

Obituaries



Eugene Hawkins

Eugene Hawkins, age 87, formerly of Albany, GA, passed away on May 16, 2020 at his residence in Orlando, FL, surrounded by his family.

Gene was born in Donalsonville, GA on December 21, 1932, to Thomas Jackson Hawkins and Beatrice Brookins Hawkins. He resided in Donalsonville until he enlisted in the US Navy

in 1951, serving as a Class A Machinist during the Korean War. After four years of active duty and four years of Reserve duty, Gene was Honorably Discharged in 1959.

After leaving the Navy, Gene continued his education at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College where he studied business and played baseball. After graduating, he began his career with the Albany Tractor & Equipment Company as an equipment mechanic. Over the next forty years his career advanced through positions in sales, management and ultimately ownership, growing the Flint Equipment Company into thirteen locations in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Mr. Hawkins retired as President and sold the business in 2001. He was especially

proud of the many men and women who helped build Flint Equipment Company into a successful equipment business while advancing their careers and family.

In his free time, Mr. Hawkins was called to the water and enjoyed fishing on Lake Blackshear and boating off Panama City Beach, FL. He was a lifelong member of the Elks Lodge #813 and the Avalon United Methodist Church, both in Albany, GA.

Gene leaves his loving wife of 62 years, Laverne Hughes Hawkins; their son, Thomas Andrew (Andy) Hawkins and Kimberly of Orlando, FL; three grandchildren: Conner Joseph, Thomas Jackson, and Margaret Elizabeth and several nieces and nephews.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents; one sis-

ter, Annie Louise Hawkins Mims; and two brothers, Walton Jackson Hawkins and Robert Earl Hawkins.

A private graveside service will be held for Mr. Hawkins in Donalsonville, GA.

To give back to the community that meant so much to Gene, a Memorial Scholarship has been established at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Stafford School of Business. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Scholarship, which can be sent directly to The ABAC Foundation, Box 13, 2802 Moore Highway, Tifton, GA 31793, Attention: Eugene Hawkins Memorial Scholarship.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Evans-Skipper Funeral Home.



Raymond Glenn Jones

Raymond Glenn Jones, age 63, of Donalsonville, GA passed away Sunday evening, May 17, 2020 at his residence.

The family will hold a private graveside service.

Mr. Jones was born in Royston, GA on September 25, 1956 to Billy Jones and Wilma Odom Jones. Raymond owned and operated Ray's Gates in Iron

City, GA for several years and was very well known for his welding ability. You could find Raymond on the water fishing for a big ole bass. He loved his family, but his pride and joy were his two grandsons, Jackson and Jhett.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Brenda Jones of Donalsonville; his son, Buck Jones (Whitney) of Iron City, GA; his grand-

children, Jackson and Jhett Jones; his brother, Bubba Jones of Attapulgus, GA; and his step mother, Mrs. Nellie Jo Jones of Donalsonville.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his parents, Billy Jones and Wilma Odom Jones and his sister, Carol Jones Culverson.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Evans-Skipper Funeral Home.

Financial Focus

Details on the Tax Deadline Extension

The Internal Revenue Service knows that many taxpayers have had a stressful spring. So, it has reset the federal tax deadline. You now have until July 15 to file your 1040 form. July 15 is also the deadline to pay any federal taxes owed for 2019.¹

Beyond these important details, there are others to note. Keep in mind: this article is for informational purposes only. It's not a replacement for real-life advice, so make sure to consult your tax, legal, and accounting professionals before modifying your strategy.

The extended tax deadline still falls on October 15. This year, the six-month extension is now a three-month extension. If you owe federal taxes, you must still pay them by July 15.²

The July 15 deadline also applies to fiscal year filers and many businesses. It applies to any individual or business entity that would normally have to file or pay by April 15.²

How about those who pay quarterly taxes? On April 9, the I.R.S. set a new July 15 deadline for both first-quarter and second-quarter estimated tax payments. The Q3 and Q4 estimated tax deadlines remain set at September 15, 2020 and January 15, 2021, respectively.³

You have three additional months to make a 2019 IRA or HSA contribution. Do you still need to do this? Ordinarily, your deadline to do so would be April 15, 2020, but just as the federal income tax filing deadline has been pushed forward to July 15, so has this deadline.¹

The July 15 deadline also applies for gift taxes. While the federal estate tax deadline fell on April 15, Forms 709 (the Gift and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Return) and related payments are not due until July 15. An extension to file as late as October 15 is permitted; though, gift and GST taxes owed will still be due on or before July 15.⁴

Many state tax deadlines have also been extended to July 15. A few states have given taxpayers even more time. In Hawaii, the filing deadline is July 20. In Iowa, state income taxes may be filed as late as July 31. In Colorado, taxpayers have until October 15 to file their returns, with any taxes owed due by July 15.⁵

Things are a bit different in three other states. Mississippi has pushed its state tax deadline forward, but only to May 15. New Hampshire has offered extensions to "qualifying taxpayers" affected by the Coronavirus crisis who were unable to pay state taxes by April 15. Virginia has given taxpayers an automatic 6-month extension to file; if taxes owed are not paid by May 1, interest will be charged, but late penalties will be waived if taxes are paid by June 1.⁵

There are reasons to send in your return well before July 15. Do you think you will owe money? The earlier you determine what you owe, the more time you have to plan your tax payment. If you are owed money, filing earlier can bring you a refund earlier.

As a reminder, this article is intended to present general information, not tax advice. Talk with a tax or legal professional about your particular tax situation before modifying your strategy.

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Obituary Policy

Obituaries published in the *Donalsonville News* are accepted only through established funeral homes, crematories and verifiable out-of-town sources. Death notices, not to exceed three column inches, are published free of charge.

Standard obituaries of no more than 300 words are published along with a one-column photograph for \$30. Expanded obituaries will be charged \$30 plus \$5.50 per column inch for space used to accommodate additional words over 300.

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Provided by Tim Bush, Bush Retirement & Wealth Strategies

COVID-19 testing sites now open to everyone

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, Commissioner for Georgia Department of Public Health, has announced that testing for COVID-19 no longer requires any criteria be met and is now open by appointment to anyone in the state of Georgia that wants to be tested.

Southwest Public Health continues to offer free testing by appointment seven days a week at multiple locations throughout the district, said Dr. Charles Ruis, District Health Director for Southwest Public Health District 8-2. Individuals can go to any public health collection site and do not have to be tested in their county of residence. Contact the call center from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday for an appointment. The call center hotline is (229) 352-6567.

Specimen collection is underway this week: Monday-Saturday in Dougherty and Thomas Counties; Wednesday, Friday and

Saturday in Mitchell County; Thursday and Sunday in Terrell County; Saturday in Decatur County; and Sunday in Grady County.

Collections will take place Monday-Saturday in Dougherty and Thomas Counties; Monday-Thursday and Sunday in Mitchell County; Monday and Thursday in Decatur County; Tuesday and Friday in Grady County; and Wednesday and Saturday in Terrell County. Sites change weekly and the public can follow the Southwest Public Health Facebook page for the latest announcements.

Remember to wash your hands, wear a mask in public, practice social distancing, cover coughs and sneezes and stay home if you are sick.

For information about COVID-19, visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.



Support the upkeep of your local cemeteries

Cedar Springs Cemetery

Cedar Springs Cemetery is seeking donations for upkeep of the cemetery. Please make your donations payable to Cedar Springs Cemetery and mail to Martin Evans, 1245 Mayhaw Rd., Blakely, GA 39823.

Corinth Cemetery

Anyone with cemetery lots or those who have friends or family buried at Corinth Cemetery may send your contributions for the upkeep of the cemetery to: Corinth Church, Att.: Herbert Golden, P.O. Box 447, Iron City, GA 39859.

Friendship Cemetery

Contributions for the upkeep of the Friendship Cemetery to Friendship Cemetery, P.O. Box 155, Donalsonville, GA 39845. For more information, contact William Bramlett at 229-254-2694.

Live Oak A.M.E Cemetery

The Live Oak A.M.E. Church family is asking for donations to help with the cemetery upkeep. Make checks payable to Live Oak A.M.E. Church and mail to P.O. Box 356, Donalsonville, GA 39845. For more information contact Geraldine Cochran, 229-524-5329 or Marian D. Walker, 229-524-5481.

Olive Grove Cemetery

Olive Grove Primitive Baptist Church (Rock Pond) Cemetery is in need of help with the cemetery funds. We only have a few members left and it is hard to maintain all the upkeep for the church and cemetery.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so by mailing a check to: Olive Grove Church, c/o Brenda Hunter, 5924 John Emory Trawick Rd., Iron City, GA 39859. Or, you can put it in the church's account at the First State Bank of Donalsonville.

In Loving Memory of
Blanche Lewis



September 24, 1956 - May 20, 2017

Three years have passed since that sad day, When one we loved was called away; God took her home, it was His will; Within our hearts, she liveth still.

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