



Obituaries

Gregory Hal Pudina



Pudina

Gregory Hal Pudina, 47, died Saturday (Aug. 28, 2010).

He was born in Ware County June 3, 1963. He graduated from Waycross High School in 1981 and Mercer University in Macon in 1986. He also attended FCCJ in Jacksonville, Fla.

He was a registered nurse and worked at Baptist Medical Heart Center in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a traveling nurse in Chicago, Ill. and worked in Washington, San Antonio, Texas, and in Atlanta.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Pudina, a brother, Keith Pudina, a sister, Cathy Pudina, and his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Petty, of Waycross, and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Kudamik, of Butler, Pa.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Ruth Petty Pudina; a brother, Larry Pudina; a niece, April Pudina; and several aunts, uncles and cousins; John Ray (partner); and three four-legged babies, Alma, Cinder and Jack.

The family will receive friends today from 6 to 8 at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 729 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Greenlawn Cemetery in Waycross.

Arrangements are with Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Benjamin Etheridge Jr.

Benjamin F. Etheridge Jr., 93, died Wednesday (Sept. 1, 2010) at his daughter's residence in Hosford, Fla., after an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 27, 1917 in Lee County, Ala., to the late Benjamin Franklin Etheridge Sr. and Annie Rebecca Nunn Etheridge. He graduated from Waycross High School in 1933 where he was elected the senior class president. After graduation he worked for the Waycross Journal-Herald. In 1935, he was employed at the Commercial Bank and later the First National Bank. In 1939, he began a 20-year employment with King Brothers Motor Co.

In 1940 he married Irene Dempsey, from Athens. She taught home economics at Waycross High School and Wacona.

In 1960 he moved to Cocoa, Fla., for five years to work with the Ford dealership in that area. In 1965 he moved to Marietta where he purchased an interest in the Ford dealership and served as vice-president and general manager.

Upon retirement in 1982, he moved back to Waycross. His wife, Irene died in 1987.

In 1988, he married Jackie R. Stewart from Marietta, who passed away in March of this year.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and served on many committees throughout the years. He was the last surviving member of the building committee which built the present Trinity United Methodist Church on Church Street.

He is survived by one daughter, Becky Brown (husband Joe Brown), of Hosford, Fla.; two granddaughters, Ivy Harger (husband Lloyd Harger) and Andrea Birbahadur; and four great-grandchildren, Ben Harger, Lauren Harger, Alex Birbahadur and Becca Birbahadur. He and Jackie also have four sons from her previous marriage, Tommy Stewart (wife Linda), of Austell, Steve Stewart (wife Beverly), of Powder Springs, Michael Stewart (wife Lucy), of Douglasville, Mark Stewart, of Powder Springs, and their children and grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

The family will welcome friends prior to the service.

Music Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Satilla, "Earmarked Hospice House," 808 Evergreen Way, Waycross, Ga. 31501.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.musicfuneralhome.com

Caren Gayle Archer

Caren Gayle Archer passed away Monday (Aug. 30, 2010) in Atlanta.

She was the daughter of Carey and the late Martha McDonald, of Ocala, Fla. She graduated from Ocala Forest High School in 1973, attended Furman University and CFCC, and received her B.S. degree in business administration from Florida State University in 1978.

She was employed as a capital markets specialist at the C&S/Nations Bank in Atlanta for seven years prior to her marriage to William W. Archer Jr. in 1985.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Elizabeth Skye (18), a freshman at Georgia Tech; and a son, Will (15), a student at Woodland High School; her father, Carey E. McDonald; a brother, Dale McDonald; and nephew, Matthew McDonald, both of Maitland, Fla.; in-laws, William W. Sr. and Jackie Archer, of Sparta; maternal aunt and uncle, Thomas and Mary Moore, of Winter Park, Fla.

She was active in Henry County Community activities. She served as substitute teacher for five years at various Henry County Schools. She was very active in the Woodland High School Athletic Boosters Club. Her leadership and enthusiasm will be sorely missed as the school year and football season moves forward.

She enjoyed traveling the world with her family. Above all, she was a loving and caring wife, mother and friend who would go to great lengths for anybody and everybody.

The funeral will be held at First United Methodist Church in Stockbridge Thursday at 10 a.m.

The family will visit 8:30 a.m. until the hour of the funeral at the church.

Interment will be at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

Condolences may be extended at the on-line guest registry at www.cannonclevelandfunerals.com

Arrangements are with Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors of McDonough.

Doris E. Snellgrove

Doris E. Snellgrove, 79, died Tuesday afternoon (Aug. 31, 2010) at Satilla Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

She was a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and a member of First Church of the Nazarene. She also served as treasurer of Suwannee Holiness Camp for 22 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew R. Johnson and Ida Mae Norgren Johnson, one daughter, Sally Ann Snellgrove, and one brother, Bill Johnson.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. H.G. Snellgrove, of Waycross; two sons, Rick Snellgrove (wife Elaine), of Panama City, Fla., and Jeffrey Snellgrove (wife Robin), of Charleston, S.C.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one sister, Irene Lund (husband Jack), of Houston, Texas; one brother, Raymond Johnson (wife Eleanor), of Youngstown, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 10 until 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Suwannee Holiness Camp Association, c/o Manolia Jones, 417 Nitram St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32211.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.musicfuneralhome.com

Millie H. Spivey

Millie H. Spivey, 82, died Wednesday morning (Sept. 1, 2010) at Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick after an extended illness.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Ware County. She was a homemaker most of her life, but she was formerly

employed for Ivey's Laundry and Larry's Pharmacy for several years. She was a member of Second Baptist Church for 61 years.

She was the daughter of the late Paul Martin Henderson and Irene Minchew Henderson, and was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Martin "Danny" Henderson.

Survivors include her husband, Charles D. Spivey, of White Oak; one son, Charles David Spivey (wife Bobbie), of White Oak; two grandchildren, Jada McDevitt (husband Andy), of Dallas, and Paul Spivey, of White Oak; two great-grandchildren, Clay McDevitt and Cait McDevitt, both of Dallas; one brother, Robert Paul Henderson, of Florence, S.C.; one sister-in-law, Jewell Smith, of Live Oak, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 1 until 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Wanell B. Thornton

PATTERSON — Wanell Boyette Thornton, 78, passed away early Wednesday evening (Sept. 1, 2010) at her residence following a long illness.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Pearson-Dial Funeral Home.

Lyle Osborne

A graveside service for Lyle Osborne will held Friday at 12:30 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, Fla., because of military conflicts.

Arrangements are with Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta.

Ida Mae O'Berry Clark

BLACKSHEAR — The funeral for Ida Mae O'Berry Clark, 87, was held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Pearson-Dial Chapel.

Officiating was the Rev. Sammy Chancey.

Interment was in the Offerman Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Donnie Cason, John Cason, Michael Cason, Shane Cason, Tony Cason, Earl Sapp and Nate Cason.

Pearson-Dial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Earl Junior Cheshire

A funeral for Earl Junior Cheshire was held Wednesday afternoon at Miles-Odum Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy Thrift Jr. and the Rev. Hilton Martin officiating.

Burial was in Walkerville Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ray Cheshire, Wayne Hartley, Mike Thrift, Kevin Allen, Keith Allen and Kereth Allen.

Miles-Odum Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Allie Skipper Carter

The funeral for Allie Skipper Carter was held Wednesday afternoon at Waynesville Baptist Church with the Rev. Vance Colley, the Rev. David Hudson and the Rev. Paul Garrison officiating.

Burial followed in Palmetto Cemetery, Brunswick.

Pallbearers were Daniel Ryle, Joshua Ryle, Kelly Bare, John B. Smith, David Clifton and Wallace Bare Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers were Waynesville Baptist Church choir and Sunday School class.

Arrangements were with Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta.

William C. Portman

CINCINNATI (AP) — Longtime Cincinnati businessman and civic leader William C. "Bill" Portman has died at his home. He was 88.

In a statement released through his son Rob's U.S. Senate campaign, Portman's family says he died Tuesday of natural causes.

Rob Portman is the Republican candidate hoping to succeed Sen. George Voinovich in Ohio. He canceled a Youngstown appearance Wednesday.

Bill Portman is also survived by his son Wym), daughter Ginna Portman Amis and nine grandchildren. His wife Joan died in 1994.

George Sweers

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Former Associated Press and St. Petersburg Times photographer George Sweers has died from cancer in St. Petersburg. He was 82.

Sweers' daughter Susan Manley said her father died Friday at the Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

Sweers retired from the Times in 1992 after 33 years with the company but began his career with the AP.

According to a Times story about his retirement, Sweers joined in the AP in 1945 in Kansas City. He later volunteered to cover the Korean War and eventually moved to Tokyo, where he became the Far East photo editor.

Sweers left the AP in 1959 to work for the Times as photo editor. He eventually became director of news illustration.

Sweers is survived by his wife of 37 years Marie Sweers, two sons, a daughter, a stepdaughter and a granddaughter.