

## ARRIES

### WILLIAM OTIS AMEEN, SR. 12-7-13

J A M E S T O W N , N.C. — William Otis Ameen, Sr., age 88, of Guilford College Road in Jamestown, passed away on November 28, 2013, after a one-month illness.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1925, in Winnsboro to the late William Ameen and Maude Bagley Ameen. He is predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Alfred and Joseph S. Ameen; his wife, Marion Sams Ameen; and his 21-year-old cat, Katie.

He graduated from Mount Zion Institute in Winnsboro in 1942 and served in the United States Army Combat Engineers in the European Theater in World War II, receiving the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Belgique Croix de Guerre. Following his discharge he graduated from Clemson College in 1950 in architecture and worked at Western Electric (later AT&T) from 1950 until his retirement in 1989. As a practicing architect he designed numerous area homes, offices and churches. He was an emeritus of the American Institute of Architects.

For many years he enjoyed flying model air-

craft and was a member of the Society of Antique Modelers.

He is survived by his sister, Leona, and her husband, Albert Weigle, of Charlotte, N.C.; his sister-in-law, Ruth Ameen of Winnsboro; his son, Dr. William O. Ameen, Jr. and wife Rosemarie of Greensboro; daughter, Janet, and husband, Dr. D.J. Lee of Columbia, Maryland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice Home, 1803 Westchester, High Point, NC 27262; the Clemson University School of Architecture, Clemson, SC; or the American Humane Society.

The family will be at Sechrest Funeral Service on Lexington Avenue in High Point, NC, for a visitation on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. Please share your condolences with the family at [www.sechrestfunerals.com](http://www.sechrestfunerals.com).

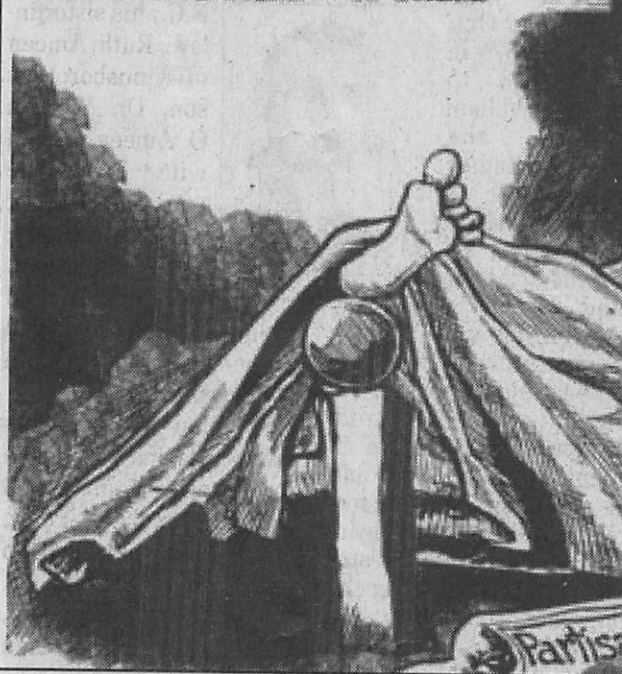
Mr. Ameen will be cremated and his ashes interred in Winnsboro at a later date.



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# Opinion

OUR TIRELESS REPRESENTATIVES  
-PREPARING- FOR THE DAYS  
THEY SCHEDULED THEMSELVES  
TO BE AT WORK FOR THE REMAINDER  
OF THE YEAR. ALL 15 OF THEM.



## Islands in

Shortly after the extent of the damage of storm known as either Super Typhoon Haiyan or Yolanda became clear, the United States got to work sending much needed aid to the Philippines. With winds up to 195 miles per hour, it left more than 5,200 people dead and four million displaced.

The Philippines is a poor nation, and it's also the most exposed country to tropical storms in the world. That's hardly surprising, since it's made up of over 7,000 islands.

On a good day, that makes it a nice vacation spot. On a bad day, it's a sitting duck for typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes, and anything else nature throws its way.

Before now, you might not have thought

nothing short of shocking.

I met one family of ten — two parents with no formal education, the dad with an amputated arm, and eight children — living in a flimsy wooden home and attempting to survive by growing corn and rice, supplemented by wages as day laborers when they could find work. Life wasn't easy for them

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in good weather, let alone in a typhoon.

But it's not just the poverty that's so striking, it's the inequality. There are rich people in the Philippines. At the airport, I overheard the conversation of other American tourists