

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Eloise Miller Sirmans, 84

Eloise Miller Sirmans, 84, of Lakeland, GA passed away early Sunday Morning, September 16, 2018 at her residence surrounded by her family and friends. She was born on November 22, 1933 to the late Lossie Lee and Ava Nell Browning Miller. She was a beautician for 40 years and a member of Little Block Holiness Church of Ray City. She married Edward Sirmans on November 27, 1951 and they had 4 children. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, one Sister, Hilda Faye Miller, four Brothers, Skeet, Willis, Jerry, and Raymond Miller, a Grand daughter, Wendy McConnell Carney, and a son-in-Law David McConnell



Survivors include
2 Daughters and Sons-in-Law; Sandra & Carl Stone of Valdosta, GA., Wanda & Dennis Sapp of Morven, GA., Two Sons & Daughter-in-Law, Darrell & Cheryl Sirmans of Lakeland, GA, Randy (Lorileigh Chapman) Sirmans of Lakeland, GA., Five Grandchildren; Rodney (Alisha) Sirmans, Dustin(Kimberly) Sirmans, of Lakeland, GA Daniel(Katie) McConnell, of NewPort News, Virginia, Mason Sapp, Morven, GA., Reed Sirmans Deane, Valdosta, GA., 14 Great Grandchildren; Sarah McConnell, Collin McConnell, of NewPort News, Virginia, Melanie Sapp, Conner Sapp, Dallas Sapp, Quitman, GA. Kyle (Catherine) Sirmans, Carlileigh Sirmans, Elly Sirmans, Dusty Sirmans, Jasleigh Sirmans, Lacy Sirmans, Dylan Holbrook, Reid Holbrook, of Lakeland, GA., Two Sisters: Janice Harnage, Lakeland, GA. Deneen Miller, Nashville, GA., Three Brothers & Sister-in-law: Fennis & Carolyn Miller, Valdosta, GA, Lavern & Margaret Miller, Homerville, GA. Gerald & Nancy Miller, Covington, GA., One Sister-in-law: Frances Miller, Ft. White, FL., Our Special Love and Thanks to her Caregivers, Mary Folsom, Janice Harnage, Pat Hough, Jo Ellen Walker.

Funeral Services was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Lakeland Chapel of Music Funeral Services with burial following at Fender Cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.
The compassionate and caring staff of Music Funeral Services of Lakeland is caring for the Sirmans family. Sympathy may be expressed online at www.musicfuneralservices.com.

Helen Cook Burdette, 77

Helen Cook Burdette, 77, of Nashville, was called home to be with the Lord, Friday, September 14, 2018 at her residence. She was born October 19, 1940 in Berrien County to the late William Harrison Cook and the late Minnie Ola Smith Cook. She attended ABAC and became a Registered Nurse in 1981. Helen loved her job and retired after serving the local community at Berrien County Hospital for 23 years. She was a member of Hope Baptist Church and attended the Nashville Church of God.



Helen enjoyed the outdoors and spent many years with her family fishing, hunting and camping. She was famous for her made-from-scratch biscuits, baked hams and cheesy, garlic, mashed potatoes.
She was the widow of Roger Landers Burdette, Sr., who passed away in 2010, after 53 years of marriage. Helen was also preceded in death by 3 brothers: Curtis Cook, Carley Cook and Daniel Webster Cook.

She is survived by one daughter: Mitzi Sumner, husband Michael; 2 sons: Roger L. Burdette, Jr., wife Karima; and Harris Burdette, wife Patricia; 10 grandchildren: Amanda Smith, John Sumner, Patrick Sumner, Roberta (Bobbie) Ramos, R.L. Burdette, III, Zecharia Burdette, Priscilla Burdette, Karris Burdette, Stephanie Kimbrel and Isabella Burdette; 5 great grandchildren; 3 sisters: Myrtice Caldwell, Inez Gaskins and Myrtle Lee Grim-sley, husband Andrew; sister-in-law: Loretta Bennett, husband Lamar; brother-in-law: Dale Sumner, wife Betty.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Betty Sumner, loving sister-in-law; Dr. Richard Wheeler; the staff from Amedisys Home Health; Bethany Hospice; and most especially, all those who prayed diligently for Helen and loved ones.
Funeral services were held Monday, September 17, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Lovein Funeral Home with the Rev. Scott Walker and Rev. Ray Calvin officiating. Interment followed in Nashville Memorial Gardens. Lovein Funeral Home, Nashville.

Rev. Willie Leroy "Billy" Roberts, 78

Rev. Willie Leroy "Billy" Roberts, 78, of Alapaha, died Thursday, September 13, 2018 at his residence. He was born August 17, 1940 in Irwin County to the late El-isha Roberts and the late Gladys Brogdon Roberts. He was a re-tired farmer and member of New Griffin Missionary Baptist Church. He was a retired minister having faithfully served: Lax Baptist, Maranatha Baptist, Cecil Baptist, Knights Memorial, Ruth Forrester and Hebron Church. He was preceded in death by 3 sisters: Doris Jernigan, Yodine Holland and Daphyne Roberts; and a brother: Wycliff Roberts.
He is survived by his wife: Clarice Carter Roberts of Alapaha; 2 sons: Stanley (Marie) Roberts of Macon and Phillip (Cindy) Roberts of Valdosta; 5 grandchildren: Parker, Brody, Lauren, Blake and Beau.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Lovein Funeral Home with the Rev. Sim Youngblood, Rev. George Carroll Paulk, and Rev. Joe Vaughn officiating. Interment followed in the Brogdon Cemetery, adjacent to New Griffin Church. Lovein Funeral Home, Nashville

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What is spiritism?

The Bible says, “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wiz-ard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abom-ination unto the Lord” (Deut.18:10-12).

Divination “is the act of foreseeing or foretelling, or of guess-ing something hidden.” And, “the attempt to discover what is obscure or the foretelling of future events, as by supernatural means; augury.”

Spiritism (not spiritualism) is the New Age term to describe the occult and its many tools used to supposedly communicate with the dead. Those involved in spiritism use astrology, horo-scopes, numerology, palmistry, tarot cards, ouija boards, crystal balls, magic, (also magick), and seances to name a few for pur-portedly communicating with the dead and for fortune telling.

Divination or spiritism has been around since antiquity. The modern resurgence of spiritism came when Kate and Margaret Fox in 1848, claimed to have successfully contacted the spirit of a dead peddler. They would call out letters of the alphabet and would listen for a knocking response that meant either “yes” or “no.” “This possible communion with the dead created a nation-wide frenzy, and public interest in talking to the dead skyrocket-ed.”

Soon inventors came up with strange creations designed to communicate with the dead. The one that emerged as the most popular was the Ouija Board (meaning “yes, yes”- oui in French and ja in German). The Ouija Board is not called a game, but a tool, for opening doorways into the dark dimensions by those of the occult.

Those who seek to communicate with the dead employ a



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medium, an occultist, who will hold a seance and purportedly conjure up the spirit of the dead to speak to them.

Hillary Clinton is an occultist and held seances in the White House when her husband Bill was president. Her hero is Eleanor Roosevelt, and she has claimed to have communicated with her and Mahatma Gandhi through her medium Jean Houston.

There are psychics who claim they can communicate with the spirits of dead pets, and can convey to their previous owners that they are at peace and everything’s all right. (Whatever that means). There are psychics that claim they can communicate with ET’s as well.

Seeking to communicate with the dead is strictly forbidden by God (Lev.20:6, 27; 1 Tim.5:1, 2 et.al.). That is because what messages are received from the spirit-world are not received from the souls of those who have passed through the veil, but from demons who impersonate them.

Spiritist leaders are anti-Christian. Sir A. Conan Doyle (1859-1930), an early leader in spiritism said, “The whole doctrine of original sin, the Fall, the vicarious Atonement, the placation of the Almighty by blood—all this is abhorrent to me. The spirit guides do not insist upon these aspects of religion.”

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