

Town of Blythewood



Office of the Mayor
Sloan J. Griffin
February 26th, 2024
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

Proclamation in Honor of William and Barbara Shives

WHEREAS, it is with great honor and esteem that we recognize the outstanding contributions and unwavering dedication of Bill and Barbara Shives, pillars of our community and paragons of excellence; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Shives, nurtured in the corridors of Warlick Funeral Home in Lincolnton, North Carolina, answered the call to serve his country, demonstrating valor in the United States Army and stationed at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, his pursuit of excellence led him to the hallowed halls of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and the University of South Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration ; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Bill Shives acquired Talbert Funeral Home, later renamed Shives Funeral Home, where he and his beloved wife Barbara , worked tirelessly to provide compassionate care and support to countless families in their time of need ; and

WHEREAS, their journey began in 1982, a union blessed with three children - Gayle, John, and Jane, two grandchildren Potter and Ali- forming the cornerstone of a loving family. Since 1985, they have called Blythewood Road their home, weaving themselves into the fabric of our community with steadfast dedication. Their unwavering commitment, selflessness, and tireless efforts embody the true essence of the Blythewood spirit; and

WHEREAS, Bill Shives, a beacon of service, has graced numerous esteemed organizations, including Trinity United Methodist Church, the South Carolina Board of Funeral Service, the American Red Cross Transplantation Committee, Transport of Christ Advisory Board, The Colonel Thomas Taylor Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Blythewood Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, among others; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shives, a scion of Georgetown, SC, has adorned our community with her grace and passion, exhibiting her dedication to Trinity United Methodist Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the American Kennel Club, achieving unparalleled success in national dog shows winning countless awards, including the prestigious Westminster Dog Show.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I, the undersigned Sloan J. Griffin III, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood, South Carolina do hereby express my deepest gratitude and admiration for the immeasurable impact of Bill and Barbara Shives. Their selfless dedication, exemplary service, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community shall forever be cherished and celebrated.

In the Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby affix my official signature and the official seal of the Town of Blythewood, South Carolina, on this 26th day of February, 2024.

Sloan J. Griffin III, Mayor
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina