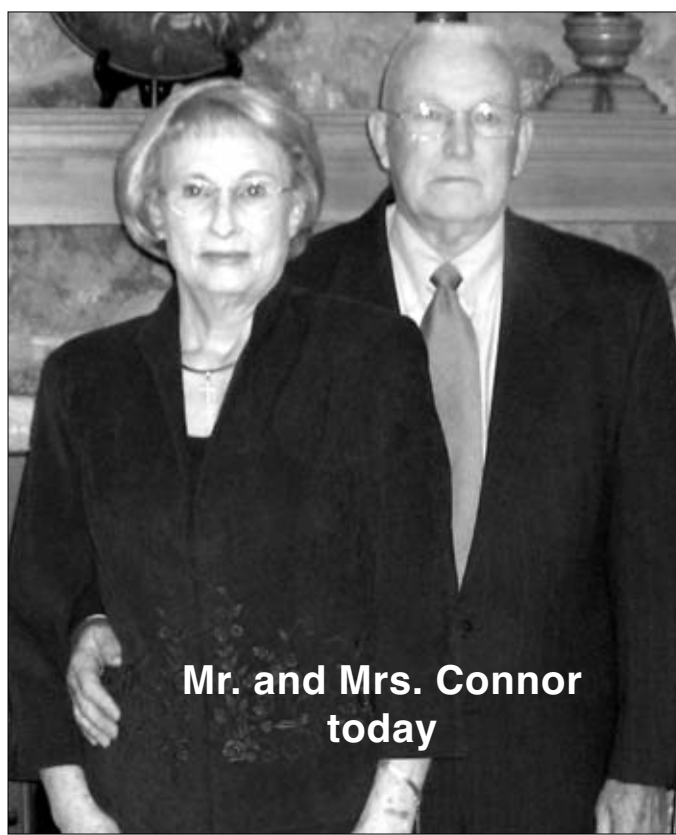


**Mr. and Mrs. Connor
in March, 1957**



**Mr. and Mrs. Connor
today**

Submitted photos

Conners to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

QUITMAN, Miss. — Tommie and Patricia Conner will be honored with a reception on Sunday, April 1, 2007, hosted by their children and grandchildren, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. with the renewing of wedding vows at 2:15 p.m., at Shady Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, 503 CR 632 Quitman, MS. The couple was married on March 29, 1957 by Rev. Cecil Lafferty. They have three children — Gary Conner and wife Cindi, Steve Conner and wife Elizabeth, and Sharon Coats and husband Stan. They have seven grandchildren Matthew Conner, Joseph Conner, Jessica Conner, Seth and wife Dana Conner, Conner Coats, Caroline Coats, and Courtlynn Coats. The couple requests no gifts please.



Together for half a century

GILBERTOWN — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Waite celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 16, 2007. They were honored with a special dinner at the Zack Garvins in Newton, Miss., on March 17, given by their daughter, Pam, her husband, Mike Webb, and the Waites' two granddaughters, Megan and Taylor of Cuba, Ala.

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Luminaries available for Relay for Life

BUTLER — Lights of love will brighten the night sky at the Relay For Life of Choctaw, Alabama on Friday, May 11. During a special luminaria ceremony, candles will be lit remembering loved ones and honoring those battling cancer. "The luminaria ceremony is very special to me because my dad, Horace Allen, died with cancer", said Vicki Breland, Luminaria Chairperson. "It is during this ceremony that we honor those who have won the battle against cancer and memorialize those who did not. We call each luminaria a "Beacon of Hope". Last year, at the 10:00 pm ceremony over 1100 Beacons of Hope lit up the darkness. It was truly an awesome sight. We invite you to purchase a luminaria in honor of or

in memory of your loved ones and join us at the Luminaria Ceremony. It is truly something that you will never forget." If you would like to purchase a luminaria in honor of or in memory of someone you know, you may do so by seeing any Relay for Life Team member, purchasing online at www.acsevents.org/relay/al/choctawcounty, or mailing to: Vicki Breland, 214 Harrell Ave. Butler, AL 36904. If mailing, be sure to include the name of the person for whom the luminaria is being purchased, designate whether it is in HONOR of or MEMORY of and include \$5.00 for each luminaria. They may also be purchased the night of the Relay for Life event in Butler. Come by our tent to see us!

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

NHF-0008(505) and NHF-0008(529)
SUMTER COUNTY

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will hold a Design Public Hearing in York, Alabama on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Hightower Center on First Avenue in York.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the location and major design features concerning these projects. The Hearing will include the Four Laning of US-80 from US-11(SR-7) to just East of the proposed interchange with SR-17.

A formal presentation will not be made. Accordingly, interested citizens may schedule attendance at their convenience during the above stated hours. Citizens attending this meeting will be provided with project information by viewing visual displays and through informal discussions with ALDOT personnel. A copy of the environmental document will be available for public inspection.

The meeting will afford the public an opportunity to express their comments about these projects verbally through informal discussions with ALDOT personnel and/or in writing on the registration and comment form. Written comments may also be submitted by mail within 10 days after the meeting to Mr. Jerry Holt, Division Engineer at the address below. A tape recorder will be available for anyone desiring to make a recorded statement concerning the projects.

Persons with disabilities who may need special assistance should contact the ALDOT Division Office, 129 Grove Hill Avenue East, Grove Hill, Alabama 36451 or call (251) 275-4103 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Public attendance is urged and input is solicited.

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The Exhibit at Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital



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Linda L. Ray

Demopolis artist Linda Lowe Ray is the next artist to display her work in The Exhibit at Bryan W. Whitfield Memorial Hospital. Her beautiful paintings of people and the outdoors will fill the main hall throughout the spring quarter of the year as your hometown hospital continues to add local art to the "healing arts".

Sunday, April 1, 2007
2:00 P.M.

Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital
105 Highway 80 East
Demopolis, Alabama