

Ruby Lambert entertained at 90th birthday luncheon

Ruby Lambert was honored at a 90th birthday luncheon Sunday following the morning worship service at Central United Methodist Church. The Rev. John Ferree, pastor, recognized Ruby's birthday.

Hosting the celebration were her daughter and son-in-law, Arlette and Doug Porter and son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Mary Lambert. Also assisting were Ruby's sister, Marilyn Ledford, and niece, Donna Smith.

Randle Brim, family friend, writer and photographer from Asheboro, taped, not only the party, but the worship service and Pat Woltz's Sunday School Class, both of which Ruby attended.

A very special family member present was Ruby's brother, Dr. Gilmer Blackburn, who was born on her 19th birthday. He was accompanied by his wife, Martha. He is Provost at the University of Virginia at Wise. Ruby is the eldest child of Rufus and Hettie Blackburn and the widow of Fred L. Lambert.

Mary Planer catered the luncheon with about 200 guests enjoying the celebration. The tiered birthday cake, created by Mary Lambert, featured a circle tiered base that Fred Lambert made for his father-in-law's 80th birthday.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with some of Ruby's memorabilia. "I wonder how they got all of this out of my house because I haven't missed a thing," she told the group. One corner was devoted to memories of her days at Quality Mills and Cross Creek Apparel where she worked for many years. Other photos held family photos and her pictures from birth.

Those attending from out of town were: Carolyn Blackburn of Raleigh; Frankye and Bill Crump of Summerfield; Greg Blackburn and wife Chenney of Blowing Rock, James Blackburn and mother, Sara Blackburn and Sarah Simpson of Arbor Acres, Winston-Salem; Pat Kittrell of Lynchburg, Va.; Jamie Bollman's family of Winston-Salem; Paul and Brenda Dunlevy of Kernersville; Chuck and Carolyn Porter of Charlotte and Joe Banner of Raleigh.

Greetings were received from many others who could not attend, including Ruby's grandson, Dee Porter and his wife Meghann of Oxford, Miss., where he is working on his PHD at the University of Mississippi, and two granddaughters, Dr. Cornelia Lambert of Oklahoma City, Ok., where she teaches at the University of Oklahoma and Amanda Miller of Atlanta, Ga., both daughters of the late Fred Lambert, Jr.

Ruby confessed that she was amazed with so many friends and relatives turning out for the party. Then she asked, "How can I somehow express my appreciation to my wonderful friends at Central who helped make this day so special?"

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Ruby Lambert, right, is entertained at a birthday luncheon in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church Sunday following the morning worship service. Hosting Ruby's 90th birthday celebration are her children, from left, Jim and Mary Lambert and Doug and Arlette Porter.



Ruby holds her great-grandson, Malcolm Dunlevy, and is surrounded by her son and daughter-in-law, Mary and Jim Lambert, center, and grandchildren, Emily and Shane Dunlevy, left, and Jamie and Luke Lambert.



Ruby poses with her granddaughter, Dr. Andrea Kittrell and husband, Dr. Bill Kittrell, top, and their children, Allie, Anna Claire, Elizabeth and Will of Lynchburg, Va.



The Rev. John Ferree, right, extends best wishes to Jack Leach, left, who turned 91 on Oct. 14 and Ruby Lambert, who celebrated her 90 birthday.



Ruby welcomes Luis Aguilar, a caregiver for her late husband, Fred Lambert Sr.



The honoree is shown with her sister, Marilyn Ledford, left, and brother, Dr. Gilmer Blackburn of Wise, Va.



A special guest was author Randle Brim, family friend from Asheboro.

Fowler couple celebrates 25th anniversary



Frank and Sharon Fowler prepare to cut their 25th wedding anniversary cake. The celebration is at The Depot Restaurant on Sept. 6. They were married on Sept. 3 at Copeland Baptist Church in 1985.



Sharon and Frank celebrate their anniversary with children Kayla and Cory, both students at Appalachian State University in Boone.



Jack and Linda Davis welcome friends.



Carol Hole, Frank's sister, serves the couples wedding anniversary cake.



Sharon Fowler, right, is joined, from left, by her brother, Van Coe, aunt Phyllis Warden, her father, Bill Coe, and aunt Josie Wingler.



Frank and Sharon's nephew, Ethan Coe, left, and sister-in-law, Kathy Coe, right, enjoy the evening's entertainment.



Bodie Wingler, shown with wife, Glenda, socialize and reminisce.



Family friend Fern Poindexter, enjoys the dinner.



Bryan Johnson, best man in the wedding, enjoys the evening with his wife, Carol.