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Bessie Renee Hubbard Tyner AAFA #0184

Charter Member

September 23, 1961 – September 13, 2013

DILLON, S.C. - Maj. Bessie Hubbard "Bess" Tyner, 51, of Dillon, passed away Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, at McLeod Regional Hospital in Florence.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at St. Pauls Presbyterian Church in St. Pauls, N.C., with Dr. John Owen Bumgardner Jr. and the Rev. Crystal Champion officiating. Burial will follow in St. Andrews United Methodist Church cemetery in Fayetteville.

She was born Sept. 23, 1961, in Fayetteville, to the late Kenneth Brigman Hubbard and Ellen Merle Hubbard.

She graduated from Douglas Byrd High School. She began an engineering career at NCSU and finished her career as chief engineer at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville. She was a certified member of the Veteran's Administration Deployable Emergency Medical Personnel Corps and the VA Decon Team. Tyner had a distinguished record of national and state defense-force service.

She was a member of the Society of American Military Engineers and was awarded their Intern medal for Engineering Excellence. Her love of Cumberland County and its history lead to the publication of "Marriage & Death Notices 1816-1840 Abstracted from The Fayetteville Observer and Predecessor Papers" and "Marriage & Death Notices 1841-1850 Abstracted from The Fayetteville Observer."

Maj. Tyner is survived by her husband of 17 years, Kenneth Blake Tyner, and son, Blake McKay Hubbard Tyner, both of the home. She also is survived by a number of very special cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tyner Scholarship Fund, NCSECU, 921 W. Third St., Pembroke, NC 28372, or Robeson County History Museum, 101 S. Elm St., Lumberton, NC 28358.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 tonight, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, at Floyd Mortuary & Crematory Inc., 809 E. 5th St., Lumberton. Online condolences may be made by visitingfloydmortuary.net.

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She began her Engineering career at her Alma Mater where she was Director of Planning and Construction. She next spent twelve years as the Director of Facilities Planning and Construction at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She was the first female university engineer in the UNC system.

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She served as Director of a Personnel Department Division on Recruitment for the U.S. Coast Guard. She was awarded the US Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon and US Coast Guard Auxiliary Commandant's National Staff Badge for her outstanding service.

Tyner was fully trained and qualified Master Military Emergency Management Specialist (MEMS), a joint program of the State Guard Association of the United States (SGAUS) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She was a Military Emergency Management Academy instructor and furthered the objectives of MEMS, SGAUS and the Palmetto Chapter of SGAUS.

Major Tyner was awarded the Palmetto Patriot's Award, the highest award bestowed by the Lt. Governor of SC, for her years of multi-state service to America's veterans, as well as her leadership in the fields of engineering, homeland defense and history.

She was a bagpiper with the US Coast Guard Pipes and Drums playing at military events and ceremonies. She also served as a piper with the Marine Corps League – Julian Dusenbury Detachment of the Marine Corps League's Military Funeral Detail. She was a former member of the NC State University Pipes and Drums.

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