

# Obituaries



**Daniel Beltran**

Daniel Beltran, 86, of Iron City, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jose Carpio and Ignacia Olivares Beltran; son, Daniel Beltran Jr.; daughter, Maria Angelita Beltran; sisters, Carmen Beltran and Francisca Arguelles; and great-grandson, Ricardo Cardina.

Daniel is survived by his loving wife, Elida Beltran; seven children, San Juana Quinones (Elias Aldridge), Ignacia Nancy (Nicolas) Trujillo, Ruben (April) Beltran, Efrain (Liliana) Beltran, Daniel Beltran, Antonio Beltran, and Narciso Beltran; 10 grandchildren;

14 great-grandchildren; three great great-grandchildren; and two siblings, Severo Beltran and Oralia Rodriguez.

Visitation was Monday, June 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a holy rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Thomae-Garza Funeral Home in San Benito, Texas.

A chapel service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16 at Thomae-Garza Funeral Home and burial followed at Mont Meta Memorial Park in San Benito, Texas.

Honored to serve as pall-

bearers were Ruben Beltran, Efrain Beltran, Diego Trujillo, Eladio Quinones Jr., Tommy J. Cabrera, and Jackson Newberry.

You may sign the on-line guestbook and send words of comfort, flowers, or sympathy cards to family of Daniel Beltran at: [www.thomaeagarza.com](http://www.thomaeagarza.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Thomae-Garza Funeral Home and Crematory, 395 S. Sam Houston Blvd., San Benito, Texas, (956) 399-1331.

**Jim Brown**  
James Edward "Jim" Brown, 76, of Bascom, Florida died at his home on June 20, 2020.

He and his wife Rebecca have lived in Bascom since 1998, but previously resided in St. Petersburg, Florida. Jim was a deputy sheriff with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department with over 29 years of decorated

service. He also served his country as both a United States Army Reserve and United States Air Force Reserve Military Policeman.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Weyman Tucker Brown and Ruth Elizabeth Brown of St. Petersburg, Florida.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Rebecca and their son, Matthew

Brown and his wife Sylvia Brown, with grandsons, Mitchell Brown, Harrison Brown and Timothy Brown. He is also survived by his brother, John Brown and his wife Brenda Brown and nieces, Randi Spinnanger and Sara Holmes.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Monday, June 28 at the Mount Olive

Baptist Church, 6045 Florida Route 2, Bascom, Florida, 32423. Dr. James Newell will officiate, accompanied by Reverend Steven Welch and Reverend John Wesley Spivey, uncle of Rebecca Brown.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until service time at Mount Olive Baptist Church.



**Gwen Hurley**

Gwen Duane Cowart Hurley, age 66, of Iron City, GA passed away Saturday morning, June 20, 2020 at Southeast Health in Dothan,

Alabama.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel of Evans-Skipper Funeral Home with Rev. James Scarborough officiating. Interment followed at Olive Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery (Rock Pond) with Tony Black, Todd Dunn, Roger Trawick, Tim Boozer, Jonathan Nichols, Wade Hornsby, and Stevie Hunter serving as active pallbearers. Visitation was held on Monday evening, June 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hurley was born on November 6, 1953 in

Colquitt, GA to Aristo and Eunice Toole Cowart. She was retired and worked as a clerk in the retail industry most recently for Iron City Convenience Store. Mrs. Hurley loved spending time with her family, especially her grandson and the many nieces and nephews. Her favorite holiday and time of the year was Christmas.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 50 years, Buster Hurley of Iron City; her children, Tracey Hurley and Temichael of Iron City, and John Hurley and wife Margie of Donalsonville, GA; her grandchildren,

John Hurley, II and Christian Hooper; two sisters, Veda Bellflower of Bainbridge, GA and Brenda Hunter and husband Ray of Iron City; one brother, Wayne Cowart and wife Brenda of Iron City; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hurley was preceded in death by her parents, Aristo and Eunice Toole Cowart; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, John A. Hurley and Grace Askew Hurley; a sister, Joanne Morris; four brothers, Jimmie Toole, Gene Cowart, Stanley Cowart, and Barry Lee Cowart.

## Notes of thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the love, comfort, support and prayers given to us during the loss of our beloved one, Syble Williams. We also want to thank Dr. Sarah Hampton, Integrity Hospice Cares, and Seminole Manor Nursing Home. We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful and caring community.

God bless you, we love you.  
Anthony, Gloria and Justin Williams

The family of Chris Harden would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love, and support shown to us during the loss of our loved one.

The many acts of kindness and sympathy were a great comfort to us at such a sad time.

God bless you.  
Kaye, Steve, and Sandra Harden and the entire family

## Residents asked to 'Answer the Call' in new COVID-19 contact tracing video

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to understand what contact tracing is, why it's important, and how they can participate in helping Georgia stop the spread of COVID-19."

Beyond explaining the contact tracing process, DPH's new video also urges residents to "Answer the Call!" When contacts of COVID-19 cases are identified, the first and fastest way that DPH can notify them of their exposure is by calling. "If you don't pick up the phone," explains Dr. Toomey, "Then we can't alert you and get you the support you need. This puts yourself and others at risk of getting sick."

To encourage participation and reduce scams, when DPH calls, the caller ID will say, "GA COVID Team." Contact tracers will provide resources and information on testing, symptom monitoring and protection for family members. Any information provided to DPH staff members is kept confidential per HIPAA, which is the law that protects an individual's personal health information. Georgia's contact tracing program does not use GPS or Bluetooth technology to track movements of residents.

Contact tracers will never ask for personal information like Social Security numbers, credit card information or citizenship status. If you suspect fraudulent activity or know of someone else who has experienced this, contact the DPH COVID-19 hotline immediately to report: 1-844-442-2681.

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



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## Financial Focus

# Work to achieve your financial independence

Over the past few months, just about everyone has felt the loss of some type of freedom, whether it's being able to travel, engage in social gatherings or participate in other activities we previously took for granted. Still, as we prepare to observe Independence Day, it's comforting to realize all the freedoms we still have in this country. And taking the right steps can also help you achieve your financial independence.

Here are some moves to consider:

- Build an emergency fund. It's a good idea to create an emergency fund consisting of three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. With this fund in place, you can avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term, unexpected costs.

- Keep your debts under control. It's not easy to do, but if you can consistently minimize your debt load, you can have more money to invest for the future and move closer toward achieving your financial liberty. One way to keep your debts down is to establish a budget and stick to it, so you can avoid unnecessary spending.

- Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans.

The more money you can save for retirement, the greater your feelings of financial independence. So it's essential that you contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered,

and every time your salary goes up, boost your annual contributions. Even if you participate in a 401(k), you're probably also still eligible to contribute to an IRA, which can help you build even more funds for retirement. And because you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment, you can broaden your portfolio mix.

- Explore long-term care coverage. One day, your financial independence could be threatened by your need for some type of long-term care. It now costs, on average, over \$100,000 for a private room in a nursing home and more than \$50,000 for the services of a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Most of these costs won't be covered by Medicare, either, so, if you want to reduce the risk of seriously depleting all your financial resources – or burdening your adult children with these heavy expenses – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. You could choose a traditional long-term care policy – which can cover a nursing home stay, home health care, or other services – or a hybrid policy, which provides long-term care coverage plus a death benefit.

- Manage withdrawals carefully. Once you retire, your financial freedom will depend a great deal on how skillful you are in managing the money in your retirement accounts. Specifically, you need to be careful about how much you withdraw from these accounts each year. If you set a withdrawal rate that's too high in your early years of retirement, you might eventually risk outliving your resources. So, set a withdrawal rate that reflects your age, assets, retirement lifestyle and other factors. You may want to consult with a financial professional to establish an appropriate rate.

As you can see, working toward your financial independence is a lifelong activity – but it's worth the effort.

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