

Obituaries

Allee Bufford Florence

Mrs. Allee Bufford Florence entered into rest on Monday, May 10, 2021 at Brighton Gardens of Buckhead.

Services were held at the Rees Funeral Home in Lincolnton at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 14, with Rev. Donald Walton officiating.

She was interred at the Rehoboth Baptist Church Cemetery in Washington, Georgia beside her beloved husband Sanders. Allee Lizzie Bufford Florence was a caring and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend and member of The Clairmont Presbyterian Church. She peacefully left this world on May 10, 2021, at the age of 95 in Brookhaven, Georgia. Allee was born to William Peyton Bufford and Mary Jane Flint Bufford on November 13, 1925 in Lincolnton, Georgia. She was especially proud of her older Brother Buddy.

After high school she found work during the War Years in Brunswick, Ga. where she made many friends and admirers. Later she married Walter Sanders Florence of Lincolnton, Georgia. They were happily married for many, many years, and had one daughter, Sandra Jane, who, with her grand-dogs Peyton and Lucy, survive Allee.

Allee loved cooking, crocheting, sewing, and participating in Clairmont Pres. and Atlanta Lions Club activities and events. She was a great storyteller who was a priceless window into life in the Depression and War Era Rural South. She



ALLEE BUFFORD FLORENCE

was very active, working nonstop her entire life starting as a young girl picking cotton on the Family Farm lasting through her late 80s and final job at the Brookhaven Kroger where for over 17 years she greeted, cut cakes, and served deli items to her innumerable customers whom she cherished. Allee will be missed terribly.

You may sign the family's online guestbook at: www.reesfuneralhome.net.

If you were unable to attend, you can view the service live or thereafter at your convenience at www.reesfuneralhome.net (go to Facebook on bottom of page & click video).

Rees Funeral Home, was in charge of the arrangements for the Florence family.

Jean Hahn Gale

Mrs. Jean Hahn Gale, 90, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia.

A celebration of life service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, at Lincolnton United Methodist Church with Dr. Randy Kanipe officiating. The family received friends in the church social hall from 10 a.m. until the hour of service.

Mrs. Gale was the daughter of the late John Martin Hahn and Daisy Elizabeth Hahn of Palmerton, Pennsylvania. She was a member of Lincolnton United Methodist Church and was church pianist for many years. Mrs. Gale taught many of her students piano in the McCormick and Lincolnton area, was the pianist at Petra Health Care, and substitute teacher and volunteer at Lincolnton County Elementary School Applebin.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Lee McCrary of Lincolnton; son, David Eugene Harvey and wife, Sandra of Boca Raton, Florida; four grandchildren, Jeanna Barnes and husband, Zachary, Christina Whiteley and husband, Nick, Julia Harvey, and Elizabeth Flynn and husband,



JEAN HAHN GALE

Tom; and two great-grandchildren, Jude Flynn and Gabrielle Flynn.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 836 Reynolds St., Augusta, GA 30901.

You may sign the family's online guestbook at: www.reesfuneralhome.net.

Rees Funeral Home, 195 N Peachtree St., Lincolnton, was in care of the arrangements for the Gale family.

Norma Joyce Steed Wilke

God received a beautiful, talented and loving artist on May 6, 2021, when Norma Joyce entered the gates of Heaven.

Memorial services were held at Seaside Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday May 12, 2021 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Norma lived in Corpus Christi, Texas. Tennis was one of her loves and she was very active as a player and later as an official during tournaments. She always found time to paint and in addition to her family, her legacy includes the many beautiful paintings she leaves.

Generous with her time and money, Norma contributed

both to Tennis Success and other community service organizations. Her large group of friends includes her "Mexican Train," Bunco and Rummy Cube players, as well as the many friends who traveled with her to Europe, Las Vegas and other fun places.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Beck and Norma Wolfe Steed.

Left to treasure her memories are her sons, Donald Wilke, Jr. of Corpus Christi and David Wilke of Iowa; her grandson, Brian Wilke; her brother, Mark (Susan) of Bradenton, Florida; and numerous nephews and Steed cousins.



Lincoln County Elementary School Breakfast Menu

Mon., May 24 - Fri., May 28

- Monday - Cereal bar, cheese stick, fruit.
- Tuesday - Chicken biscuit, fruit.
- Wednesday - French toast sticks, fruit.
- Thursday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.
- Friday - Poptart, Elf Grahams, fruit.

All breakfast menus include choice of milk, fruit juice and toast. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Lincoln County Middle/High School Breakfast Menu

Mon., May 24 - Fri., May 28

- Monday - Mini donuts, fruit.
- Tuesday - Chicken biscuit, fruit.
- Wednesday - Strawberry yogurt parfait, fruit.
- Thursday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.
- Friday - Fruit frudel, fruit.

All breakfast menus include choice of milk, fruit juice and toast. Menus subject to change due to availability.



Lincoln County Elementary School Lunch Menu

Mon., May 24 - Fri., May 28

- Monday - Chicken Alfredo w/ breadstick or pizza, Italian salad, green peas, raw veggies w/dip, fruit.
- Tuesday - Beef tacos w/ cheese & salsa or grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, buttered corn, Mexican rice, fruit assortment.
- Wednesday - Turkey & gravy w/roll or pizza, mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, green beans, fruit.
- Thursday - BBQ pork sliders or pizza, oven fries, creamy coleslaw, baked beans, applesauce.
- Friday - Field Day Sack Lunch

All meals include a choice of milk, 100% fruit juice. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Lincoln County Middle/High School Lunch Menu

Mon., May 24 - Fri., May 28

- Monday - Chicken Alfredo w/ breadstick or pizza, Italian salad, green peas, raw veggies w/dip, fruit.
- Tuesday - Beef tacos w/ cheese & salsa or grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, buttered corn, Mexican rice, fruit assortment.
- Wednesday - Turkey & gravy w/roll or pizza, mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, green beans, fruit.
- Thursday - BBQ pork sliders or pizza, oven fries, seasoned corn, baked beans, applesauce.
- Friday - Chicken tenders w/ roll or PBJ, macaroni & cheese, steamed broccoli, baby carrots w/ dip, fruit.

All meals include a choice of milk and chef salads offered daily. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Across The Savannah

Every State Needs a John Mulhouse

By TOM POLAND
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Every state needs someone to record what it's lost. Every state needs a John Mulhouse. I've never met John but we're in touch and we share much—the beauty of abandonment, UGA grads with Augusta, Georgia, connections, and Carolina bays.

John's Abandoned New Mexico: Ghost Towns, Endangered Architecture, and Hidden History makes for good reading. What we think will last forever surrenders to abandonment. It's just a matter of time.

I discovered John through his "City of Dust" blog dedicated to photo-documentation of the derelict historic buildings and abandoned places along the Georgia-South Carolina border. Following a move to New Mexico in 2009, City of Dust began to explore the history of entire towns, rural places often forgotten by all but those who still live there and love them. Largely using film and a New Mexico Atlas & Gazetteer, John has collected thousands of images of the state's past as seen from the present. He remains a hunter of ghost towns, empty houses, endless ribbons of asphalt, and more.

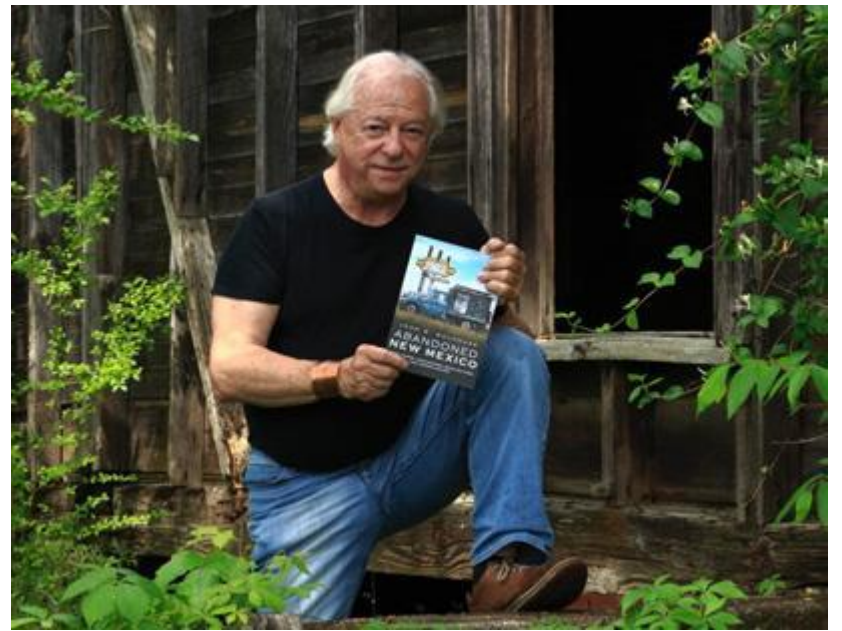
Like I said, every state needs a John Mulhouse. Let's hitch a ride with John and head out west for some beautiful abandonment.

On Highway 60 we see the ruins of Spurs Saloon. In Lake Valley we see an abandoned safe missing its door in the desert where the Bridal Chamber Mine produced 2.5 million ounces of silver. Here a miner discovered a cave of solid silver chloride 26 feet wide and 12 feet high. The miner failed to realize what he had discovered and sold the claim for a few thousand dollars. "The ore was so rich it didn't need to be smelted. A flame could melt silver right off the ceiling."

Get your kicks on Route 66 in Cuervo, a Mother Road ghost town I-40 killed off. John writes: "Pulling into desolate (mostly) deserted Cuervo is like driving into the apocalypse, if the apocalypse happened in 1920. Just forget about the semis whizzing by, and there are only old cars and older houses, piles of clothes, and newspapers from decades ago, everything in that hauntingly arrested state that all aficionados of the lost desire."

You'll enjoy John's photographs. Whether color or black and white they possess a haunting quality. The First Presbyterian Church of Taiban stands iconic on the plains beneath a swirling desert sky of pink, blue, yellow, and gray clouds. Makes me think of that line from the Eagles' "Peaceful Easy Feeling."

A soft-cover book, it runs 160



Poland with his copy of Abandoned New Mexico by John Mulhouse. (Photo by Tom Poland).

pages long with 150 photographs. If you crave to see the Old West up close and personal, you'll like John's book. Ambushes, shootings, silver mines, saloons, and more will slake your thirst. Be sure to read about the St. James Hotel in Cimarron, which is still open. It's considered one of the more haunted hotels in the country and it should be. Twenty-six people were killed in its saloon alone. "Everyone from Buffalo Bill to Clay Allison to Zane Grey

spent the night there." Maybe. John points out that a lot of claims you hear out West aren't entirely true.

In John's book three sentences resonate with me and they apply to abandonment in any state. "Every place I had photographed seemed to hold a surprise. I found the pairings of these abandonments with their forgotten tales transformative. The process made me feel hopeful."

"Hopeful" is the word. We're still here, for now, but abandonment, sooner or later, will catch up with us. For now you can step into John's shoes. Get signed copies of his book directly or check your favorite bookseller. Find John's provocative blog, City of Dust, of which John writes, "The lost and wondrous wreckage of America. The ceaseless road to nowhere, yeah, that's my home." It's mine too.



Book cover courtesy of John Mulhouse.

Planning, zoning meetings

The City of Lincolnton Planning & Zoning Board meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows: May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 28. These meetings will be held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. each month if there is an agenda.

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