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## *Alumnus Carl M. Spangler Jr. Served Four Terms on GWU Board of Trustees*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A devoted supporter of Gardner-Webb University and several charities in Cleveland County, N.C., passed away

photo of Carl M. Spangler Jr.

June 16. Carl M. Spangler Jr., 84, was a 1952 GWU alumnus and currently serving his fourth term on the GWU Board of Trustees. In 2009, he was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University for his contributions to the community.

“Carl Spangler was what a GWU trustee should be: a person with high morals and a love for God and his family,” reflected Woody Fish, GWU Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement. “He gave generously with his time and financial resources.”

Spangler served on several GWU boards and committees, including chairman of the C.O. and Eliza Greene Lecture Series. He was a 1951 graduate of Piedmont High School in Lawndale, N.C. He attended GWU, served in the Army for four years and then received a degree in Chemistry from UNC Chapel Hill. Working at Fiber Industries and related companies from May 1960 through May 1990, he retired in 1990 as a human resources manager with Fiber. A lifelong member of Double Shoals Baptist Church in Shelby, Spangler has served as chair of the deacons, Sunday school director, Sunday school teacher and trustee.

Spangler received the Governor’s award, Order of Long Leaf Pine, for his volunteer work with the boys club. He was past chairman of the United Way and the Board of Directors of Upper Cleveland Rescue; past president of the boys club, children’s home and Life Enrichment Center; past chairman and current trustee of Lawndale Historical Society; current chairman of the Steering Committee Carolina Thread Trail of Cleveland County as well as serving as one of its governing board members; and current board chairman of Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina.

Spangler was married to Fay Sparks Spangler for 60 years and they had four children and 12 grandchildren.

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