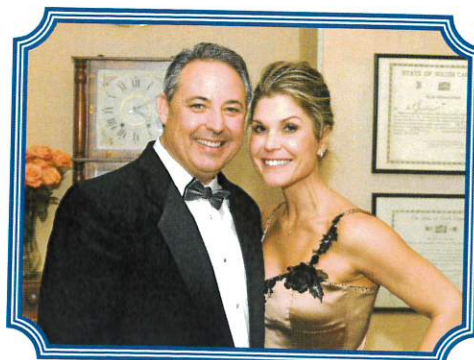
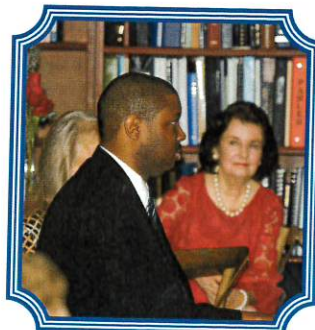
The Calhoun County Museum was delighted to have members of the Shep Pearlstine family visit in May to gather as a family, and see the Museum's WWI tribute. On display were items once belonging to members of this family from WWI. A special scrapbook put together during the war by family members Sophie and Corinne Wetherhorn where a big hit. Sophie later married Mr. Leo Pearlstine. Many thanks to the Late Margie Cooper for donating her Daddy's, Sam Pearlstine, uniforms. Also on display were 20th Century Pearlstine memorabilia. Thank you Miss Hanna and other family members.

Many of you may remember our museum conversations about Mr. Shep and the important role he and his family had in Calhoun County. Throughout the years we have collected many "Shep" stories. The contribution this family continues to give is amazing. If the museum walls could talk, you would love to hear these stories. Thanks Pearlstine family members. You all are a lot of fun. What a happy time we had with you. Darrell Cooper, you would have loved being here.

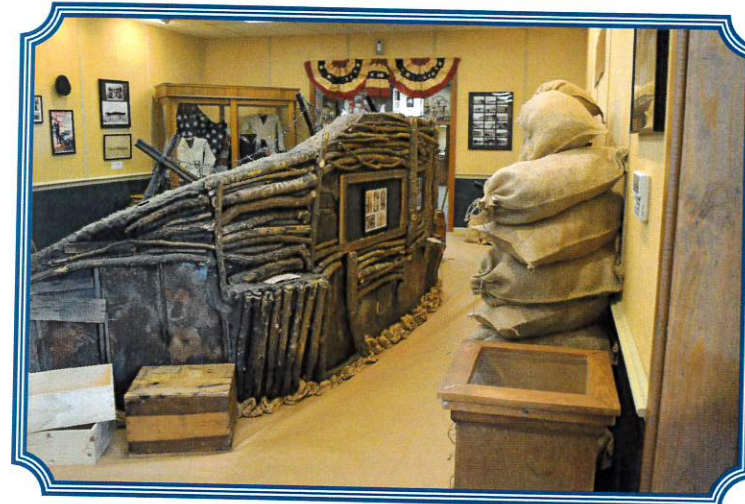
After this story was written we found out the Mrs. Elaine Warshauer, Leo's daughter, Mr. Shep's granddaughter, passed. It was humbling to realize that at 94 she made a trip to see us, and brought her family. Thank you Mrs. Elaine for sharing your scrapbook, your memories and your family with us.



More Images from the 2019 Gala!



More Scenes Throughout the Year!



Upcoming Programs at the Calhoun County Museum

We have a fun-filled year in the works at the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center!

We hope to see you at some of the events listed below!

Children's Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights ~ December 5, 2019 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Elf Hunt for School Groups (Call to make a reservation)

Elf Hunt for Adults

Shag Lessons

Wedding Dress Exhibit

Jazz/Piano Fun Fling

Book Signing

Painting Classes

Children's Summer Camps

Community Sponsored Programs

Partnerships

As an effort to support as many art programs as possible and not duplicate services in Calhoun County, the Museum is proud to sponsor in part many community programs. You will see updates about their events or programs on our Facebook page and new website. All programs are posted 24/7 on our community message board in front of the museum.

These Community Groups are:

The Calhoun Players
The Cameron Community Chior
The Cameron Community Club
The Fort Motte Reunion Festival

These are sponsored in part by the C. Frederic Ulmer Fund

WELCOME!

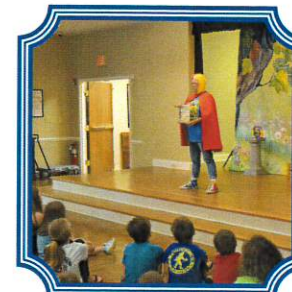
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Thank You, Sponsors!
We could not do these programs without you!



Childrens Programs



year, the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center had a very successful year with our Children's programs. "Mondays at the Museum" is a fun way in the summer to get children off the couch for an hour and into an educational setting. Throughout the year, we partnered with local schools to present educational programs to students. The museum is an extension of the classroom. Programs like these are paid for through generous donations from parents and families like which allow us to offer these programs for free to the community. These programs included the follow-

Stone Soup- The Columbia Children's Theater presented their version of the folk tale "Stone Soup." This production was available to all schools, and we appreciate Calhoun Academy for bringing some of their students.

Becky's Box of Puppets- Becky presented her original show,

"The Fairy and the Magic Pot" This show taught children how nice actions always persevere over hurtful actions.

Porkchop Productions- Porkchop Productions presented the story of "Chicken Little." Children enjoyed the live-action play and learned the importance that listening is always best, and that jumping to conclusions before knowing the truth is always a bad idea.

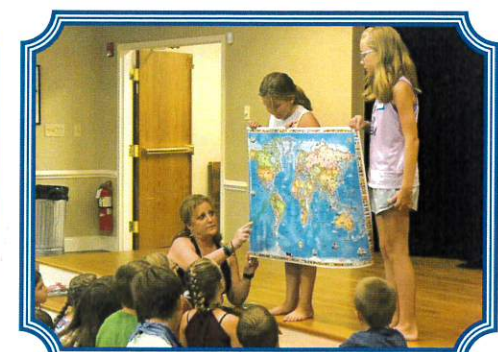
Sarah Dippity- Sarah Dippity presented her new show, "Celestial Summer Story Telling Show," which taught children, through her magic, about the summer nights sky. At the end, Sarah presented a small portion of her always popular original magic show.

Interpretive Movement through International Music and Dance- Kelly Kemmerlin of St. Matthews, SC brought her dance moves for the youngsters. Kelly taught the kids dances such as the Cumbia and Merengue, while also teaching the kids

about the cultures of the countries from which these dances come. **Museum Tours-** The Museum is always happy to coordinate with schools and home schools to present tours for your students. This year we welcomed Calhoun Academy's 5th grade class and Gadsden Elementary's 3rd Grade classes. These students received special tours of the World War I exhibit. Our younger students learned how early settlers to South Carolina lived and what they ate for breakfast, and were able to participate in what it was like to go grocery shopping in a 1900s general store. Our specialty museum tours are geared to help students engage multiple senses so they can learn what early Calhoun County and South Carolina was like.

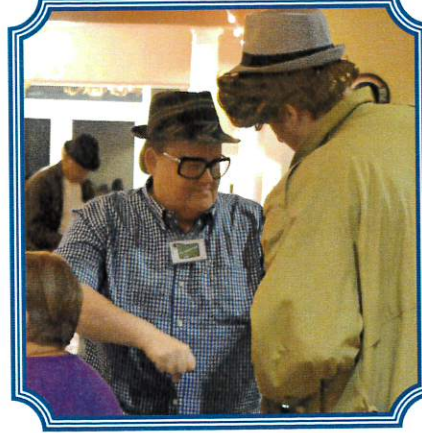
We thank everyone who made our children's programs successful.

We hope to see all the children on December, 5th 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for our Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights!



There's a Mystery in the Museum!

In October 2018, there was a murder at the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center. The question that everyone had on their mind was who did it? The Calhoun County Museum partnered with The Murder Mystery Company to put on a dinner theater show. The audience members dressed up in 1950's clothing and became a part of the Performance. Eight members from the audience were chosen at random to be actors for the show. One of these people was the murderer. The entire audience had the chance through multiple clues to figure out who was the murderer. By the end of the night, the audience figured out that Xennie Weeks's character was the murderer. Everyone had a fantastic time. A sit down dinner was prepared by Old South Catery of Camden, South Carolina. Sallie Porth of Sallie's Greatest provided special cocktails for all to enjoy. We hope that we will be able to put on another dinner theater very soon!



Meet Colby

Meet Colby Causey. Colby joined the Calhoun County Museum and team in April 2019 as the Digital Archivist. Colby is a native of Conway, SC. He is a 2016 graduate from Coastal Carolina University and a 2018 graduate from the College of Charleston and The Citadel joint program with a Masters in American History. We

welcome Colby and know that he is a tremendous asset to the Museum!



2019 Elf Hunt!

Thursday
December 5, 2019
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

The Elves Return!

There will be characters walking around greeting families and singing with the kids!

Two favorite characters will return...shhh it's a surprise we cannot tell who they are!

Enjoy the Winter Wonderland of Lights!

Remember to bring your letter to mail to Santa!



"They are Family"

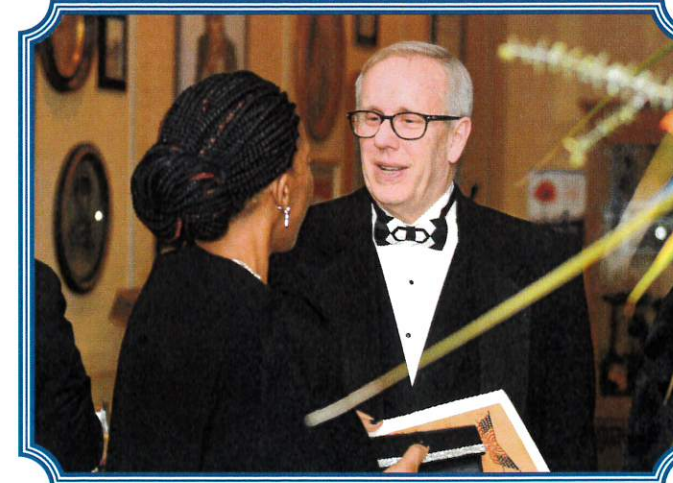
Green-Sims-Williams Family 50th Reunion

What a true blessing to meet and greet this delightful family. This very organized fun family spent part of their family reunion with us this past summer. All of the museum staff was on deck for this crowd who kept us on our toes with their questions and stories. This family came in all ages from 10 to 95, and from all over America including Delaware, Florida, Ohio, Washington DC, Mississippi, California, New York, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, and New Jersey. They also had a family member from Nigeria.

It was interesting to watch cousins meet for the first time. This is great example of how many connections South Carolina has throughout America. They promise to come back and revisit "Home"...Calhoun County.



Retirement Never Looked So Good!



Congratulations Jeff Reid!

Thanks for your contributions in the archives and all the hard work you did for the museum!
Enjoy Retirement!



Congratulations Lee Prickett!

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to Calhoun County and the museum!
Enjoy Retirement!

Photos Galore!



From the Director's Desk

Greeting Friends, can you believe another year has passed and that in just a few short months 2020 will arrive? Without question 2018 – 2019 was a busy year, and I am beyond thrilled with the success of our programs. The Courthouse time capsule, digitizing our collection, the Gala, Murder Mystery, Mondays at the Museum, shag lessons, Clay Rice, summer camps, and Thursday After Hours seem to always be full. We get to provide so many of these programs because of you “Our Friends.”

We have seen a lot of changes in the museum this past year. Jeff Reid, retired in December. I am truly grateful for the outstanding job he did in our archives and we miss him. We wish Jeff good luck and we hope you enjoy your retirement. Colby Causey joined our museum family. If you have questions about our website, or digitization of our collection please give him a call. Welcome Colby.

The museum is very excited about our Active Shooter Program that has started. With support from the Dee and Joy Buyck Carpenter Endowment Trust and other donations we have updated our security system and “safe rooms” have been secured throughout the museum. Plans are being made for phase 2 which will include roll down doors that will be placed through the facility. Handicap electric front doors and security intercom system have been added. The museum is proud to join the ranks of larger institutions with the newest technology. Keeping your treasures protected for future generations is of the utmost importance to us. We apologize if any of our construction has been of any inconvenience to you. Be careful what you dream for...dreams do come true in Calhoun County.

I am beyond proud of our Museum staff family for their hard work and research on World War I. Calhoun County had 623 veterans that served in World War I. The Wall of Honor, life-size trench, and war memorabilia really brought the sacrifice of these Calhoun County Soldiers to life. Thank

you for your support and information. What a humbling experience. C.R. Banks home was surveyed by an engineering firm, and is now under a 24 hour security system. A new storage building has been added to our museum grounds, and Eagle Scout Thomas Lee Taylor, II completed his project on the museum grounds. We have new front doors!!! Thank you Southern Custom Doors for your expertise.

Visitors from many states, and countries have reached out to explore the history of our area. I am always amazed about how they find us. Our Facebook page is growing. Please join the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center Friends page. You have to request to join. Don't forget to answer the security questions. We expect our new website page to be up and running in late September.

Fun events have been planned for the next 12 months. Elf Hunt and Winter Wonderland of Lights will be December 5, 2019. Stay posted for a special adult scavenger hunt being planned. Shag lessons, jazz/piano fun fling, paint classes, children's plays, are just a few of the special events that will take place this year. We are still collecting photographs and old reel to reel video tapes of county functions, Purple Martin Festivals, clubs, schools, etc.

All Calhoun County School yearbooks though 1995 that have been shared with us are on our Facebook page. Thank you for your support. If you don't see it listed it is because we do not have a copy.

Our goal is to serve the public to the best our ability. Please take the time to fill out our survey forms. It is your way of letting us know what programs you enjoyed and how we can improve our services.

My doors are always open to you. Debbie

Museum Improvements

Starting in 2018, the Museum began with some extensive improvements by replacing old fluorescent lighting with new LED lighting. This year the museum upgraded the WIFI, fire alarm system, and the security system. The museum worked to replace the old and outdated fire alarm. The museum upgraded the WIFI, security system, and alarm system to prepare for the Active Shooter System that the museum is putting in. New doors will be installed at the front of the museum with magnetic locks keeping these doors locked at all times. With this system, visitors will now have to be buzzed in the building. An intercom system will be placed on the outside of the building, and museum staff will be able to see on a screen who is at the door. There will also be safe rooms in the museum that people will gather in in the event of an active shooter. Eventually roll down doors will be installed to make these rooms safer. We hope that by doing this, visitors will feel safe and comfortable. We hope to be the safest place in Calhoun County.



Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center

Mission Statement

The Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center collects, preserves, researches, exhibits, and interprets the scope of Calhoun County's history genealogy, art, and culture while also providing multidisciplinary community oriented arts programming, artistic exhibits, and focused educational outreach to serve the diverse heritage and cultural interests of Calhoun County, South Carolina.

In seeking to fulfill the above mission, the Museum provides unique educational, recreational, and participatory opportunities for citizen and visitor enrichment and enjoyment. The Museum and Cultural Center seeks to increase public awareness of the importance of the County's common heritage through active preservation and interpretation.

The Museum and Cultural Center works as a community art agency by offering diverse cultural programming, exhibits, and learning opportunities. The staff seeks to foster greater community arts appreciation and visitor enrichment through a variety of cultural offerings.

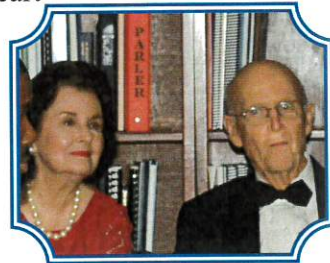
The Museum and Cultural Center has embraced two general long term goals in keeping with the mission statement:

"To encourage, nurture, support, and implement as an integral part of learning for all citizens of Calhoun County and visitors throughout South Carolina, as well as visitors from all over the world."

"To provide multidisciplinary arts and history programs and support services for Calhoun County which serves to stimulate community and cultural and economic growth."

In Memory

Once in a lifetime a person comes into your life that has a tremendous effect on your life. One who understands the importance of time, integrity, honor, and self-worth. A person, who had a smile who could make your heart melt, talent beyond question, community spirited, a gentleman, and scholar.



West Summers, thank you for your friendship, guidance, architectural genius, and museum support. You shall always remain my hero. ~ Debbie

Many People send the
Calhoun County Museum & Cultural Center memorials in
memory of the loved ones they lost. The Calhoun County
Museum & Cultural Center remembers the
following:

Darrell Cooper
Bette Jane Fairey
Dot Ford
Jackie Ford
Clifton Riley

Kat Riley
J. West Summers
Jeanne Wilde Ulmer
Elaine Warshauer
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