In Memoriam

Houston Allen Brice Jr. of Birmingham died March 1, 2005. With an MBA from the University of Michigan, he began his business career in real estate and banking, but rose to greatest success in his family's firm Brice Building Co. Inc., which he served successively as secretary, vice president, president, chair of the board of directors, and chief executive officer. He held the title of chair emeritus until his death.

Under his leadership, the firm became one of the most prominent and highly respected construction companies in the Southeast, consistently appearing in Engineering News Record's list of the country's top 400 contractors. Under his direction, many major projects were completed, including the SouthTrust Tower, Eye Foundation Hospital, Independent Presbyterian Church, and corporate offices for Protective Life Insurance Co., EBSCO, and Southern Progress Corp.

Brice's service to the community included membership on the boards of many organizations including the Alabama Symphonic Association, Eye Foundation Hospital, Birmingham Museum of Art, University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, and The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. His support for the Boy Scouts of America program was noteworthy. He also was a generous supporter of area educational institutions, including BSC, where he was a member of the Ginkgo Society and the Endowment Builders Association. In 1995, he and his wife established the Betty and Houston A. Brice Jr. Scholarship at Birmingham-Southern.

Survivors include wife Elisabeth Ferguson Brice and children including daughter Derry Brice Bunting ’69 and son-in-law Dr. Peter Bunting ’66.


A daughter, Emilie Elizabeth, born March 13, 2004, in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, and welcomed into the family Dec. 16, 2004, by Katie Woychak Houser ’93 and Dr. Jody Houser ’93 (sister, Anna Lauren).

A daughter, Anna Waldrom, April 14, 2004, to Dr. Brian K. Wade ’94 and Ivey Johnson Wade ’95 (brother, Thomas).

A son, Nathan Christopher, Dec. 12, 2004, to Dr. Christopher Eugene Nichols ’95 and Dr. Melanie Pike Nichols ’96.


A daughter, Anabel, Nov. 18, 2003, to Julia Baxley Camp ’96 and John Goodwyn Camp ’96.

A son, Niles Alexander, Nov. 11, 2004, to Amanda Sorrell Bond ’97 and husband Ryan.

A daughter, Madeline Clare, Nov. 4, 2004, to Angela Coppins Roberts ’97 and Andy Roberts ’97.

A daughter, Caitlin Haller, March 4, 2005, to Sara Haller Chimnock ’98 and husband Andrew.

A daughter, Natalie Elizabeth, March 15, 2005, to Katherine Wells Turnage ’98 and husband Zach.


A daughter, “Brynn” Olivia, Feb. 18, 2005, to Jamie Harris Wilson ’02 and husband Johnny.

Beverly Aderhold Pilgreen ’30 of Phoenix, Ariz., died March 19, 2004. Her husband was the late Norman O. Pilgreen ’32.

Bessie Stanton Smith ’30 of Knoxville, Tenn., died May 21, 2004.

Dr. Glover Moore ’32 of Birmingham died Nov. 9, 2004. With master’s and doctoral degrees from Vanderbilt University, he taught history and was the major professor and mentor for history graduate students at Mississippi State University from 1936 until his retirement in 1977. His sister was the late Kathleen Mims Moore Peacock ’58.

Helen Wright ’32 of Birmingham died March 9, 2005. An accomplished pianist, she taught at the Birmingham Conservatory of Music for 12 years and at Southeastern Bible College for 30 years. She also served as director of religious education at the Chalkville campus of the Alabama Youth Services. Her brother was the late Paul Wright ’32. Survivors include brother-in-law Dr. Bruce K. Johnson ’40.

Fay Hyche Donaldson ’33 of Birmingham died Dec. 3, 2004. With a master’s degree from the University of Alabama, she taught school for a total of 36 years in the Walker County and Birmingham school systems and was a past president of Delta Kappa Gamma teachers’ honorary.

Katherine Windham Foshee ’34 of Andalusia died Jan. 15, 2005.

Lessie Gewin Mitchiner ’34 of Mobile died Jan. 9, 2005.

Robena Evins Orr ’34 of Homewood died March 20, 2005. She taught school for 28 years in Birmingham and Homewood and was very active in community associations benefiting children.


Bernice Lokey Craig ’36 of Birmingham died Feb. 17, 2005. She was a founding member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

Dr. John Leonard Pyron ’36 of Avondale Estates, Ga., died Jan. 28, 2005. With a master’s degree in education from the University of Florida, from 1936-46 he taught science,