

66th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert (Thea) Cleckley

Mr. and Mrs. Cleckley celebrated their 66th anniversary on June 10. Mr. Cleckley is a retired U.S. Army Colonel and Mrs. Cleckley is a retired teacher. The couple have 3 children: Stacy Mitchell of Chesterfield, VA; William Cleckley of Frederick, MD and Natalie Jackson of Olney, MD. They are blessed with 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



The Cleckleys are proud alumni of South Carolina State University, where they met as students. Gilbert is originally from Orangeburg, and Thea is from Mullins. This year is even more special, as both are reaching the milestone age of 90—Gilbert celebrated his birthday in May, and Thea will turn 90 in July. After marrying in 1959, they traveled the world together while Gilbert served in the U.S. Army. After his retirement, they eventually moved back to South Carolina in 1997 and have called Orangeburg home ever since. They remain active and connected to their roots, regularly attending SCSU football and basketball games.

