

# Obituaries

## Gregory Hall Pudina



Pudina

Gregory Hall 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.

The family will receive friends Thursday 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.

## Ida Mae Lentz



Lentz

Ida Mae Lentz, 85, of St. George, passed away Friday (Aug. 27, 2010) at her residence.

She was born in Folkston July 26, 1925 to the late Walter Renshaw and Roxie Chesser Renshaw. She was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Erwin Renshaw, and a granddaughter, Regina Nolan Green.

She is survived by six children, Delaine Creppel (Tony), Arnold "Buddy" Johnson, Glenda Sirmans (James), Lanier Lentz (Trish), Gayle Petty (Ron) and Robert Lentz (Ellen); four brothers, Donald Renshaw, Arthur Renshaw, Alva Renshaw and Earl Renshaw; two sisters, Nina Dillon and Flora Petty; 20 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces,

nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers will be Reggy Nolan, David Johnson, Anthony Sirmans, Rusty Petty, Curtis Lentz, Joshua Lentz and James Sirmans.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. George First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ray McKendree officiating. Burial was in Sardis Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest register at [www.shepardfh.com](http://www.shepardfh.com)

Arrangements were under the direction of Shepard Funeral Home, Folkston.

## Doris E. Snellgrove

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

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Music Funeral Home.

## Edwin L. Williams Jr.

Edwin L. "Boe" Williams Jr. of Valdosta, died Sunday (Aug. 29, 2010) after fighting a long battle with leukemia.

He was born June 1, 1937 in Waycross to the late Edwin L. Williams Sr. and Doris Cason Williams. He was the great-grandson of the late Joseph Benjamin Cason Sr. and Fredda Harbin Cason, of Waycross, and the late George Newton Williams and Bessie Box Williams, of Dothan, Ala.

He spent most of his childhood in Waycross. During a brief period of time, he and his family lived in Broadhurst, a little turpentine and saw mill town just outside of Jesup. One of his favorite past-times was sharing stories about the days he lived in Broadhurst and the many colorful characters he encountered there.

In high school, his family moved to Cottdale, Fla. Before moving to Cottdale, he earned his

Life Scout Badge with the Boy Scouts of America. One of his few regrets was that he was never able to complete the work needed for his Eagle Scout Badge as Cottdale did not have a BSA chapter.

After high school, he attended Florida State University where he received a B.S. degree in business. It was there that he met his wife of 45 years, the late Carolyn Barrientos Williams. Soon after college, he opened his first shoe store in Tallahassee, Fla.

In 1964, soon after moving to Valdosta, he and Carolyn opened Country Cobbler Shoe Store downtown. Together, they built a successful enterprise with additional stores in Waycross, Gainesville, Fla., and Jacksonville, Fla.

In addition to his business, he was a regionally respected genealogist. He founded and served as chairman of the board for the Huxford Genealogical Society in Homerville. He contributed to numerous genealogical articles, periodicals and the Huxford Society's series, The Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia.

He served as the Williams family historian. He was instrumental in preserving the historic Williams family reunion, one of the largest reunions in the country, which was first held in 1903 in Graceville, Fla.

In 2003, he authored "Andrew Elton Williams: Ancestors, Contemporaries, Descendants, and Allied Family," a book about the patriarch of the Williams family, who settled in Graceville, Fla.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved exploring nature, whether it was the Okefenokee Swamp or the great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. He also had a unique passion for racing homing pigeons. For more than 45 years, he was a member of the Valdosta Pigeon Racing Club and the Dixie Combine. If you had a minute to spare, he would take you to see his pigeons and educate you on the sport.

The oldest of 23 first cousins, he was a natural leader and a man of faith. He always found the best in people and this trait made him a devoted husband, brother, father and grandfather as well as loyal friend. He did not have good "customers" at Country Cobbler, rather good friends. Everyone was welcome and he was delighted to serve three and four generations of families in his store.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Barrientos Williams.

His survivors include his wife, Carol Fletcher Williams, of Valdosta; his sister and brother-in-law, Fredda Williams Shutes and Vivian Shutes, of Panama City, Fla.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Edwin L. "Edd" Williams III, of Atlanta, and Cason Williams and Leisa Williams, of Hahira; one daughter and a son-in-law, Ginny Williams Kirkland and Lawson Kirkland, of Hahira; four grandchildren, Anna Williams, Taylor Williams, Carolyn Kirkland and Young Kirkland, all of Hahira; step-daughter and son-in-law, Jarrett McAllister Tennyson and Glen Tennyson, of Albany; step-daughter, Kelly McAllister, of Albany; step-son, Hunter New Jr., of Quitman; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church of Valdosta with the minister, Mack Weaver, officiating.

Internment will follow at McLane Riverview Memorial Gardens.

A visitation will be held tonight from 6 until 8 at Carson McLane Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers are Remley Farr, George Farr, Harbin Farr, Leonard Butler, Randy Drupiewski, Joe Drupiewski, Ben Cason and Bruce Moyer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Joe and Fredda Cason Scholarship Fund Waycross College, 2001 South Georgia Parkway, Waycross, Ga. 31503, by phone, 449-7600; The Huxford Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 595, Homerville, Ga. 31634-3151, by phone, (912) 487-2310, or by going online to [www.huxford.com](http://www.huxford.com); or The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, Mass. 01202, or online at [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org)

Condolences may be conveyed to the family on the obituary page, [www.mclanefuneralservices.com](http://www.mclanefuneralservices.com)

## Beth Corbitt Dobbs

A funeral for Beth Ann Corbitt Dobbs took place Tuesday morning in the Music Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Richard Jeffers officiating.

Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Spencer Kelly, Tyler McGaulin, Wes Woodard, Chico Marcus Guerrero, Dustin Carter and Kelly Hall.