

Obituaries



Patti Jo Bowen

Patti Jo Bowen, 71, of Donalsonville, Georgia, formerly of Bainbridge, Georgia, passed away Friday, September 4, 2020.

The funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8 at Ivey Funeral

Home Chapel with Rev. Stanley Phillips officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Memory Gardens with Bryan Hall, Derek Hall, David Hill, Bailey Hill, Brock Hill, and Chase Hall serving as active pallbearers. Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, those attending were asked to maintain the recommended safe social distancing of six feet and/or wear protective masks in accordance with the State of Georgia guidelines.

Online visitors may sign the register at www.iveyfuneral.com. Memorial donations may be made to Bainbridge-Decatur County Humane Society, 1250 Cox Avenue, Bainbridge, GA 39819.

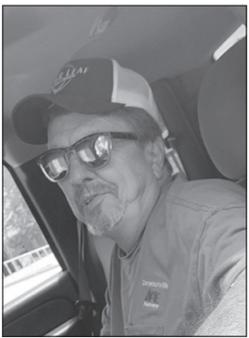
Patti Jo Albritton was born June 21, 1949 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the daughter of John and Margie Hathaway Albritton. She was a graduate of Bainbridge High School and worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Kikel in the Colquitt office. Patti was a member of Southwest Baptist Church.

Known to be full of life, Patti had a gift for making others smile. She knew early on laughter is the best medicine and gave her best effort making others giggle. Her friends, her children and her children's friends can testify Patti was one-of-a-kind. She enjoyed dancing and made sure her grandchildren learned from the best. While

her fur babies (Bella, Stella and Ramsey) were her loyal companions, nothing could compare to the love for her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Shannon and Nicklee Wilkinson of Bainbridge, Sasha and Stephen Gainous of Thomasville, GA, and Jason and Molly Bowen, also of Bainbridge; her siblings, Barbara and Vance Hall of Bainbridge, and Leon Bass of Maryland; and her grandchildren, Emmee, Evan, El-laree, Madeline, MaKenna, Drew, Dalton, Jakson, and Ramsey.

In addition to her parents, Patti was preceded in death by her daughter, Andrea Nikole Wilkinson.



Bradley Ladon Burke

Bradley Ladon Burke, age 57, of Donalsonville, Georgia, passed away Friday morning, September 4, 2020

at his residence.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the chapel of Evans-Skipper Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were William Hatcher, Doug Lane, Hank Pumphrey, Will Cunningham, Thomas Vines, Ben Cunningham, and Jordan Harris. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Flowers accepted or memorial contributions may be made to Integrity Cares, 303 East Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, GA 39817.

Mr. Burke was born in Donalsonville on January 5, 1963 to Ladon and Linda Broxton Burke. He was a truck driver and drove for Ranger Transportation and Cloverleaf Gin. Mr. Burke enjoyed being a Boy Scout leader for many years and enjoyed his years coaching baseball and softball with the Seminole County Recreation Dept. Fishing was also an enjoyable pastime for him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Angie Burke of Donalsonville; his mother, Linda Burke of Iron City, GA; his father-in-law

and mother-in-law, Willard and Betty Mims of Donalsonville; his children, Justin Burke and Carlee Burke, both of Donalsonville; his granddaughter, Nicole Grace; his sister, Lola Givens and her husband, Allen of Donalsonville; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Burke was preceded in death by his father, Ladon Burke and his sister, Bridgette Powell.

The family is receiving friends at the Mims Barn located at 7019 Ned Alday/River Road, Donalsonville, Georgia.



Murry L. "Buddy" Hornsby

Murry Lanier (Buddy) Hornsby, 91, passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020, at his home in Bainbridge surrounded by his family after a lengthy illness.

He was born on June 7, 1929, to Maurice and Mildred Arnett Hornsby at their home near Iron City, Georgia. As their oldest son, Buddy learned the value of hard work on the family farm at an early age, which he carried throughout his life. He graduated from Seminole County High School in 1946. He learned to farm and acquired trade skills helping his father build and repair houses for family and friends.

Buddy married Maxie Pollock Hornsby in 1948 and they made their first home in Miller County. They later moved to Bainbridge where Buddy worked with Southern Airways and Cliett Hardware Company. He opened his own Heating and Air Conditioning and electrical business in Bainbridge and installed and serviced most of the central air systems in new construction throughout the 1960s.

When the new Vo-Tech division was built at Bain-

bridge High School in 1973, Buddy was hired to teach Decatur County's first electrical training program. He enrolled in his first college courses at Georgia Southern University, the University of Georgia, and Valdosta State College to meet the required courses to become a Vo-Tech teacher. He was proud to teach his students work ethics and trade skills for their own successful careers.

As a skilled electrician, Buddy was hired by Miller Brewing Company in Albany in 1979 as a maintenance electrician. He won many awards for his innovative ideas and won "Quip of the Year" in 1984 for his cost-saving ideas. After his "first" retirement in 1993, he continued working for himself, raising cattle, growing pine trees, and building and remodeling houses. He retired at age 81 as a part-time building inspector for both the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County.

Buddy used his God-given talents to serve his Lord at First Baptist Church, Bainbridge where he was a member of the Baraca Sunday School class since 1952. He sang in the Chancel Choir for 30 years. He was honored to volunteer as Project Manager for the 2001 Renovation of the First Baptist Church sanctuary. He also was the building manager for several Habitat for Humanity houses in Decatur County.

Although Buddy's idea of recreation was usually a work project, he also enjoyed spending time with his family. He was proud to watch his grandchildren, Sabrina, Drew, and Wade, grow and become responsible adults.

After his wife, Maxie, passed away in 1986, Buddy married Betty Jean Taylor and enjoyed traveling throughout the United States in his motor home. He cherished the cross-country trips he made with Maxie before her death.

Buddy was a 50-year member and past Worshipful Master of the Orion Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Mounted Patrol on the Hasan Shrine Temple and always enjoyed riding his beloved horse, Chester Adams, in parades.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his daughters, Linda Hornsby Benford (Ron) of Jacksonville, Judi Hornsby Nichols (Bill) of Bainbridge, and Jan Hornsby Godwin of Attapulugus; his grandchildren, Sabrina Nichols, Drew Godwin (Mandi), and Wade Godwin (Kaylee); his great-grandchildren, Tyler Nichols, Ada Lanier Godwin, Luke Scott, and Asher Scott; his step-sons, Craig Holt and Rodney Holt of Sarasota, and

his brother, Larry Hornsby of Iron City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxie; his parents; his sisters, Marjorie Spooner, Carolyn Bridges, and Faye Whittaker; and his brothers, Ray Hornsby and Phillip Hornsby.

A graveside funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9 at Oak City Cemetery with Rev. Chris Humphries officiating. Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, those attending were asked to maintain the recommended safe social distancing of six feet and/or wear protective masks in accordance with the State of Georgia guidelines.

Online visitors may sign the guest register at www.iveyfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 155, Bainbridge, GA 39818 for the media ministry and property fund, or to your favorite charity.

Financial Focus

Reasons why Medicare should be part of your retirement strategy

The premiums and coverages vary, and you must realize the differences

Medicare takes a little time to understand. As you approach age 65, familiarize yourself with its coverage options, costs, and limitations.

Certain features of Medicare can affect health care costs and coverage. Some retirees may do okay with original Medicare (Parts A and B), others might find it lacking and decide to supplement original Medicare with Part C, Part D, or Medigap coverage. In some cases,

that may mean paying more for health care than you initially figured.

How much do Medicare Part A and Part B cost, and what do they cover? Part A is usually provided with no charge; Part B is not. Part A is hospital insurance and covers up to 100 days of hospital care, home health care, nursing home care, and hospice care.



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Part B covers doctor visits, outpatient procedures, and lab work. You pay for Part B with monthly premiums, and your Part B premium is based on your income.¹

It's best to prepare for the copays and deductibles linked to original Medicare. In addition, original Medicare does not cover dental, vision, or hearing care, nor prescription medicines or health care services outside the U.S. It pays for no more than 100 consecutive days of skilled nursing home care. These out-of-pocket costs may lead you to look for supplemental Medicare coverage as a way of paying or extended care.¹

Medigap policies help Medicare recipients with some of these copays and deductibles. Sold by private companies, these health care policies can pay a share of certain out-of-pocket medical costs (i.e., costs greater than what original Medicare covers for you). You must have original Medicare coverage in place to purchase one. The Medigap policies being sold today do not offer prescription drug coverage.²

Part D plans cover some (but certainly, not all) prescription drug expenses. Monthly premiums are averaging \$32.74 this year for these standalone plans, which are offered by private insurers. Part D plans currently have yearly deductibles of less than \$500.^{3,4}

Creating a Medicare strategy is integral to your retirement preparation. Should you try original Medicare for a while? Should you enroll in a Part C HMO with the goal of managing your overall out-of-pocket health care expenses? There is also the matter of eldercare and the potential need for interim coverage if you retire prior to 65. Discuss your concerns about Medicare in your next conversation with your financial professional.

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