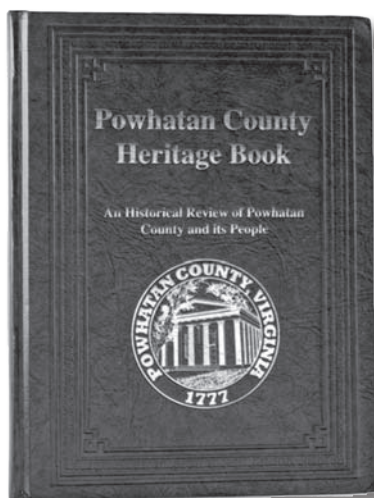


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Durrett Family

Shirley Mae Burruss was born on May 2, 1950 to Louie Lynn Burruss and Elsie Mae Pemberton Burruss. Warren Addison Durrett was born on September 23, 1946 to Samuel Addison Durrett and Magdalene Alberta Durrett.

The couple had their first date in 1966 at the Ladysmith Ruritan Ballpark, only a mile from the home they would build seven years later. They had known of each other for years, attending County Line Baptist Church, attending C. T. Smith School, and living only a few miles from each other. After high school Warren went on to attend both Bluefield College and Richmond Professional Institute (RPI). The couple eloped on February 11, 1967 to Dillon, South Carolina and lived in Richmond, Virginia. Warren enlisted in the US Navy in 1967 and they were relocated to Tom's River, New Jersey. Shortly thereafter Warren was stationed on the USS America and went to Vietnam. During this time Shirley would move back to Chilesburg. In December 1968, Warren and the rest of the USS America sailors were able to return to Norfolk, Virginia. He was finally able to meet his new daughter, Karen Michelle Durrett, born on September 30, 1968. After living in Norfolk, the



Durrett family on Kristen's wedding day, April 8, 2006.

family moved to Chilesburg in the fall of 1970. That winter they had a son, Kenneth Lynn Durrett, on January 14, 1971. In 1973 they would build the house they still live in today on Chilesburg Road. On June 16, 1980 they would have their third child, Kristen Amanda Durrett.

In August 1973 Warren began an employment at Kings Dominion that would last 33 years and Shirley was a stay at home mom and eventually worked at Williams and Wright Contracting Company and now G. H. Watts Construction. In 1986 Warren and Shirley became charter members of Cardinal Baptist Church. Warren is also a member of the gospel bluegrass group, One Lane Bridge. Daughter Karen, graduated from J. Sargent Reynolds Community College and shortly thereafter went on to marry James Michael (Mike) Mayo of Goochland. She is both a legal secretary in Bowling Green as well as a preschool teacher at Kingdom Kids, a ministry of Cardinal Baptist Church. They have two daughters, Hannah Grace and Abigail Lynn. After attending Virginia Tech, Kenny is now an architect at Moseley Architects in Richmond, Virginia. Kristen, who also attended Virginia Tech, went on to marry Michael Ross Booth of Ashland. They have a son, Michael Durrett "Rett" and a daughter, Charlotte Mae. Kristen teaches eleventh grade English at Caroline High School.

To the entire family, Caroline is and always has been home. Submitted by Shirley Burruss-Durrett, Chilesburg, VA.

Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church

Wright's Chapel Methodist Church was formed in 1774 out of the Methodist Meetings held at Fork Church in Hanover County. John Wright gave up his home as the first meeting place for the congregation of Wright's Chapel. John Wright's son, William Wright, donated the land for the actual chapel, and it is said that Wright's chapel is named for him. The first parsonage was built in

1904. The first trustees for the parsonage were G.A. Smith and Wilbur W. Smith. The original building of what is now Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church was built in Ladysmith, Virginia in 1961 and dedicated on April 9, 1961. Membership fluctuated in the 1970s and 1980s. Due to the large population growth in the Ladysmith area in the 1990s, additions were made to the chapel in 2000 and 2008. After the addition of Pastor Charles Tillapaugh, the membership of Wright's Chapel grew considerably from 1995 to 2012, with a total of 525 members in March, 2012. The Wright's Chapel congregation was exceptionally active



Wright's Chapel, 2012

and participated numerous community service projects. The annual Polar Bear Plunge raised thousands of dollars per year to help struggling neighbors have heat each winter. The church raised funds, food, supplies, and clothes for such charitable organizations as the local food bank, Hope House (battered women's shelter), Heart Havens (intellectually disabled), The TOP Program (homeless), The Society of St. Andrew (gleaning), and many others. Submitted by Lori Thomas Source: A Brief History Of Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church By Edward Lee Pickett

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