



"HER CHILDREN ARISE AND CALL HER BLESSED; HER HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE PRAISES HER: MANY WOMEN DO NOBLE THINGS, BUT YOU SURPASS THEM ALL." - PROVERBS 31: 28-29

## Relay for Life Event This Saturday



For the last four weeks, we have been publishing stories from survivors of cancer. These stories were true and were from our local friends and neighbors. Cancer is a horrible disease that has no discrimination. It affects men and women, young and old. Almost everyone has been touched by cancer in one way or another in their lives. We published these stories to remind people of the local Relay for Life event happening this Saturday. Let's make sure to support this event and crush cancer!

The Relay for Life of Nassau County will be held this Saturday, May 7 from 3-10 p.m. at the NE FL Fairgrounds in Callahan. This year's theme is "A Radical Relay" (80's - 90's). The event will be held in the open-air area of the fairgrounds, where the walking track is available. Everyone is encouraged to park and enter from the back paved parking lot. Opening ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. with remarks by Wanda Nichols, Event Lead Chair Person. This will be Wanda's last year as Lead Chair Person for the event. Pastor Walter Cooper and NCSO Chaplain will deliver the invocation with a flag presentation by West Nassau JROTC and National Anthem sung by Megan Stanford. Survivors and Caregivers will be recognized and then take their lap to the multipurpose building for the survivor/caregiver reception. There will be activities for the survivors and

caregivers while at the reception. While the reception is going on, DJ Doug will entertain everyone on the fairgrounds until the reception is over.

Events will be happening each hour throughout the afternoon. Luminaries and relay "swag" can be purchased at the entrance gate of the relay. There will be a petting zoo, two bounce houses, Smash A Car and a Prayer Tent sponsored by Faithwalkers and Live Oak Baptist Church. LuLu's BBQ will be the main food vendor, but other vendors and teams will be selling merchandise and food as well. DJ Doug will entertain us all evening. There is something for everyone, young and old at our relay.

If you are planning on coming out setting up a tent and having a team, then you need to sign up on our website so you can get the perks for it and be recognized. We would like to fill our track with walkers and teams this year. Don't forget if you have team members that want to participate make sure they sign up as a participant and raise \$100 by their name and they will be eligible for a relay gray participant shirt. To sign up a team, purchase luminaries, sign up as a survivor or caregiver, or just to check us out, visit: [www.relayforlife.org/nassaucounty](http://www.relayforlife.org/nassaucounty). If you are a survivor, caregiver, or just want to show your support, come out to our relay. It is a family friendly event with lots to do.



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## NCCOA Offers Activities at Hilliard Senior Life Center

Plan to join us at NCCOA's newly refurbished Westside Senior Life Center, 37002 Ingham Road in Hilliard, for afternoon activities in May. Activities are free, but require registration by contacting Amanda Eichelberger, Activities Coordinator, at [aechelberger@nassaucountycoa.org](mailto:aechelberger@nassaucountycoa.org) or 904-675-9833.



May 2022

- Monday  
May 9; 1:30-2:30 pm - Tai Chi with "Master" Tom
- Tuesday  
May 10, 4:00-4:45 pm - Health Insurance discussion with Kathy Carter, Nelson & Associates  
May 17, 24, 31; 1:00-3:00 pm - Crocheting Class with "Hilliard Hookers"
- Wednesday  
May 11; 1:30-3:00 pm - Rockin' to the Oldies with the Masseys  
May 18, 25; 1:30-3:30 pm - Line Dancing with Tonya
- Thursday  
May 5; 3:00-4:00 pm - Cinco de Mayo Salsa Tasting & Music (wear a sombrero!)  
May 19; 3:00-3:45 pm - West Nassau Historical Society with Tom & Emily  
May 26; 3:00-4:00 pm - Book Club with Laurel Sphar, MLIS, Nassau County Branch Librarian
- Friday  
May 20; 1:30-5:00 pm - "Pink Panther" movie (with popcorn and cookies!)

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**ABWA Meeting Next Tuesday**

Attention, all Nassau County Business Women: The Eight Flags Charter Chapter of the ABWA invites you to their meeting next Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Bill Melton Road. Dr. April Murdaugh, of Jacksonville, was named one of the ABWA's Top Ten Business Women of 2022, will share her journey to this prestigious Leadership award.



businesswomen to join us." April Murdaugh is the owner and Financial Advisor at Woman to Woman Financial, a Wealth Management Firm located in Jacksonville. She partners with women, business owners and their families to help create and grow generational wealth. Her signature workshop, The Five Biggest Mistakes Women Make with Money, outlines women's struggles in managing their finances. She has a background as a college administrator and was a full-time professor of Business, Finance, and Logistics. She holds a Doctor of Education degree from Nova Southeastern University.

As a leading organization for working women, the American Business Women's Association takes recognition to a national level with the prestigious Top Ten Business Women of ABWA program. The Top Ten is the highest honor awarded annually to members and recognized nationally at ABWA's National Women's Leadership Conference. These ten women are applauded for their career accomplishments, community involvement and contribution to the American Business Women's Association. Through this program, members serve as role models for the entire membership and achieve recognition for their accomplishments as businesswomen.

ABWA meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., beginning with networking, a light meal, and a program starting at 6 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Bill Melton Road in Fernandina Beach, each monthly meeting provides Professional Development speakers who impart the motivation and skills to create success in today's competitive business world. There is time to network with women from various businesses, skill sets, and experiences.

"I'm thrilled to have Dr. Murdaugh share her inspirational journey," says Lillie Marie Rogers, ABWA president. "We are fortunate to have a winner of this national award here on the first coast. We encourage all Nassau County

members to join us." Please visit [www.abwaeightflags.org](http://www.abwaeightflags.org) to learn more and to register for the meeting. Register for this event before Sunday evening. The cost is \$20 for ABWA members; \$25 for non-members.

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## Confederate Memorial Day Service Held



On Saturday, April 23, a Confederate Memorial Day service was conducted by Kirby-Smith Camp #1209, Sons of Confederate Veterans in Old City Cemetery. While there are graves of Confederate Veterans throughout the cemetery, the vast majority are located in one section in the center of the cemetery. Within this plot are the graves of Confederate Veterans who lived out their remaining years at the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors home that was located on Talleyrand Avenue and operated from 1893 until 1938.

## NAMI Support Groups in May

NAMI Nassau County FL holds free support groups for peers and for friends and family of people with mental health challenges. Meetings are structured, confidential and inclusive. Anyone 18 years or older is welcome. For more information, check our website at [www.naminassauflorida.org](http://www.naminassauflorida.org).

Hilliard Family Support Group meets Wednesday, May 4 and will continue to meet the first Wednesday from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Journey Church,

550974 US-1, Hilliard, opposite the Winn Dixie shopping plaza.

Yulee Family Support Group meets Tuesday, May 17 and will continue to meet the third Tuesday from 6:30 – 8 PM at Journey Church, 95707 Amelia Concourse, Yulee, FL.

Connections Group (for those directly affected by a mental health challenge) meets every Friday from 11-12:30 at Council on Aging, 1901 Island Walkway, Fernandina Beach, FL.

## Brain Bus at Callahan Library Next Monday



The Brain Bus, a statewide Mobile Outreach Initiative, will be at the Callahan Library next Monday, May 9 from 9-11 a.m. The Brain Bus raises awareness of Alzheimer's and related dementias and addresses the benefits of early detection, early diagnosis, brain health and risk reduction. Come and visit the bus and learn about: 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's; 10 ways to Love Your Brain; Steps to an Accurate Diagnosis; and learn Advancements in Research.

## JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

I have to stop saying how much more corrupt can the democrat communist party get. I do believe they are taking it as a challenge. They are so open about ruining our country and are doing an excellent job of it. There is nothing they have done to help America since Biden walked into the White House. As one person stated, "Enough with the build back better slogan Biden touts, just please put it back the way you found it"

Can people not see that we are following the footsteps of Venezuela? They went from being the 4th most prosperous economy in the world to the 179th position in approximately four years under a democratic socialist platform. At the rate we are going, we may beat their time line. One wonders how we have reached the despair that our country is in, well there are several reasons. We tossed God out; we have been spoiled by our success and have idly sat by thinking we were invincible. We became a lazy content people that failed to realize the enemy was within.

The founder of Dubai summed it up fairly accurate. Sheik Rashid, was asked about the future of his country, and he replied, "My grandfather rode a camel, my father rode a camel, I ride a Mercedes, my son rides a Land Rover, and my grandson will ride a Land Rover...but my great-grandson is going to have to ride a camel again." Why is that? He was asked. His reply

was, "Hard times create strong men, strong men create easy times. Easy times create weak men, weak men create difficult times. Many will not understand it, but you have to raise warriors, not parasites." And add to that the historical reality that all great empires...the Persians, the Trojans, the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans, and in later years, the British...all rose and perished within 240 years. They were not conquered by external enemies; they rotted from within.

America has now passed that 240-year mark, and the rot is starting to be visible and is accelerating. We are past the Mercedes and Land Rover years...the camels are on the horizon. The greatest generation consisted of 18-year-old kids storming the beaches at Normandy, and now, two generations later, some 18-year-old kids want to hide in safe rooms when they hear words that hurt their feelings. They also want free stuff from the government because they think they are entitled to it. The "camels are on the horizon" for sure. Something to ponder...History has a way of repeating itself (portions copied from an unknown author). I most certainly agree with Rashid and the rest of the commentary. If the Good Lord tarries his coming, saddle up boys, we are in for one heck of a ride.

As always...that's just my opinion!

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Mill Creek Cemetery Association will hold a meeting and clean up Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m. Make sure to bring your tools and gloves to work!

The Callahan Public Library is now offering Technology help for basic computer skills Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. Residents can sign up for a spot on our website: [nassaureads.com](http://nassaureads.com).



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# Building A Discipling Culture

Pastor Marty Paparo, Friendship Alliance Church, Callahan



Our church leadership team has been reading the book Building A Discipling Culture. I share this because I think the author, Mike Breen, has an important challenge to offer. I think it's a challenge the whole Church (all the churches everywhere, combined) needs to consider: what are we doing?

If we were to sum up all that Jesus instructed us to do, it falls to one point: "make disciples." In Jesus' last moments here on earth, with His closest followers, He gives this instruction before ascending into heaven: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20, ESV

This is the great commission. This is what we as the Church are to do. We are to go and make disciples.

We spend a lot of time, energy and resources as church leaders trying to build the church, yet, Christ never told us to do that. In fact, He told us, He would build His church. "...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18, ESV. Our job is instead to make disciples. My favorite quote from Breen's book is, "If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples."

If you are part of a church, I believe this book is worth reading. This week, I would like to challenge you, as I have been challenge myself to ask yourself "who am I pouring into?" Who are you sharing your life with in a way that draws them closer to Christ? Who could you invest in? Making disciples is not simply the pastor's job; it's every member of the Church's job. Ask God, this week, who He would like you to build-up in Christ.

*Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.*

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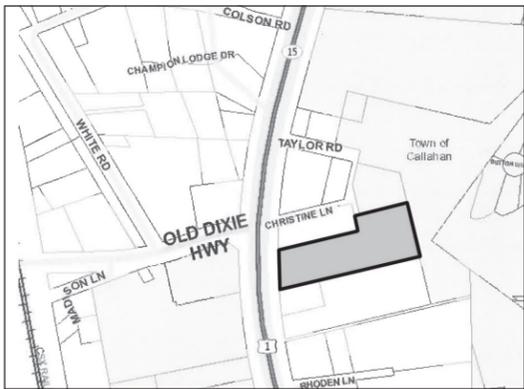
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# New Gas Line in Callahan?

Dawn S. West

The Callahan Town Council met Monday night for their first meeting in May. The only business on the agenda was an item for discussion about a possible franchise agreement with Florida Public Utilities Company. Town Manager Mike Williams advised the council that the owners of the new Zaxby's coming to town would like to have natural gas at the restaurant for their fryers. "You (council) have an ordinance to look over. You will see places where I and the attorney have made some changes to the ordinance," said Williams. "The town would receive 6% of the revenue from the company."

"This would mean we would have more lines ran throughout the town?" asked Councilman David Mellecker.

"Yes, that would definitely happen if we chose to do this," added Williams. "We have high pressure gas lines very deep. The only low pressure lines

we have in town are by West Nassau High School and Callahan Elementary School."

Town Attorney Reba Pearce advised the council to look over the ordinance and think about what was said tonight. Think about: Who would benefit? Would residents or businesses be interested in using natural gas? Is it worth all the construction and destruction around town? Use this time to think things over before the next meeting.

In closing comments, Mayor Matthew Davis reminded the council about the joint workshop concerning the July 3 fireworks with the Town of Hilliard and Fair staff on Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Williams also reminded the council about the National Day of Prayer service Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Ewing Park.

The next meeting of the council will be held Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m.

# Vote for Local Wes Watson for Char Champ Competition

Many people are familiar with the name Wes Walker and have experienced his cooking. Wes not only cooks for First Responders from time to time but also caters meals for events. He started his love for cooking when his friend, Klynt Farmer, entered the two in a 2016 State Champion Cook-off. From there Wes has cooked full time. Well, I say full time, he also has a full time job. He has competed several times in State Competitions.



Wes is trying to compete in the Food Networks Char Champ Competition. To enter, Wes needs as many people as possible to vote for him at: [charchampion.com/2022/wes-watson](http://charchampion.com/2022/wes-watson). You can vote every day to get him into the next round. Let's help

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# Mom Still Challenges Me



Yvette Outler

six children of her own. She took in her best friend's (Marie Gowen) two children when she died and finished raising them. She became a widow for the first time in 1977 with six children under her roof. I thought my upbringing was normal. I didn't realize that all my friends were not taught how to work. The responsibility that she had us assume was that of an adult. She never questioned whether we could handle it or not. She asked. We did.

She had an unstoppable work ethic. In retirement she only worked five hours a day. Mom would always say, "We've gotta make hay while the sun is shining." She worked until she was 85. They just aren't made like her anymore. The era in which she lived and thrived was remarkable.

She fulfilled personal goals. With the help of Sandy Wilfong, she accomplished her GED (General Educational Diploma) at the age of 63. She gained her United States citizenship at the age of 74.

She was a servant leader. She selflessly served her church, Our Lady of Consolation. She served her community by delivering her customer's favorite meals when they became homebound. Because of the impact that was made on her, when her second husband, George Schumann died, she became a hospice volunteer. She would also visit the nursing home in Hilliard and deliver home cooked meals and visit with the residents. She modeled Christ's love for others.

Mom passed away with no debt. Everything she owned was a direct result of her hard work. She left us with a modest inheritance, but most importantly she left us with a legacy. Her steadfastness, servant's heart, selflessness, tenacity, love and service for The Lord and work ethic still challenge me to this day. Mom, I accept the challenge.

Ann Card Schumann was the wisest women I have ever known. She was born in Canada and grew up on a farm in Vermont. She was the fourth oldest of 13 children. She lived through the great depression, so wasting food at her dinner table was one of her pet peeves. She only had an eighth-grade education because she had to drop out of school to begin working to help support her family financially.

All that she was able to start and finish in her lifetime would challenge the best entrepreneur! She and Dad opened "Ann's Diner" in the town of Callahan in 1948 with just \$100 to their name. She managed her business like a brilliant minded executive. She invested in additional property. She was a savvy, old-school landlord who never signed a lease. She told me, "A person's word was their contract." She was generous. At Ann's Diner she never turned away a hungry soul if they did not have the money to pay. If they insisted, she would find a small chore for them to do to allow them to "pay" for their meal.

She was strong. She raised 13 children. She helped finish raising my father's five children from his first marriage. She had

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Andy and Sherri Whitaker, of Hilliard, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 12. They were united in marriage April 12, 1997, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Tallahassee. They celebrated their special milestone with an overnight trip to St. Simons Island. They are looking forward to a longer celebration at an Atlantic Beach Resort at the end of May (after baseball season is over). It's been a great adventure and they look forward to at least another 25 years!



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Freddie has insurance however the medical bills are continuing to add up. Many people have contacted us asking how they can help Freddie and hopefully get him back to work. We, the



at Callahan Dollar General, many know who he is. Freddie has been a model employee for over 8 years. He transferred one time to go to Gainesville to be with his ailing father, but transferred back when his father passed away. Freddie was always the guy who had a smile on his face and would help you out in the store if you asked him. Freddie rode his bicycle to work every day. His life is one of determination to make it. He lives out US 301 with a friend he met at Dollar General. He was down on his luck and his friend, Tia Chavarria (her mom & brother), took him in to live at their house. It was from their home on US 301 that he rode his bicycle to work.

Westside Journal will be accepting donations: cash or checks (made out to Freddie Walker) to assist with his medical expenses and any other needs he may have. We will be collecting donations by mail: PO Box 607, Callahan, FL 32011; or at our office: 450034 SR 200 (directly across from Callahan Dollar General). We are asking that donations

not be taken to Dollar General. We will be collecting donations now through Friday, May 20. Let's all let Freddie know how much we appreciate the person he is and help to lift his spirits!

On March 17, 2022, Freddie's life changed again. Just one week prior, Freddie had purchased a motorized bicycle. He was thrilled. On his way to work early March 17, Freddie was hit by a car on US 301. From the accident he received a brain bleed, fractured left arm and wrist, a tracheotomy and removal of his spleen. Since his hospital stay, he was transferred to PAM Health Acute Care Hospital for Rehabilitation. Currently, the hospital is looking for another facility to better serve Freddie's needs.



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## Monday, April 25

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## Wednesday, April 27

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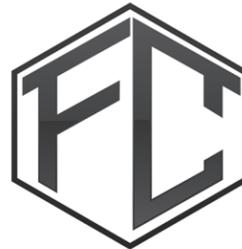
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Brother Melvin Cornell Albertie, Sr., 65, a native of the Kings Ferry Community, passed away peacefully April 29, 2022 at Baptist Medical Center Downtown Jacksonville. He was born June 13, 1956 in Jacksonville, to the late Clifford Sr. and Blanche Albertie.

Melvin received his early education at the local schools of Nassau County in Callahan, graduating in 1975 from West Nassau High School. He was employed with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Nassau County Road Department, White Oak Plantation for 30 years and over 10 years with the Nassau County School Board, retiring in 2021. He was baptized at an early age at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church where he rededicated his life to Christ. Melvin served faithfully as a church member and member of Usher Board #1, serving as a faithful door keeper with his brother, Clifford, until his death.

Melvin loved to fish, a hobby his mother and brother Ray loved, talking about fishing, being a true country boy, farming & raising hogs and spending time with his family. He was a lovable husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be missed tremendously by many. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents Frances and Mary Taylor and Jessie Mae Albertie; and brother Ray "Shaky Ray" Albertie.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted family, his wife of 43 years, Piccola Hannans Albertie; children Melvin Cornell Albertie, Jr., Matthew (Shaindia) Albertie and Carla (Tamichael) Shellman; grandchildren Tamichael Shellman, Jr., Isaiah, Matthew, Jr., Jaylan, Nathaniel, Aujene, Melanie, Shayne and Chanse Albertie; siblings Clifford Albertie, Jr., Earline (Frankie) Reed, Gladys Smiley, Cheryl (Ben) Cisero, Phyllis Melton, Wendy Melton and Karen Melton; sisters-in-law Linda (Monte) Richardson, Toni (Ronald) Argrett, Jessie Hannons and Lelia Hodges; brother-in-law Joseph Hannans,

# OBITUARIES

Jr.; Aunt Ernestine Taylor; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends Gary Mason and Otis Mason; and cousin Gloria (Kenny) Hobbs; and neighbor Walter Bennett.

The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 49167 Mt. Olive Road, Kings Ferry, prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Reverend Lorenzo Watson, officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Olive Church Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Funerals by T. S. Warden, Jacksonville, (904)765-1234.

**GARY JAMES FREDERICK**



Gary James Frederick, 82, of Hilliard, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2022 peacefully at home. Gary was born on October 8, 1939, in DuQuoin, Illinois and was the oldest of 4 children. His parents were Don Adrian Frederick and Ematine Elizabeth Bauer Frederick.

He graduated from Oblong Township High School in Oblong, Illinois. He then served in the US Navy from 1958-1962 where he was stationed in Jacksonville, met his bride-to-be and started a family. Upon completion of his Naval service, Gary began a 40-year career as a bus driver for Greyhound Bus Lines and retired in 2004. He received a multitude of safe driver awards over the years and crisscrossed the Southeastern United States during his years with Greyhound.

Gary married his wife, Virginia Sue Chamblin, in 1961 and soon relocated to Hialeah, Florida with Greyhound Bus Lines. In his early years, Gary was raised in rural Illinois and grew up in a farm community. He spent many summers on

a working farm raising hogs and showing them at the state fair. It was these early experiences that motivated Gary and Sue to purchase 20 acres in the small town of Hilliard, in 1971. He truly enjoyed the small-town experience, fishing the St. Mary's River, riding his motorcycle on the backroads and being a friend and neighbor to his community. Many afternoons would find Gary perched on top of his tractor mowing or teaching his daughters and grandchildren how to fish, enjoy nature and appreciate the simple things. Gary loved reading, especially westerns and mysteries. After retiring from Greyhound, Gary spent his days enjoying his grandchildren, wife and furry friends. His loving spirit and kind heart will live on in his family and friends.

Gary is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sue Chamblin Frederick; two daughters Kelly Frederick Morris of Columbia, SC and Kimberly Frederick (Rob) Meyer of Atlanta, GA; five grandchildren Kyle (Penny) Morris, Caitlyn Morris (Carlos) McIlwain, York, Austin Zimmerman, Aidan Meyer and Callan Meyer; six great-grandchildren; siblings Sherri Frederick Crawford, Don Oren (Sheryl) Frederick and P.K. (Shelly) Frederick; and his beloved pets Loosy, Buster and Molly. Preceding him in death are his parents Don and Ematine Frederick; and a brother-in-law Tom Crawford.

Gary's ashes will be laid to rest next to his parents at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in DuQuoin, Illinois, in the fall of 2022. A Celebration of Life for Gary will be held at a later date in Hilliard.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gary's name to Community Hospice: [www.communityhospice.com/give](http://www.communityhospice.com/give).

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**JAMES GORDON MOORE**



James "Jim" Gordon Moore, 86, of Callahan, went home to be with the Lord, April 27, 2022. He was born on December 18, 1935, in Phenix City, Alabama to the late Gordon E. Moore and Maggie Lee Brooks Moore. Jim proudly served his country in the US Navy and was honorably discharged in 1962. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Auburn University. Jim retired from Simplex Industrial as the Plant Manager. Jim and the love of his life, Barbara Love Moore, thoroughly enjoyed traveling. One of their biggest dreams was to travel to Alaska and they were able to fulfill it. He is preceded in death by his parents; son Marcus Alan Moore.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Moore of Callahan; son James V. (Judy) Moore of Panama City Beach; daughter Elisa Moore of Jacksonville; and a brother Michael Moore.

A graveside service for Jim was held Tuesday, May 3 at Lakeview Memory Gardens in Phenix City, Alabama where military honors were rendered. The family received friends Sunday, May 1 at Nassau Funeral Home.

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**SUSAN KIDD POWELL**



Susan Kidd Powell, 61, of Jacksonville, passed away on April 19, 2022. She was born on December 15, 1960, to the late Neal Kidd and Bertie Lee Griffis Kidd in Jacksonville. Susan lived a very simple life. She loved to cook and spend time with all her family and friends, as well as her Weimaraner fur baby Ozzie. Susan is preceded in death by her late husband Larry Joe Powell; parents; and grandson Derek Powell.

Susan leaves behind her step-son Christopher Powell, Sr. (Tonya Zipperer); step-daughter Angie Powell; grandchildren Christopher Powell, Jr. and Adam Powell; cousin Joe (Debbie) Kidd; sister-in-law Louise (Richard) Harris.

A celebration of Susan's life will be held Friday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with John Peebles officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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# OBITUARIES

## DONNIVEE DALE PUCKETT



Donnivee D. Puckett, 79, left us April 6, 2022, in Hilliard, following a long and painful illness. She took her last breath with her loving family by her side and her first great-granddaughter just leaving her arms. She was born May 1, 1942 in Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Craven; her father Skinny Jensen; brother Thomas Jensen; and her oldest son Kevin R. Puckett.

Donnivee loved her family and was very involved in their lives. She considered the family she created to be her biggest joy in life. She loved to grow orchids, going to the Orchid show yearly and learning about how to grow different kinds. She took great pleasure in watching them bloom. She also enjoyed traveling to Micanopy, Florida and Helen, Georgia with her sisters. They had great times during their few trips away together. She also loved driving to the Cheaha Mountains in Alabama. She was a very loving person and would give anyone in need whatever she had to help. She had a heart of gold and will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Leon Puckett; her children Keith (Pinky) Puckett, Karrie (Richard) Knott and Korey (Libby) Puckett; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren with another great granddaughter, Luna, due in July; her siblings, four sisters and one brother that were all very close.

She was a private person other than her close friends and family. She requested no funeral or memorial service. However, the family will have a private memorial at a later date. She requested that anyone wishing to honor her life to plant an Orchid and watch it grow.

## GARRY LYNN SPARKMAN



Garry Lynn Sparkman, 85, of Hilliard, passed away on April 28, 2022. He was born on November 29, 1936, in Jacksonville, to the late Austin

Jerome Sparkman and Alberta Lorena Lynn Sparkman. Garry proudly served and taught in the United States Air Force. He has been a resident of Hilliard since 1976 and was a faithful member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Callahan. Garry enjoyed cooking on the grill and was known for his famous ribs. He also loved gardening, his home but more than anything he loved his family, especially all his grandchildren. Garry will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; and wife Karen Frae Stauffer Sparkman.

Garry leaves behind his children Michael Garry (Robin) Sparkman, Cynthia Karen (Greg) Grooms and Michele Renee (Wade) Whitley; sister Peggy Ann York; grandchildren Michael Chad Sparkman, John Garry (Chie) Sparkman, Rachael Ann Sparkman, Morgan Frae (Justin) Crosby, Justin Kyle (Jenna) Dean, Brett Lamar (Nicole) Dean and Hunter Lee Sheffield; great-grandchildren Chad Michael Sparkman, Zechariah Bo Sparkman, Remington Colt Sparkman, Kollyns Frae Crosby, Logan Elijah Dean, Lane Silas Dean, Landon Austin Dean, Lawson Kyle Dean, Wyatt Bentley Dean, Eli Emmanuel Dean and Cheyenne Elizabeth Dean.

A Mass service was held Wednesday, May 4 at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church with Father Bui officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery in Orange Park.

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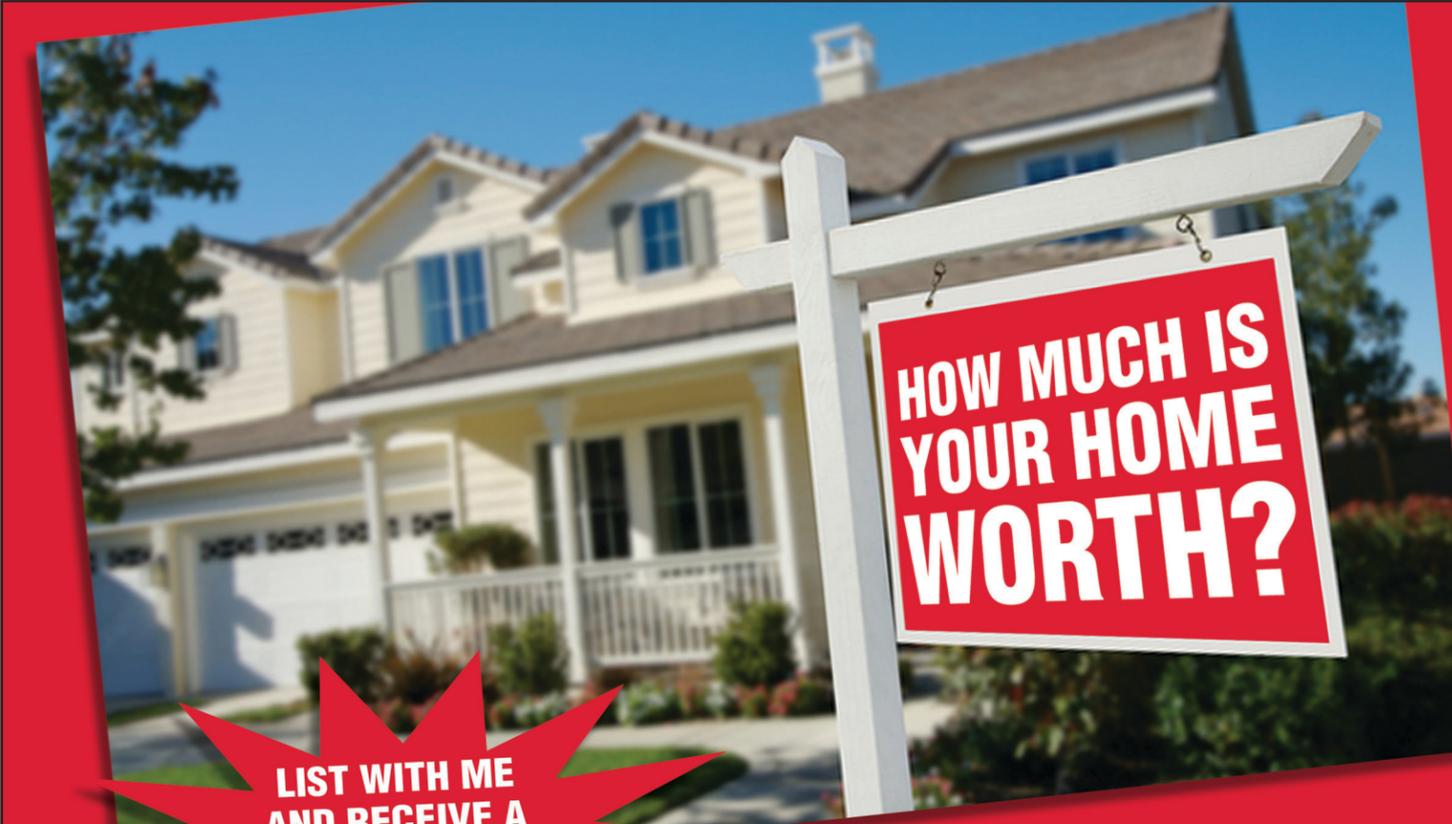
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