

DEATHS & FUNERALS

John Earl Jackson, 62

John Earl Jackson, 62, of Lakeland passed away Friday, December 07, 2018 at his residence after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on November 4, 1956 in Hahira, GA to the late John Henry Jackson and Genette (Stone) Jackson of Lakeland. He was a United States Army veteran. He also was a member of LoveJoy Community Church. John Earl worked as a carpenter basically all his life. He worked with various construction companies throughout the South but most recently with Skinner Construction. He loved fishing, playing the guitar and spending time with friends and family. Along with his father he was preceded in death by his brother, Joe Jackson.



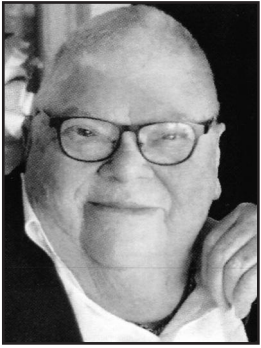
Survivors Include: Wife of 28 years, Kathy Jackson, Lakeland; 3 Daughters & Sons-in-law: Kelly & Chris Newsome, Lakeland, Amber Cummings, Lakeland, Tasha & Joseph Larson, Valdosta; 12 Grandchildren: Kaleigh Bradford, Madison Newsome, Maegan Newsome, Jaycee Newsome, Kori Manning, Abbi Rodger, Ayden Anderson, Liam Cummings, Joseph Larson, Joshua Larson, Eathan Larson & Holley Larson; Mother: Genette Jackson, Lakeland; 4 Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Shirley Sellers, Nahunta, GA, Geraldine Jackson (Curt Crosby), Jacksonville, FL, Helen & BJ Davis, Lakeland, Paula Bennett, Lakeland; Brothers & Sisters-in-law: Tommy & Selina Jackson, Adel, Jimpson Jackson (Martha Stone), Lakeland and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2018 in the LoveJoy Community Church with burial following in Fender Cemetery. The family received friends 1 hour prior to the services on Sunday at the church.

Sympathy may be expressed online at www.musicfuneralservices.com. The Jackson family is being cared for by the professional staff of Music Funeral Services, Lakeland.

Jerry Powell, 79

Jerry Powell, 79, of Lakeland passed away Thursday, December 06, 2018 at his residence. He was born on June 12, 1939 in Lanier County, GA to the late Joseph B. & Neta Mae Powell, Sr. Jerry graduated from Lanier County High School and attended Valdosta State College. He retired from the Georgia State Patrol and the Lanier County Probation Office. Jerry was a member of Lakeland United Methodist Church. He had won many awards for shotgun skeet shooting. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph B. (Joe) Powell, Jr.



Survivors include: Niece, Susan Powell, Albany, GA; Nephew: Robert D. “Bobby” Powell (Valerie), Albany, GA; Long-time devoted special friend: Pamela Woods, Ray City; caregiver, Ashley Sheffield, Lakeland and a number of cousins.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2018 in the Lakeland Chapel of Music Funeral Services with burial following in Fender Cemetery. No formal visitation was held. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Lakeland United Methodist Church.

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Casey Leigh Roland, 32

Casey Leigh Roland, 32, of Lakeland, died Monday, November 26, 2018 at her residence.

She was born July 19, 1986 in Cook County to Donald Wayne Roland and the late Susan Hendley Skinner. She was a homemaker and member of Southside Baptist Church. She was a very devoted mother and was a very active part of Lanier County Athletics.

She is survived by her father and step mother: Wayne and Becky Roland of Ray City; daughter: Alexis Smith of Lakeland; son: Camerion Smith of Lakeland; father of her children: Larry Smith of Lakeland; 3 sisters: Angela (Scott) Moody of Ray City, Pam Moore of Nashville and Tiffany Caulder of Tennessee; 2 brothers: Cory Roland of Ray City and Kyle Caulder of Nashville; paternal grandparents: Syble Roland of Ray City and Donald Roland of Nashville; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Her family will honor her request for cremation and a visitation was held Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. LoveIn Funeral Home, Nashville.

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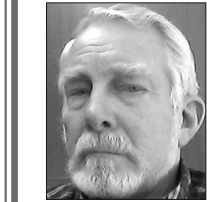
The Bible says, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil.1:21).

To magnify Christ through his body, “whether it be by life, or by death” (vs.20) was what life and death was all about for Paul the Apostle. Paul would very gladly “spend and be spent” (2 Cor.12:15) in his efforts to spread the Gospel. That meant, Paul was willing to pay whatever it cost, and exhaust whatever resources he had to tell the good news that Jesus saves.

The life Paul lived was very simple and yet very profound with no distraction from the “one thing,” that actually defined Paul, - “ . . . forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil.3:13, 14).

Paul’s life was one of death to the world, and victory over sin, because of his faith in Christ’ finished work at Calvary. By faith Paul saw himself united with Christ in His death, in His resurrection, and in His new life, - “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal.2:20). For Paul life had only one purpose, and that was to live and serve Christ, and that brought complete fulfillment and contentment, and great rejoicing (Phil.4:11; 1 Thess.2:19).

Paul’s idea of death is that it is something positive and profitable, - “to die is gain.” Paul didn’t dread death but longed for it, - “having a desire to depart, and be with Christ; which is far better” (vs.23). Death is another condition of existence and Paul longed for the condition he would exist in after death, which would mean being in Heaven in the presence of Jesus Christ (2



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Cor.5:8).

The majority of men are afraid of death. That is because they’re not prepared for death. Many views of death and what happens in the after-life have been introduced by religions of the world. Our Creator and the One Who made Heaven and Hell has told us plainly what to expect after we die. And has told us how we can win over death and Hell and gain Heaven through the shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ (Jn.3:16).

If a person like Paul is not afraid of death then they’re not afraid of anything. Though they’re tortured and threatened with death by their persecutors if they don’t stop witnessing for Christ, they continue to serve God because death just isn’t something they’re afraid of.

Death is very real. Then after death comes the reality of Heaven or Hell as described in God’s Word (KJV).

The idea of gain for a Christian when they come to the point of death is a very precious thought. Death is the Christians servant, the doorman that ushers the Christian into the very presence God. Death is not the Christians enemy, but their friend that introduces them to the untold riches of Heaven. For the Christian, living is death to self, and dying is life eternal.

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Visit a church of your choice every Sunday with your family.

- **Camon Temple First Born Church Of The Living God, Inc.**
Pastor: Madine Camon, Th.M.
72 Davis Avenue-Lakeland
Tues. & Thurs 6 PM
1st & 3rd Sundays 11 AM

• **Camp Creek Missionary Baptist**
Intersection Hwy 122 & Hwy 168
Clinch County

• **Evan’s Temple Holiness Church**
46 Davis Ave. - Lakeland
229-482-8049

• **Everlasting House of Prayer Deliverance Center in Temple of Love**
806 E Davis Ave. - Lakeland
229-482-9550

• **First Baptist Church**
15 Main Street - Lakeland
229-482-3401
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Service . 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service . . . 6:00 PM
Wed. Night 7:00 PM

• **Gateway of Heaven**
803 E Peeler Ave. - Lakeland
229-482-1156

• **Greater Bethel A.M.E**
139 S. Oak St.- Lakeland
229-482-9414
- **Guthrie Baptist Church**
Off of Hwy 168-Lakeland
229-300-0043

• **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses**
67 S Oak Street - Lakeland
229-482-2020

• **Knight Memorial Baptist Church**
On Teeterville Hwy - Lakeland
229-482-2687

• **Lakeland Church of Christ**
622 E. Main Street-Lakeland
229-482-2692

• **Lakeland United Methodist Church**
80 West Main St. - Lakeland
229-482-3574

• **Lovejoy Community Church**
23 Lovejoy Rd - Lakeland
229-482-2169
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service . 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service . . . 6:00 PM
Wed. Night Bible Study . . 7:00 PM
(Children’s Programs available at all service times. Teens program during Sunday School and Night service & Wed. night service.)

• **New Bryant Missionary Baptist**
Pastor: Jasper B. Daniels
79 S. Mill Street - Lakeland
229-482-2784
- **New Life Church**
104 W Thigpen Ave
Lakeland, GA

• **New Life Church of God of Stockton**
516 W. Highway 84
Stockton, GA 31649
Pastor: Dwaine Crummey
(229) 242-7001
Sunday Morning - 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Night - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.

• **New Life Ministries**
104 W Thigpen Ave
Lakeland, GA

• **New Hopewell Missionary Baptist**
124 W Main St. • Lakeland
229-482-3237

• **Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church**
Oak Grove Church Lane
Lakeland, GA • 912-422-4212

• **Oak Street Church of Christ**
Pastor: Bro. Joseph Ingram
Sunday School. 9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Service .11:00 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 PM

• **Pearly Gates Apostolic Church**
1326 South Mill Street
Lakeland, GA 31635
Bishop and Pastor Odie Cook
- 229-305-8550
Sunday School- 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service- 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study- 6:30 p.m.

• **Ray City Church of God**
515 Main St - Ray City
229-455-5689

• **Refuge Temple Seventh Day Adventist**
605 E Washington Ave.
Lakeland, GA
229-482-9550
229-563-5934

• **Shiloh #2 Baptist Church**
70 Davis Street - Lakeland
229-292-5953

• **Southside Baptist Church**
326 S Hwy 221 - Lakeland
229-482-2280

• **St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**
2530 Garner Road • Ray City
229-455-5554

• **St. Lewis Baptist Church**
Route 1, Hwy 135
Lakeland, GA • 229-482-2188

• **Stockton Baptist Church**
262 Church Rd.
Stockton, GA • 229-241-1119

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