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"PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST." - EPHESIANS 1:3

Seventeen Years and Counting...Westside Journal

Dawn S. West

Happy Birthday Westside Journal! This week, we celebrate 16 years of publishing as we begin our 17th year. That is really hard to believe. What started out as an idea has grown to something (most) people look forward to every Thursday in the mailbox. For a simple Callahan girl, it's really amazing! I remember when the idea was brought to me to start a paper by my boss at the time, Mark Thompson. He had the plan figured out from selling ads (me), writing stories (Carrie), designing (Frances) and printing at Florida Sun Printing. Quickly I said, "Whoa, hold on a minute. I can't sell advertising!" However, somehow, I did.

About two years in, Roger and I bought the paper. Not sure what we were thinking, but we did. We went through some crazy times (somewhat like now) when we were seriously concerned about whether the paper would survive or not. The economy crashed (sound familiar?) and we were crashing too! Once again, through a

lot of prayer and faithful advertisers we survived. There have been many peaks and valleys but far more peaks, thank you Jesus! I'm thankful to say, we still have some of the first advertisers that actually believed in the product we were publishing, still supporting our paper. You've got to understand, when I started selling the idea, I didn't have a paper to show anyone...just a rate sheet with ad prices and a smile. Our first issue was pretty small and filled with some huge pictures to help fill it up.



As time went on, I've continued to learn how to actually publish a paper. Trust me, I'm still a work in progress and have a lot more to learn. Jessie joined the paper and added the young flair and the creative eye for the paper. She can take something I'm thinking that I want to do and make it 100 times better than my mind could comprehend. We decided we needed a website and she took the reins and made it work and also brought us into the Facebook era (something I know nothing about). She's already updated our website a few years ago and it is amazing. We changed

up our look and masthead which, to me, gave us a little more of a grown up look and lots more professional. I am often called her mother by many, as we are together a lot, in and out of the office. We have a super good relationship that goes far beyond boss and employee. I'm thankful for everything she brings to our paper.

Oh the friends I have made through these 16 years! It's just amazing how many people have become so special to me. I'm thankful that people realize I'm just a person too. I jump right in there and feel the many emotions that come through our office: happy, sad, angry, hurt, etc. I can't always make things right but I certainly try to make time for people when they stop by. We've had so many 'New Beginnings and Milestones' through the years. Babies, anniversaries, birthdays, engagements and weddings! It's crazy to think of the many special memories that have been in our paper at one time or another. Sharing the loss of a loved one is extremely difficult. Our door is always open to our families that need assistance with the obituary of a loved

one. These are difficult times for people and that's another reason why we chose to not charge for obituaries. I'm thankful we're still able to continue that practice.

Looking forward is a very hard thing for me to do (especially in our world). Currently, I take one day at a time as each day something changes. I'm truly thankful for this business even though it is stressful at times. I'm pretty sure all jobs are! I love what I do or I wouldn't still be doing it. I'm sure we'll be tweaking things again and changing small things. My goal each week is to do my best to provide a nice publication that has interesting articles, columns and stories for you, our readers, to enjoy. We strive each week to be better than before. We are continuing to go through challenging times, but through the Lord's guidance we know how the story ends. Thank you to our readers, for supporting our many advertisers. Without their advertising we could not publish so it is imperative that you support them. Looking forward to this 17th year and many more!



Tribute to Carrie Higginbotham

Destiny Armstrong

Ms. Carrie Higginbotham graduated from West Nassau High School in 2001 and returned to Callahan after receiving her Bachelor's Degree to teach mathematics at WNHS. She became so much more than a teacher to everyone around her, a jokester, best friend and mentor.

Several people wished to share memories of the great person Carrie was as her legacy continues on throughout the lives of all of those who she has impacted:

"I was one of Carrie's first students

my junior year of high school. She was the intern in my math class and then eventually took over the class. I loved her instantly, and my senior year I became her TA. I was her TA during her first period planning, so we would do a lot of talking while she planned! She quickly became a friend and not just a teacher. Throughout the years we kept in touch, and when I finally became a teacher myself I would see her at county functions and always catch up. Carrie always asked my sister about me whenever she ran into her. On multiple occasions we were asked to leave the

chicken house because we were finished eating and they were busy and needed the table! Even though I didn't see her often, we always picked up where we left off. She radiated Christ and was one of the kindest and happiest people I've ever known. She forever had a smile on her face!" Tricia Graves

"Miss Higginbotham was one of the teachers that actually helped me outside of the classroom. I remember beating myself up over something small that I felt guilty for. When she saw that I was distressed, she called me up silently and See 'Higginbotham Tribute' on page 3



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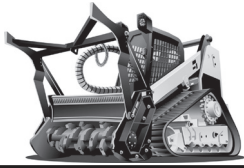


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Thank you!

Dear Editor,
 I just wanted to tell the manager and employees of Callahan Dollar General (on US 1 south) thank you. I went to the store and gave the manager a list of items needed for our church food pantry. She politely took the list and made a copy and told me that she had to send it through the channels. I went in a week later and she had several bags full of items behind the counter waiting for me. I immediately thanked her for kindness and going the extra mile to get the requests approved. God bless her and the store!

Robert Pyles

In Response

Dear Editor,
 Several weeks ago, there was a response to a 'Just My Opinion' article that I'd like to comment on. It was said that COVID-19 wasn't political. If this is true, why do the Leftists have no issue blaming our President? Fauci and Birc are both affiliated with a foundation that thrives on both population control and vaccines. Fauci, in a speech back in 2017 said, "There was going to be a surprise outbreak in this administration." He recently had a miscue calling COVID-19, COVID-16 in a Q/A while in quarantine.

Since the last election was lost by the left it would have been wasted to have the 'surprise outbreak' then when you could easily wait until the next election to make sure there is no second term. As for women's rights, the 14th Amendment has nothing to do with the government giving women permission to murder their children. Rights come from one person and we are all guilty one time or another of trying to play the part. Anyone who has seen a sonogram knows it is not just their body. If a woman has a right to do as she wishes with her body, why is prostitution still illegal? Where is the outrage? Where are the protesters?

Just one more thought. A person many, many years ago said the same thing women commonly say today, "This is my body" but followed it with "which is given up for you." We should not only accept what He did for us but follow in His footsteps.

May God Bless,
 Barry Cross

Frustrated

Dear Editor,
 What is happening in our country? A criminal dies while resisting arrest (and the officers were arrested and charged) however, he has several funerals in three states with crowds attending and somehow becomes famous. Meanwhile, honest citizens die and the families are told to limit the number of people attending funerals? If 'black lives matter' so much, why is there only protests when a white person kills them? There is black on black crime everyday with no outrage.

The news media only interviews the protesters and not the people who have their property (businesses) burned and destroyed. They should be asked how they feel.

Defund law enforcement and the mob rule will continue and get a lot worse. Wake Up America!

Rocky Lynn

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Higginbotham Tribute

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asked me what was worrying me. When I told her my problems, she gave me reassurance and told me that everything was going to be ok. I've used that situation to remind myself that I can't overthink what is already finalized, and I will always be grateful for her. I hope she's still smiling down when I pass her classroom in the hall every morning." Natalie Drake

"Mrs. Higg...I'm never going to forget the time I fell in your class and broke my glasses. I'm glad I could make you laugh that day and thank you for helping me find my lens that popped out that day. I'm going to miss you." Georgia Perry

"In 9th grade I had her as my math teacher and I was struggling in math and she stayed after day after day to help me finally succeed in math. She didn't have to but she still took time out of her days to help me accomplish something and I'm so thankful for that!" Sheridan Crews

"Ms. Higg was always there for me school related and not. I would stay after school and she would help me with geometry and we would just laugh and talk too. Whenever I was going through things she would always have advice and help me through situations that seemed impossible." Cheyenne Crosby

"Ms. Higg wasn't just a math

teacher to most of her students. I used to go to her classroom just to talk to her. I could talk to her for hours about cheer, makeup, food, and literally whatever I was dealing with right then. She was my friend, an amazing lady inside and out." Presley Ellis

"Ms. Higginbotham was a great math teacher, and the environment in her classroom was always fun. Geometry was easy for me and many because of her." Jackson Rowell

"My junior year, the band field crew and I would set up the band's practice field. Her classroom was right beside it so she would keep extra waters in her mini fridge for us while we worked in the hot sun. She was always so kind and honest even in the smallest of ways." James Evans

"Ms. Higg would get to school outrageously early and stay very late for all of her student-athletes. She understood that it was difficult to juggle all school and sports have to offer at the same time. For me, she would even ask how members of my family were doing. She was caring beyond all measures." Brantley Hengerer

Ms. Higginbotham will forever be a part of our lives and live on within our hearts.

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JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

So what has offended you this week? It seems to be the latest fad, everything offends someone. The most prominent offense seems to be everything south of the Mason-Dixon line. I guess that term is also offensive now. Statues that have stood for more than 100 years are being destroyed all because, all of a sudden, they are racial and oppressive. Lunacy is my gut reaction.

It is becoming more ridiculous every day. Did you know that it is racial and oppressive to call a bedroom the "master" bedroom or the master suite? If I had enough hair on my head I would probably be pulling it all out now. I sit and wonder, where this all will end.

Quaker Oats announced earlier this month it is rebranding their Aunt Jemima pancake mix and syrup because of its racist history. A woman by the name of Lillian Richard portrayed Aunt Jemima for years. She was one of 12 brand ambassadors starting in 1925. The ambassadors would travel all around the country attending world fairs and other venues promoting the famous pancake mix and syrup. The first woman to portray "Aunt Jemima" was Nancy Green in 1893. She wore the iconic apron and bandana as she represented the company she worked for, Quaker Oats. Now back to Lillian Richard, her family spokesperson/family historian, Vera Harris, is the niece of Lillian Richard and made a statement concerning the rebranding. She is quoted as saying, "Erasing my Aunt Lillian Richard would erase a part of history. All of the people in my family are happy and proud of Aunt Lillian and what she accomplished." She also stated they were upset with Quaker Oats decision to rename the brand without consulting the

family. However, here is the kicker; Vera Harris also states she supports the decision and the Black Lives Matter movement. I guess they want their pancakes and eat them too.

As the weak begin folding to the liberal left, we are seeing more long time names being changed for racial equality and political correctness. The singing group known as Lady Antebellum changed their name to Lady A, so as not to offend anyone. The Dixie Chicks dropped Dixie and are now just the Chicks, which to me is very offensive to every chicken in America. Plantation Rum has officially apologized for using the word "Plantation." The faculty at Virginia's Washington and Lee University has voted to exclude its homage to Robert E. Lee and the trustees are now taking the matter in review.

The NFL Washington Redskins announced July 13 that it would drop the Redskins name and logo. Just another reason for me to not watch anything associated with the NFL. The NFL's decision to play the "Black National Anthem" prior to the "American Anthem" was the nail in the coffin. There is only one National Anthem and it's called "The Star Spangled Banner" period!

We even have a local business that is facing criticism because of the name of the business. I do hope she will stand firm and carry on proudly of what she has accomplished. I am proud for her as to what she has accomplished through hard work and the determination to fulfill the American dream. The same dream anyone can achieve if they are willing to work for it.

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

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Beware of the Crocodiles

Pastor Ted Heglund, First Alliance Church, Hilliard



A favorite place to take our kids swimming when they were growing up was a beautiful but small bay. The water coming in from the Pacific Ocean was clear and it was relaxing to snorkel and swim there. You could say it was a picture of a tropical beach with palm trees, tropical vegetation and of course a hot, bright sun. This beach was located about one and half hours on small roads from our home in the city of Jayapura, Papua, Indonesia.

However, there were times of the year when danger lurked below the surface. It was important to check with the local villagers and heed their warning if they said not to go in the water. These times of the year were when the very aggressive and dangerous saltwater crocodiles would come into the bay, especially during mating season. They would attack anything that moved, even in the shallow water along the beach. They would even go after a dugout canoe and because of their size and strength could easily overturn it. So, even when the surface seemed serene and still, one had to be careful, listen and obey the warnings.

Look around the world we live in and you will find there are many “crocodiles” seeking to attack and devour our thinking, morals and our faith. Our culture says seek what makes you happy. Every decision should focus on “me” and how “I” will benefit from that activity or product. God says *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* Matthew 6:33 (NIV) Our government, which was based on Christian principles, is covering to those who claim God should not be mentioned or relied on in making wise decisions. TV and Hollywood mock those who hold to Biblical principles of honesty and integrity. They laugh at purity in sexual relations before and during marriage. *“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”* Galatians 6:7 (NIV)

We must heed the warning of God’s Word to stand strong, resist the devil and be completely led by the Holy Spirit so that we can stand even in the face of opposition. *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”* 1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV) Perhaps the “crocodiles” you face are more known by you because they are kept hidden in your heart such things as hate, jealousy, resentment, etc. First, confess your sin to Jesus and ask Him to forgive you. Ask Him to replace them with His love and grace.

As we walk through the challenges of life the Lord not only gives us warning about the “crocodiles” of life, but also the way to live in spite of them. *“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”* Philippians 4:8 (NIV) Be warned of the “crocodiles” but enjoy the fresh clear waters of living a pure life in Christ.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

Peaceful Protest Against Mask Mandate Saturday



Callahan resident and US Army Veteran Ron Hawthorne is organizing a Peaceful Protest against the Mandatory Mask Order. Ron, who was an Army medic, will have literature to share with people that have proven information that wearing masks, when you’re not sick, can do much more harm than good. His courage to speak up comes from being injured in Iraq in 2006. “It’s time that someone speaks up about the wrongs that we, the American people, are being forced to do. And this is a positive reaction to a wrong that has been done,” said Hawthorne.

The Peaceful Protest will be held at the Callahan Winn Dixie parking lot, at SR 200 and Stratton Road, this Saturday, July 18 beginning at 10 a.m. Make sure to bring posters or flyers you wish to display relating to the Mask Mandate Order.

Food Giveaway Thursday!



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Nassau County doesn't need another politician on the County Commission. I am not a politician. I am an outsider and a job creator. As a successful small business owner, I understand the importance of hard work and dedication. I will always support Nassau County's businesses and workers.

A great county starts with keeping it

Commissioners who will work to sustain our community's charm and keep our quality of life high. Nassau County needs a commissioner that understands growth is out of control because biased, short-term decisions were made to address long term issues. Our growth should be smart, measured, and carefully planned to benefit all residents.

I will fight for conservative values on our County Commission. I support keeping our property taxes low, repealing government red tape, and I know government should always have a balanced budget. I will stand behind my conservative values and fight for Nassau! "Nassau County is at its best when we move together!" Learn more about Anthony at votestamps.com. Vote Anthony Stamps on August 18!

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spending time with family. They are members of Callahan Church of Christ. They enjoyed a special dinner to celebrate their special milestone!

They have one daughter Tamara and David Dinkins; and one son Theron Broward. They also have three grandchildren Ella Dinkins, Michael (Chelsea) Dinkins and Jonathan (Alyssa) Dinkins; and three great-grandsons, Noah, Carter and Levi.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lunger Celebrate 50th Anniversary

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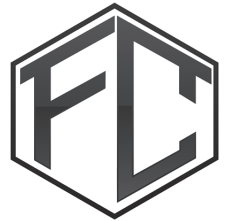


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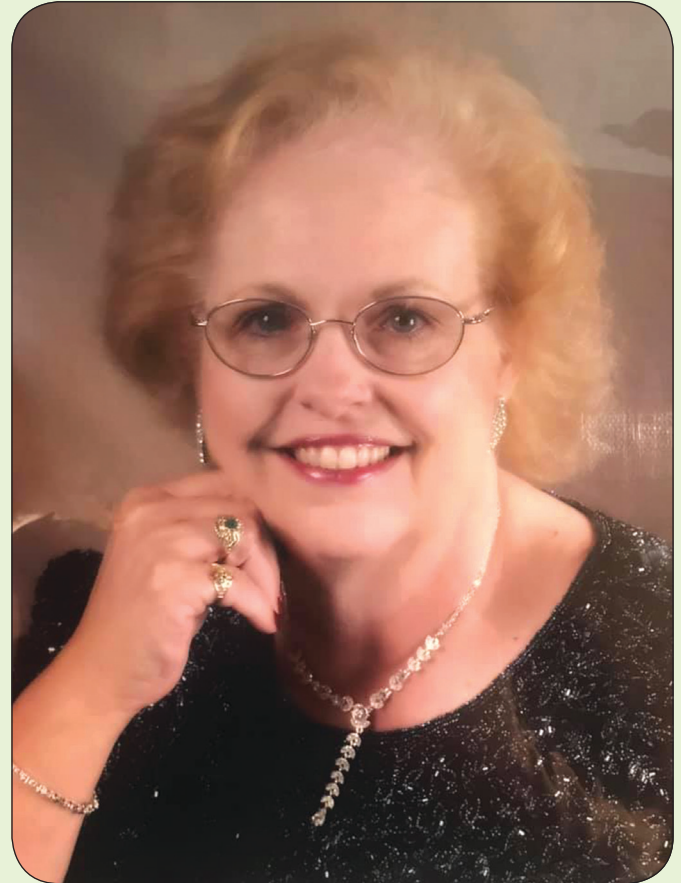
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Wednesday, July 8

Dwayne Ray Rageth, 36, 151064 CR 108, Hilliard: Felony Habitual Traffic Offender

Alan Jeffrey Ritch, 51, 44276 Nassau Avenue, Callahan: Out of State Warrant Sexual Abuse 1st Degree Victim under 12; Persistent Felony Offender II

Sunday, July 12

Matthew Maliq Thompson, 22, 37772 Oxford Street, Hilliard: Burglary Theft from Dwelling less than \$100 more than \$750

Zimmerman Announces Candidacy for Port Authority District 2

Joe Francis Zimmerman III announced his candidacy for the Nassau County Ocean, Highway and Port Authority District 2. "After years of experience being involved in legislative affairs and the community – I believe the Port can do better. With Covid-19 and the current economic conditions it is important that



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we tighten the belt buckle and ensure the Ocean, Highway and Port Authority has a place in a 21st century economy as well as a financially sustainable future. During my time working as a Constituent Liaison in the Florida House, I worked on meetings between the Ocean, Highway and Port Authority and the community to find solutions to conflicts that arose, including revisions to the Port Master Plan.

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Joe currently owns a technology infrastructure company servicing medical, retail and industrial settings. He previously served as district staff for Florida House District 11, and Jacksonville's 7th Council District.

Currently, Joe serves on the Eldersource Board of Directors and as Vice President of the Citizens for Public Beaches and Shores. Joe previously served on several local boards and was Chair of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Advisory Team.

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EVELYN CARVER GUYNN



Evelyn Carver 'Nanny' Guynn, 78, of Hilliard, left this world for her heavenly home on July 8, 2020 at her home, after a brief illness, with loved ones by her side. She was born on December 4, 1941, in Nicholls, Georgia. One of her greatest legacies is the outstanding work ethic she bestowed upon her children. She was always on the move and never let grass grow under her feet. Everyone who graced her door never left hungry. She was a woman with many skills and talents and that worked hard to provide for her family.

Evelyn is survived by her five children, a daughter Sheila Walker of North Carrollton, Mississippi; four sons Randy (Nancy) Guynn, Jason (Missy) Guynn, Sherman (Rhonda) Guynn and Shelton (Jana) Guynn, all of Hilliard; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a brother Bobby Carver; three sisters Catherine Carver, Bonnie Cooper and Connie Carver; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, John Floyd Guynn; son-in-law John Walker, Sr.; parents Jessie and Mary Carver; two brothers Johnny and Raymond Carver; and a sister Janie Nelson.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 26 at the First Baptist Church of Boulougne at 3 p.m. with Pastor Paul Lucas officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Community Hospice at communityhospice.com.

Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 744-8422.

IRIS RAE HIGGINBOTHAM



Iris Rae Holton Higginbotham, 70, of Callahan, passed away on July 7, 2020. She was born on November 16, 1949 in Dehue Ethel, West Virginia to the late Bernard Holton and

OBITUARIES

Ruby Rutherford Holton. Iris moved from West Virginia to Nassau County when she was 3 years old and has been a resident ever since. On June 14, 1968, Iris married the love of her life, Gary L. Higginbotham. In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting, sewing and playing bingo. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers Joe Holton and Darrell 'Toad' Holton; and a sister Virginia Jane Melton.

Iris is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Gary L. Higginbotham; daughters Keri Higginbotham and Melissa Higginbotham (Donald) Green, all of Callahan; brothers Jack Holton of Hilliard and Cecil (Carole) Holton of Bryceville; sister Patty (Wayne) Powers of Jacksonville; sister-in-law Sharilyn Higginbotham Meares; grandchildren Kyle Carranza, Kash Raulerson, Ethan Green and Evan Green; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Iris's life was held Thursday, July 9 at the Nassau Funeral Home with Chaplin Jackie Hayes officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US 1, Callahan, 879-1770.

Visit www.nassaufh.com to sign the family's guest book.

RONALD EUGENE HOOD



Ronald Eugene Hood, 71, of Jacksonville, passed away July 11, 2020 in the Orange Park Medical Center. He was born October 7, 1948 in

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. At the age of 17, he joined the US Army and served for 6 years. He lived a large part of his life in the Orlando area then moved to Tennessee for 10 years. His remaining years were spent in Jacksonville. Ron was a good hearted man and never knew a stranger. He

always said that Jesus Christ was his savior. He would help anyone he could. He loved to laugh and enjoy life, especially fishing on the beach. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed spending time with his grandkids. He was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Hood of Jacksonville; a son Shane Hood of South Carolina; daughters Shawnya (Chris) Wilcox of Jacksonville, Shannon (Consweleslo) Hood of Palatka, Shari Lopez of Crescent City, Judy (Brian) Banas and Ashley Newman; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 16 at 11 a.m. at Buford Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Harrington officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Buford Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, 553274 US Highway 1, Hilliard, FL 32046

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com. Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.

BRADLEY JOHN JONES



Bradley John Jones, 31, was lifted by the hand of Almighty God and carried to a place of everlasting peace on July 8, 2020. Bradley was born on October 11, 1988 in Jacksonville, to Stephen Eugene Jones and Angela Pelham Jones. Bradley was a loving, kind-hearted and gentle soul. He loved his family with all of his heart and he would give anyone the shirt off of his back if they were in need. He was a hard worker. He enjoyed playing

sports and fishing. He was a loving father to his daughter, whom he called "Rosebud." He is preceded in death by his grandmothers Inez Jones and Phyllis Pelham.

Bradley is survived by his precious daughter, Charlotte Rose Jones; parents Stephen (Krista) Jones; and Angela (Robert) Dykes; brothers Todd Jones and Dallas Dykes; stepbrother Robert Dykes; stepsister Chelsea Bullard; grandparents Henry Jones and John (Jane) Pelham; uncles Edward, Perry, Robert and Nick; aunts Karen, Amanda, Michele and Nancy; niece Delilah; many cousins and his dog Buddy.

The family received friends Tuesday, July 14 at Nassau Funeral Home. A Celebration of Bradley's life was held Wednesday, July 15 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Johnny Raulerson officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US 1, Callahan, 879-1770.

Visit www.nassaufh.com to sign the family's guest book.

DORIS CLARK METALLO



Doris Clark Metallo, 88, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully Friday, July 10, 2020 at her home. She was born January 30, 1932 in Jacksonville. She loved cooking, gardening and spending time with her children, grandchildren and friends; as well as, traveling with her husband until his death last year. She was a long-time resident of Hilliard and thoroughly enjoyed her 7 acre farm. She is preceded in death by her husband John Metallo; her son Benjamin Bremer; her daughters April Crawford, Barbara Hurlbert and Vera Sheehan; and her great-granddaughter Elizabeth Pasquarelli.

Doris is survived by her children David, Curtis, Becky, Tina and Dawn (Hobson); 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and



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Qualifying packets may be picked up at Callahan Town Hall located at 542300 US Hwy. 1, Callahan, FL 32011, during normal business hours Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For more information please contact Town Clerk, Stephanie Knagge at (904) 879-3801 ext. 203.

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two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 16 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan. A celebration of her life will follow at noon (12 p.m.) at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 541668, US Highway 1, Callahan. Burial will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you donate to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US 1, Callahan, 879-1770. Visit www.nassaufh.com to sign the family's guest book.

MARY EDITH STEPHENS



Mary Edith Stephens, 73, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 9, 2020 in Jacksonville, after a short illness. She was born on August 18, 1946 in Lyons, Georgia to the late William and Juanita Howell of Callahan. Edith was married to Houston Stephens, owner and operator of Houston's Meats in Oceanway. Behind the scenes, she quietly and faithfully served as the company's long-time bookkeeper and office manager.

When not working, Mrs. Stephens loved to travel and take cruises. Her travel destinations included Hawaii, Alaska, the Great Smoky Mountains, Pigeon Forge and many others. She loved beautiful flowers, shopping, watching old western shows and gospel music. Most of all, she loved and cherished her family, including her four grandbabies Callie (14), Reagan (11), Candler (8) and Cadence (5).

Mrs. Stephens was most recently a member of Gardenview Baptist Church (Jason Reid, Pastor) on Armsdale Road in Jacksonville. Previously, she attended Pines Baptist Church and Faith Baptist Church where she faithfully served in the choir and supported the various ministries of the church. She embodied the meaning of a Proverbs 31 woman: *"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."* (Proverbs 31:10, 30-31).

She is survived by her husband, Houston; her daughter Christy Stephens; her son David (Casey) Stephens; her four grandchildren Callie, Reagan, Candler and Cadence; her sisters June Johns and Ann (Rex) Randolph; several nieces and nephews and other family. All of these, she deeply loved.

The family received friends Monday, July 13 at Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 405 New Berlin Road, Jacksonville. A celebration of her life service was held Tuesday, July 14 at Gardenview Baptist Church, 3139 Armsdale Road, Jacksonville, with Pastors Jason Reid and Steve Wilson officiating.

"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." - 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Cedar Bay Funeral Home assisted the Stephens family, 714-1110.

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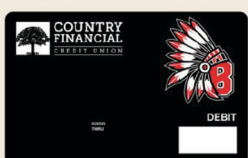
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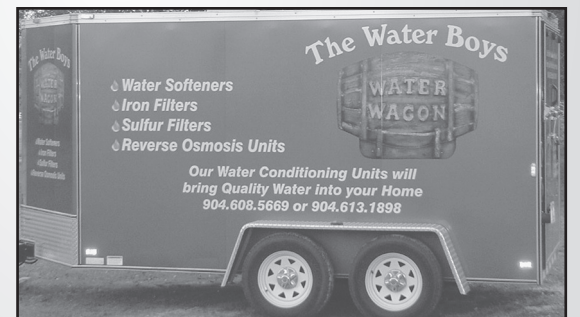
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The girls battled the heat and each other as their families were happy just to see them on the field again. Geiger and English switched teams during the game joining the Flashes alumni for a few innings. The alumni brought their game and ended up on top at the end of the game, 3-2.

Geiger will be continuing her softball career at Florida Southwestern State College.



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