

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Geraldine Winifred Taylor Champa, 81

Geraldine Winifred Taylor Champa, 81, of West Berrien Community, passed away Sunday, October 1, 2017, at her daughters home in Blaine, Washington.

She was born April 5, 1936 in TyTy, Georgia to the late Martin Taylor and the late Maliscia Holloway Taylor. Geraldine would like you to know that her work here is done. Heaven is the place of perfect happiness, and she will rejoice in reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time. Geraldine has longed to hold her loving husband's hand, and to feel his comforting embrace.

As a child, Geraldine attended New River School in West Berrien. Mom had asthma and she always felt badly about struggling with school. Later in life she understood that her style was visual learning. That's why she was so good at so many things.

Mom was an artist, enjoyed wood working as well as gardening, and spent much of her time as a skilled quilter. Mom was a creator. Mom loved inventing useful gadgets such as a switch that could reach rowdy children clear to the back of a station wagon, a knit scarf that could wrap around your ears and nose five times and still enable you to breathe, a Watkins suave drenched cloth that would stay in place without help of a safety pin...to name a few. Later in life we would joke around with Mom how she would tie us to her in a big crowd. She would simply say, "No one was going to get my babies!"

Geraldine was very proud of family's gospel music background. Her father, "Martin Taylor and the Singing Taylor Family," was from the earliest days of singing schools taught in this region. Geraldine, along with twin sister Josephine and younger sister Rudine, performed as the "Taylor Trio."

She married Richard Champa on March 4, 1956 in Tifton and were together until his death in 1993. They moved to Massachusetts where they lived for 20 years. After being tired of shoveling snow, they moved to South Georgia. Mom and Dad retired from Champa Enterprises and Sealcoating, giving them to visit their favorite place which was Shell Point.

Her sweet spirit was a comfort to many and she will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Martin and Maliscia Taylor; husband: Richard Champa; three sisters: Trudy McNabb, Gertie Barber, and Ruth Harris; and four brothers James Taylor, Reuben Taylor, Riley Taylor, and Rancil Taylor.

She leaves behind two sons David (Lisa) Champa of Mission Viejo, California; Derrick Champa of Phoenix, Arizona. Three daughters Darlene (David) of Blaine, Washington; Denise (Bill) Binner of Enigma, Georgia; and Dale (Carter) Harper of Nashville, Georgia. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 5 p.m. in Flat Creek Church with the Rev. Mickey Lindsey officiating. Interment followed in Westview Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

Lovein Funeral Home, Nashville, handled the arrangements.

Darrell Wayne Handley, 60

Darrell Wayne Handley, 60, of Nashville died Saturday October 7, 2017 in South Georgia Medical Center, Berrien Campus.

He was born June 11, 1957 in Ocilla to the late Raymond Cecil Handley and the late Beulah Mixon Handley. He was a senior technician with Coveris in Tifton with 38 years of service and a member of New Covenant Church in Ray City. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing the guitar and was a master mechanic.

He is survived by his wife: Dorothy Ann Nisen Handley of Nashville; 2 daughters: Amy (Emory) Pafford of Jacksonville, FL and Deana (Gary) Wilfong of Lee, FL; 2 sisters: Darlene (Johnny) Hopson of Ocilla and Blondine Patterson of Ocilla; brother: Block (Wendy) Handley of Abbeville; 10 grandchildren: Katie Lott, Natalie Webb, Jolie Bolt, Tye Pafford, Alycia Izzard, Justin Brusso, Aaron Brusso, Haylee Wilfong, Cadence Wilfong and Bella Wilfong; and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Lovein Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Bennett, Rev. Jeff Palmer, Rev. Chris Martin, and the Rev. Robbie Herrington officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his honor can be made to Darrell Handley Trust Fund c/o Farmers and Merchants Bank in Nashville.

Lovein Funeral Home, Nashville, handled the arrangements.

Johnny Willis Harrelson, 73

Johnny Willis Harrelson, 73, of Baxley, formerly of Nashville, died Sunday October 1, 2017 at Tattall Health Care Center in Reidsville.

He was born December 9, 1943 in Berrien County to the late Leon Vasco Harrelson and the late Maxie Marie Spells Harrelson. He was a truck driver for the former Nashville Textile and retired in plant maintenance with the Berrien County Hospital. He was the widower of Flossie Stover Harrelson who died in 2011. He is also preceded in death by 4 brothers: Raymond, Ernest, Herman and Russell Harrelson; 3 sisters: Linda Harrelson Gray, Gail Harrelson Griffin and Carol Harrelson O'Berry.

He is survived by a special friend: Sandy Nevers of Baxley; daughter: Peggy White of Douglas; son: Johnny Harrelson, Jr. of Nashville; step-son: Kenny Stone of Nashville; sister: JoAnn (Ray) McClellan of LaGrange; 7 grandchildren: Justin, Cory, Carrie, J.W., Chris, Ken and Michael; great grandson: Ken III.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Lovein Funeral Home with the Rev. Clarence Luke officiating. Interment followed in the Old City Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday one hour prior to the service.

Lovein Funeral Home, Nashville, handled the arrangements.

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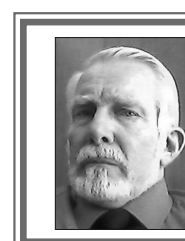
An Out-of-Body-Experience

There are individuals who claim (whether we believe them or not) to have had an out-of-body experience wherein they left their physical body and traveled to another place and then later returned to their body and remembered the ordeal. The apostle Paul it seems had such an experience when he was transported into the third heaven and saw the things that he could not utter (2 Cor. 12).

Also in the account of Abraham, Lazarus and the rich man (Lk.16:19-31) we encounter three men who are out-of-body who converse with each other across the chasm that separated Paradise and hell, with the same personality and individuality that they had while living in-body on the surface of the earth.

We first note that the personality and identity of each man is intact. They're the exact same person that they were in their previous life on earth and they recognize and know each other. They're real living persons and not phantoms. They have all their senses. They see, hear, feel, speak, and obviously think and reason. The rich man in particular shows he had his intellect and power of rational. He could think in retrospect, and by exercising his memory recall his past life (vs.25). He could think in the present and by exercising his attention converse with Abraham. He could think in the future and exercise his imagination and know that if his brothers didn't repent (vs.30) they too would end up in hell. We see a moral agent with the power of will and emotion, and we also see the immortality of the human soul. These characteristics in man are patterned after Him who created man and Who knows all – past, present, and future.

All these things are seen as an out-of-body-experience. For the rich man's physical body along with his brain was lying in the grave yard as were Abraham's and Lazarus'. And still he with



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all the faculties and powers given to him by God was fully alive to the sufferings and torments of hell as Abraham and Lazarus were of Paradise and later would be of Heaven (Mt.27:50-53; Eph.4:8-10).

Our physical body is a temporary tabernacle for our spirit (2 Cor.5:1-8; Phil.1:23; 2 Pet.1:14). When the body dies the spirit will leave and go to another level of existence while the body returns to the earth from which it was made (Gen.2:7, 3:19).

The account of this intellectual dialogue that took place in the unseen world by three disembodied men who previously lived as we do today on the surface of the earth in a physical body clearly illustrates the fact that life is real beyond the grave. And that we will be very much alive and conscious of our surroundings and personally experience the torments of hell or the blessings of Heaven.

All dead bodies will be occupied again by their self-same spirit that previously occupied it. But our bodies will be changed and altered to suit our eternal abode. The saved will receive a glorified body like Jesus had after His resurrection (1 Cor.15:42-58; Phil.3:21). And the unsaved it appears will receive a body that will be able to endure the horrors of the lake of fire for all eternity (Jn.5:24-29; Rev.20:11-15).

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