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Brandies Ace Hardware Celebrates 75 Years in Callahan

Dawn S. West

This year, 2020, Brandies Ace Hardware will celebrate their 75th Anniversary in business here in Callahan. Brandies has been a longtime name to many for years and now we know the reason why. To celebrate 75 years in the same town and same location is quite a feat. The actual anniversary day is July 5, 2020. The store officially opened July 5, 1945.

The store was founded by the family matriarchs, Cliff and Lucille Brandies. Mr. Brandies worked for Seaboard Railroad and traveled quite a bit. He was raised in his home in Callahan in what is now a part of Callahan Funeral Home. He bought the group of buildings, where Brandies currently is, when he was young. At that time, the buildings housed a movie theatre, pool hall, boxing ring, etc. When Cliff and Lucille married they lived in a small apartment above the last building in the group. Cliff continued to work for the railroad and took Lucille with him when he traveled. Later, the couple, now with two daughters, moved to Fernandina for a short while. In 1944, now with a third daughter, they moved back to Callahan in the apartment above the current store and started working on the now vacant building for a hardware/appliance store.

The family worked cleaning the store and preparing for merchandise. "I can remember many of the shelves were made from old ammunition boxes," said Patricia Brandies Fachko. "The building was broken into many rooms. Daddy knew what he wanted in each room."

The store officially opened July 5, 1945. They sold a variety of hardware and



Westinghouse and Maytag appliances. Mr. Brandies left early in the morning to go pick up supplies from the warehouse and Mrs. Brandies ran the store. With three young daughters, the Brandies worked tirelessly to make this new adventure work. "Mama would go upstairs and fix lunch each day," added Ann Brandies Hagan.



"Mama would even invite the salesmen to eat dinner and she cooked it all," continued Patricia.

As the girls grew, they all worked in the store after



school and every day during the summer. "We were a very close family and we knew what we were supposed to do," said Kay Brandies Stokes Coleman. "We got our share of spankings too, but we learned from it!"

After the girls graduated from high school, they

walls is like stepping back into history. Such a cool place to visit and purchase your necessary hardware!

Around 1963, each of the girls and their husbands moved into their private homes and out of the apartment. Patricia's husband, Donald Fachko, was a contractor and built all the warehouses in the back of the store that covers the lumber. He also built new office spaces for the employees. Today, the girls remain close and all live in Callahan.

Currently, Raymond Fachko, Patricia's son is the manager/co-owner of Brandies Ace Hardware. He has been employed at the store for over 40 years. The three daughters, Ann, Patricia and Kay have shares in the company. When Mrs. Brandies passed away (at 98) Raymond purchased her share making him a partner also.

Raymond, like his mother, grew up in the store. He recalls times that he and his cousin Bill (Hagan) would play on the front porch of the apartment by themselves. "Now that I look at it, that's pretty high



later married and moved into the upper apartments beside their parents. "I remember that Ann and I still worked in the store and Kay would clean our apartments for us," said Patricia.

Ann's future husband Don (Hagan) began working at the store when he was in 10th grade. Don would go deliver materials to customers. He would also help them with plumbing and some wiring problems.

The girls shared that some of the antiques in store were given by customers to display. Most of the others the Brandies purchased when they made trips to North Carolina antiquing! Looking around the



up. But we didn't care we just were having fun," said Raymond. "Granddaddy gave us some nails and hammers and we would just lie on the porch and nail all day. It drove the neighbors crazy but we had fun. We had

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Brandies Ace

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some great times.”
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So many things have changed over the years and Raymond has been right in the middle of many of those changes. In the old days, they used to have to travel to Jacksonville early and buy wholesale hardware; now everything is delivered. They used to have sand and gravel delivered by train and the cars were unloaded with shovels. Yes, the train came through and delivered it.
 Raymond has been a very giving person to our community. If ever there is a need, you will always hear that Brandies Ace

Hardware was right there to help out. For the last three or four years, Brandies has offered a walking fieldtrip for the second grade students at Callahan Elementary. Lucky for me, I have enjoyed a few of those fieldtrips. The history is also told and his grandparents and parents are always mentioned. The children even visit upstairs (the old living quarters) and make plant projects to take home. It’s such a special time for the children.

“This is a career that I’ve enjoyed and loved. It is my life,” added Raymond. “I just want people to feel comfortable coming to our store and ask about things they need or problems they are working on. That’s what we’re here for...to serve you.”

This is a special year, and a very special week, for Brandies Ace Hardware.



Starting Thursday, July 2 through Saturday, July 4, they will have specials each day. They will be closing a little earlier than normal Saturday, July 4, so they can have time with their families. If you’ve never been to Brandies Ace Hardware, this is a great time to go. And if you’re like me, I drop in every week, make sure to tell them Happy Anniversary and thank you for serving our community!

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A Word From the Publisher

Other than the heat, I can't tell you how happy I was to go to the West Nassau High School and Hilliard Middle-Senior High School graduations on the football fields. I hope this is a thing that the schools consider going back to! There is so much emotion being at the football field for your last time as a student...okay so there was for me. I graduated over 40 years ago but I still had tears in my eyes when I heard 'Cherokee' following graduation. I know it was hot but normally graduations are held at night and it would be a little cooler. There was no walking two miles from your where you parked and you were home shortly after not dealing with that Jacksonville mess. We were thrilled to be able to be there and try out our new drone to get some great memories. Later, Roger posted a video on our Facebook page of each of the graduations for people to enjoy! What a great day and so thankful they were able to have a real graduation and not virtual!

On a little deeper thought, I know the Lord has been working on me because almost every devotional is talking directly to me. Now not only the devotional but each worship service I watch I understand so much better than ever before. We, the American people, are in the final days. Yes, I know we have been in the final days since Jesus died and was resurrected. The things that are happening now are all a part of the prophecy.

Sunday, while watching a service on TV, he was talking about Noah. Most everyone has heard the Bible story about Noah. Noah was told by the Lord to build an Ark of cypress wood and gave him the dimensions to do so and this is why: Genesis 6:5-6, "The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his

heart was deeply troubled."

Does that sound familiar? What a mixed up world we are in. Today it's the spike in the coronavirus for two days; then it's the protesters destroying everything for two days; then it's something different. This world is a mess. I, for one, am so thankful I'm saved and headed for Heaven when the Lord returns. Because when He does it will be with a vengeance. Back to Noah, the Lord told him to build an Ark and bring his children and family along with two of every creature. Once the door of the Ark was closed there were no other doors...just like Heaven. There's only one way to get there and that is to ask Jesus in your heart and truly mean it. Change from the sinful people we are and turn to the Lord.

I said before, there is not a people problem in our world, it's a sin problem. People truly need to turn to the Lord before it's too late. When the door of the Ark was closed, the Lord caused a flood to come to the world and wipe it clean of everyone and everything. It rained and flooded for 40 days and 40 nights. When the Lord has had enough He's done. I'm pretty sure He's not real happy with this beautiful creation that has been destroyed inside and out.

You know there are only two kinds of people in the world? Saved and not saved. There's no in between, no kind of and no maybe. The Lord has promised that He will return to this earth. Will you be ready when that happens? That is the only thing that keeps me sane in today's world. I continue to look up to my Father's loving arms. Won't you ask Him in your life today? Please feel free to come and ask me about my Jesus or I can certainly direct you to someone who knows much more than I. Just take that step.

Have a blessed week!

Dawn S. West

JUST MY OPINION

Roger R. West

A very well-orchestrated plan or an unimaginable set of events that just fell into place...with the United States front and center, you tell me! Scare people with a virus, force them to wear masks and place them in quarantine. Count the number of dead every second of every day, in every News Headline. By the way, ninety-nine and eight-tenths of the people who get the virus recover. About one to two tenths of one percent, who get the virus, dies. Most all of them have other medical problems. Did you catch that? Less than 1/2 of a percent die.

Close businesses = 35,000,000+ instantly unemployed.

Remove entertainment and prohibit recreation; closing parks, gyms, bars, restaurants, sports.

No dating. No touching. Isolate people. Dehumanize them.

Close temples and churches to prohibit worship, create a vacuum and let depression, anxiety, hopelessness and desperation set in.

Then...ignite hatred and civil unrest, creating Civil War.

Empty the prisons because of the virus and fill the streets with criminals.

Send in Antifa to vandalize property, as if they are freedom fighters. Undermine the law, riot, loot and attack all Law Enforcement, but tell government to order a stand-down.

Then...Defund Law Enforcement and abolish Police.

We are all being played by those who want to destroy America! This is how you destroy a Nation from within and in very short order. Will it work; I guess that depends on you and me.

I did not write this...but it needs to be shared.

I do not know who authored this, it is floating around on social media and it got my attention. Whoever wrote it is definitely on the same wave length as me. I agree with all of the above!

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This week, in our church, we concluded a study that took us just over one year. For most of the Sundays over the past year, we have studied the book of Romans. This week we finished chapter 16. We saw the last words that Paul wants to leave with the church in Rome. Thus far, Paul spent 11 chapters giving the most systematic explanation of the Gospel we will find in Scripture. Then He spends the remainder of the book to share application of those theological truths.

So after all this great writing, what does Paul leave us with? Here it is (and I believe it is just what we need): *“Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.”* (Romans 16:25-27, ESV)

Here Paul gives us one sentence with three ‘accordings’ in the middle. The sentence is: *“Now to him who is able to strengthen you...to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.”*

And the three “accordings” are: according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, and according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith. Paul is saying according to these three things or in accordance with these three things, God is able to strengthen you and to Him belongs the glory.

In these crazy times we find ourselves in, it is easy to feel out-of-control. But God is able to strengthen us, to establish us. We can rely on Him. Sometimes we forget how great God is. We used to have a saying around a church I served in years ago: “Don’t tell God how big your problems are, tell your problems how big your God is.” We serve an incredible God, a very able God. In the face of all the problems we see around us, our job is to simply place our faith in Him; the kind of faith that produces obedience and follows where He leads.

Bass to Serve as Interim Callahan Mayor

Dawn S. West

For the last few years, the Callahan Town Council has voted to not have their first meeting in July due to the July 4th holiday. This year is no different. The next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.



one. Currently, with the ‘State of Emergency’ with the county and town, the town cannot advertise or hire a mayor until the ‘emergency’ is over.

Mr. Ken Bass is currently serving his second term on the council and second term as Council President. “I

As many read in the paper or have heard, at the last meeting of the council, Callahan Mayor Marty Fontes resigned his position as Mayor effective immediately. Town Attorney Jeb Branham searched the town charter for direction and found none when the mayor resigns or leaves his position early. So per Attorney Branham, Council President and Fire Commissioner Ken Bass will serve as Interim Mayor until such time that the town hires a new

enjoy serving on the council because I love this town,” said Bass. “I never intended to be Mayor but I will do my best to serve my town as long as necessary.”

In the November General Election, the Callahan Council will have three seats up for election. Those seats include: Councilman Ken Bass, Councilman David Mellecker and Councilwoman Shirley Graham.

CHURCH NEWS

Bible Baptist Church, 45221 Musslewhite Rd., Callahan, will celebrate their 48th Homecoming Sunday, July 5 at 11 a.m. Guest Preacher will be Bro. Scotty Baker, special singing and dinner on the grounds will follow. For more information 904-879-2853.

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He served three consecutive four-year terms as Sheriff of Nassau County being re-elected each time. In 2004, Sheriff Geiger decided not to seek another term and ended his final term in office on January 3, 2005. It was such a difficult decision for him because he absolutely loved the people of Nassau

County and serving them as Sheriff, and was committed to being a man who they could depend and be proud. He was the kind of Sheriff that you felt comfortable talking to but you also felt confident he would help you in a minute. He was a man of honor. He had an incredible work ethic and innate ability to lead. He left a godly legacy for

generations to come because he was a man of action, not just words. Nassau County will never forget his dedication and service.

The family will receive friends Sunday, July 5, from 5-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Fernandina. The home-going celebration will be held Monday, July 6 at 11 a.m. also at the church. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

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New Beginnings and Milestones

Hudson David Todd Hogan



Taylor and Rebecca Hogan, of Callahan, are proud to announce the birth of their son Hudson David Todd Hogan. Hudson was born June 17, 2020 at UF Shands Children's Hospital in Gainesville. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Todd and Teresa Hogan of Jacksonville.

Maternal grandparents are Danny and Lisa Foreman of Callahan.

Proud great-grandparents Max and Ruth Walker of Jacksonville; Danny and Bessie Foreman; Ann and Byron Walker of Callahan; Richard Graf and Sharon Hogan of Jacksonville; Linda Nunuez of Yulee; Carl Forlines of Middleburg; and Roy and Diana Williams of Phil Campbell, Alabama.

Hudson was welcomed home by his big brother Samuel!

Ms. Vanderwarker and Mr. Robinson Announce Engagement

Tina and Brian Hagan of Hilliard; and Patrick Vanderwarker of San Diego; are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Michalia Vanderwarker to Matthew Robinson, son of Gerald and Mary Robinson of Waynesville, Georgia.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School and is employed as a Nursing Supervisor at Curahealth Jacksonville.

The groom-elect is a 2008 graduate of Brantley County High School and is employed as a Security Advisor with ADT.

The wedding is planned for June 12, 2021 at Laytn's Landing in Yulee.



WNHS Principal Curtis Gaus Resigns Asst. Principal Daniel Snyder Promoted

In a letter posted Wednesday, June 26, 2020, West Nassau High School Principal Curtis Gaus announced that he would not be returning to West Nassau for the 2020-2021 school year. Gaus served for 8 years as the school's principal. In the letter Gaus states, "I'm not leaving due to any negative feelings or interactions with the current district leadership. In fact, I feel like the district is continuing to move in an upward and positive direction. I'm a man of faith and believe that when God opens doors, you walk through them and continue the next journey."



Curtis Gaus

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Mr. Snyder has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois and has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida. He holds teaching certifications in English 6-12, Specific

Learning Disabilities K-12, and Educational Leadership. Additionally, Mr. Snyder is a National Board-Certified Early Childhood to Young Adult Exceptional Needs Specialist.



Daniel Snyder

Taking the helm as Principal at West Nassau will be Daniel Snyder, who served as Assistant Principal at West Nassau. Mr. Snyder has dedicated his career as an educator to the students of Nassau County for the past 26 years. Mr. Snyder started his career at Fernandina Beach High School as an exceptional education teacher, serving as department chair for his last eight years at the high school. While at FBHS, he served as an athletic coach, mentored new teachers, and facilitated professional development for technology and instructional practice. In 2006, he was selected as a finalist for the Florida State Teacher of the Year. For the past two years, Mr. Snyder has served West Nassau High School as Assistant Principal, where he has led

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Callahan Dance Holds Recital

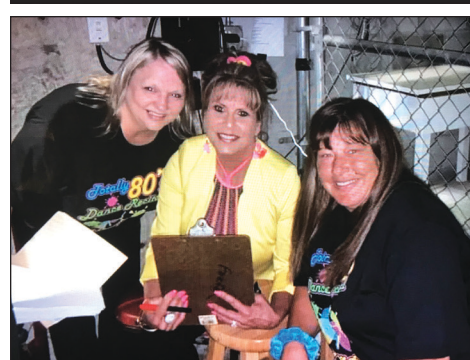


Saturday afternoon was a great day for Callahan Dance students, as they finally got to have their recital. Students were forced home following Spring Break which also ended their dance classes. Each of the classes had been working hard on their dances to prepare for the end of the year recital when everything came to a screeching halt!

Owner Terri Sherwood Gaughran worked tirelessly trying to set up a venue to have the recital as the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville was not opened. Finally, she got approval to have the recital at the Morocco Temple in Jacksonville.

She asked the guests and parents to follow the safe distancing guidelines. She tried to split the large group of 36 dances into two separate shows; one at 2 p.m. and the other at 5 p.m. At that point, everyone was just pleased to actually get to see their dancers show their talents and have somewhat of a normal ending to the dance year.

"I'm so thankful we were finally able to have the recital," said Terri. "What a crazy year it has been for these sweet students. I love each and every one of them and am so proud of each of them! We pray next year will be normal!"



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Thursday, June 25

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Adkins Announces Candidacy for Supervisor of Elections

Janet H. Adkins has joined the race to replace retiring Supervisor of Elections Vicki P. Cannon in the Universal Republican Primary election. Adkins is married to local business owner Douglas Adkins and together they reside in Fernandina Beach and have two adult children Emily (21) and Douglas (18).



includes Dayspring Village and Dayspring Village two family owned companies. Ms. Adkins has implemented numerous technology innovations over the last four years and has been instrumental in the day to day oversight and operations of the company.

"I am running for the Office of Supervisor of Election

Janet previously served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives as the first elected woman from Nassau County in the Florida House of Representatives where she served as Chair of the K-12 Education Committee, Rules Committee, Redistricting Committee, Joint Administrative Procedures Committee, Appropriations, K-12 Appropriations, Select Committee on Govt. Reorganization, Finance and Tax Committee, Full Education Committee.

She was first elected to public office in 1998 when she was elected to the Nassau County School Board where she championed strategic planning, reviewing all the school board rules and making changes to board rules around bullying.

Janet is currently the Chief Administrative Officer for Dayspring Health which

because I believe that I can help make a difference in my community in ensuring safe, accessible and secure elections. I believe that my unique skills in technology, software, organizational leadership and experience in local and state government have prepared me to provide the citizens with stable and strong leadership over the next four years," said Adkins. "This was not a decision that came easy for me. I have learned a great deal and have reached out to many others to talk about my vision. I have committed, if allowed, to serve to ensuring that all citizens are treated with dignity and respect and that we follow the rule of law."

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KATHI DIANNE BLANKENBERG

 Kathi Dianne Blankenberg, 35, of Jacksonville, left this world to be with the Lord on June 22, 2020. Kathi was born in Orange Park, to Mark A. Collins and Sherri Lynne Killen on June 6, 1985. She was raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin before moving back to Jacksonville at the age of 15. In 2003, she graduated from Wolfson High School. Kathi had a truly adventurous spirit and she loved to plan getaways to visit friends and check out different local beaches. She loved the beach, the ocean and the sun. She was an animal lover who enjoyed hanging out with her friends, trying new and authentic foods and going to concerts. She liked to listen to music ranging from '60s rock and roll, to today's modern hits. Most of all, Kathi loved her family and being a mom to her twin daughters, Alana and Eliza. She will be dearly missed. Kathi is preceded in death by her maternal grandmother Shelby Jean Martin Killen.

Kathi is survived by her mother Sherri Lynne Killen of Jacksonville; her father Mark A. Collins of Jacksonville; her twin daughters Alana and Eliza; her brother Joshua G. Blankenberg of Appleton, WI; her sisters Kelli Jeanne (Justin) Blankenberg-Henry of Jacksonville Beach and Jennifer (Rodney) Dilmore of St. Johns, FL; brothers Blake Collins and Ryan Collins, both of Jacksonville; her maternal grandfather Milburn Kerry (Marleen

OBITUARIES

Killen of Lake Placid; her uncle Kerry Alan Killen; her aunt Kimberley Diane King; nephews Christian, Garrett and Jake; niece Shelby; great aunt Shelby Leftwich; and her cousins.


The family received friends Sunday, June 28 at Nassau Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Allstate Foundation "Purple Purse" Project or to Hubbard House, Inc.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.

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BRANDON CHASE BURNETTE

 Brandon Chase Burnette, 34, of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Mary Ann Atkinson; and Jack and Sandy Burnette.

He is survived by his children Annaleyce Elizabeth Burnette and Isaac Martin Burnette; his parents Jack Norman Burnette, Jr.; and Janine and Michael Orender; his siblings Chuck Kilpatrick, Tara Orender and Elisabeth Burnette; grandfather Victor Brand, Sr.; aunts and uncles Victor Brand, Jr., Vanessa (Joey) Browning, Kevin

(Dawn) Burnette and Suzanne (Roger) Pickett; the mother of his children Shelly Johnson; and a host of other relatives that loved him dearly.


A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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WALTER 'RAY' GEIGER

 Ray Geiger went to be with Jesus on the morning of June 29, 2020. He was born on April 8, 1939 in Hilliard, the son of Clara Hodges Geiger and Frank Geiger of Hilliard. He was the beloved brother to James (Jim) I. Geiger, Robert (Bob) R. Geiger, Cecil J. Geiger, Walter (W.B) Williams and Glenda R. Robinson. He graduated as Valedictorian of Callahan High School, where he was Captain of the basketball team, President of his class, and loved by all his teachers and classmates. He gave his life to the Lord when he was 16 years old at Live Oak Baptist Church.

He married the love of his life, Elizabeth Johnson, on July 21, 1960; they were to celebrate their 60th anniversary in just a few short weeks. During their marriage, they had five daughters: Lisa Kay Geiger, Clara Lynn Kelly, Dr. Gigi Ann Geiger, Gretchen Rae Geiger Loden and Kersti G. Kelly. Throughout his life, he was a man of integrity, honor, and faith, and family was everything to him. He and his family faithfully attended as members of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville for many years and later, were members of FBC of Callahan and First Baptist Bologne.

He had an incredible work ethic and innate ability to lead, which he did in every one of his occupations. Soon after high school, he worked as a JSO homicide detective for 13 years (1960-1973) and then, went into the trucking industry, where he worked for 25 years. He completed many law enforcement courses at FCCJ during this time. After putting his five girls and his wife through college, he went back into police work and became a US Marshall for the federal government in Jacksonville, and then, later became Sheriff of Nassau County, where he took office December 15, 1992. He served Nassau County as Sheriff for three terms before deciding to retire on January 3, 2005. It was such a difficult decision for him because he absolutely loved the people of Nassau County and serving them as Sheriff, and was committed to being a man who they could depend on and be proud. While Sheriff, he proudly served as Treasurer on the Florida Sheriff Association and was a man of honor. Out of all of his accomplishments and honors, he was most proud of his beautiful wife and five girls, his sons-in-law and his grandchildren. He left a godly legacy for generations to come because he was a man of action, not just words.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth; daughters and their families, Lisa; Lindi and Michael Kelly (children, Michael, Forrest and Madison Kelly); Gigi and Art Bautista (children, Jaymi (Hunter) Whitaker (great-grandson Webb) and Alexandra); Gretchen Rae and Steve Loden (children Lexa Rae (Tyson) Herron, Cole, Cade and Gray); and Kersti and David Kelly (children, Ty (Haley) Kelly (great-grandsons Kash and Kannon), Brooklyn (Nate) Brecklin (great-grandson Dawson); and a sister Glenda R. Robinson. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers.

Pallbearers will be Ty Kelly, Forrest Kelly, Cole Loden, Cade Loden, Gray Loden, Tyson Herron, Nate Brecklin and

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

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

(Sandy) Hendricks of Waldorf, Maryland, Daniel (Dana) Hendricks of Callahan and John Hendricks of Callahan; eight beautiful grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several cousins and many family friends.

A graveside service was held Saturday, June 20, at Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name, to the West Nassau Historical Society, PO Box 1758, Callahan, FL, 32011.

MARILYN D. HENDRICKS



Marilyn Dorothy Hendricks passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2020, after a brief illness. She was born on May 18, 1931, in Nashville, Tennessee. She was a direct descendant of Timothy DeMonbreun, the Music City's first European settler. Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Hollis M. and Dorothy "Dolly" Cochran DeMonbreun; and her three infant siblings. After World War II, Marilyn and her parents moved to Jacksonville. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1949. She married James W. Hendricks on Christmas Day 1948. Soon afterwards the newlyweds left the big city for the quiet country life of Callahan. She worked tirelessly on the family farm before being employed first by the US Post Office in Callahan and then by St. Luke's Hospital/Mayo in Jacksonville. She retired from the renowned health care facility in 1996.

Besides having a long working career, Marilyn was a loving Christian mother devoted to her five children Rebecca 'Kathy' (Dwight) Schnirman of Banner Elk, North Carolina, Anthony 'Tony' (Nancy) Hendricks of Hilliard, Stephen

FREDRICK W. LAMPRECHT, JR.



Mr. Fredrick William Lamprecht, Jr., age 68, of Humboldt, Tennessee, formerly of Bryceville, passed away Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Bailey Park Community Living Center. He was preceded in death by his parents Fredrick and Clara Lamprecht; wife Linda Darnell Lamprecht; a sister Joy (Ed); and a brother-in-law Randy.

Mr. Lamprecht is survived by his wife Angela Gilley; four children, Laurie (Sam), Brian (Lisa), Keith (Michelle) and Kristy; three stepchildren Chris (Kacy), Sammy (Jade) and Michael; a brother Whitie (Carol) Lamprecht; a sister Sandy (David); a brother-in-law Edward "Buddy" (Debbie) Darnell; 16 grandchildren, Ashley, Randell (Laura), Patrick (Taylor), Isaiah, Jasmine, Donovan, Matthew, Justin "Bubba", Jake (Vanessa), Loralai, Alayna, Noah, Danny, Luke, McKinley and Kail; five great-grandchildren Zyan, Emily, Ryleigh, Eliza and Hayden; best friend John Brown; a very dear friend Vicki Maness; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will hold memorial services at a later date.

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