

Obituaries

Betty Rhodes Reese

Mrs. Betty Rhodes Reese, 91, of S. Jefferson St., Washington, Georgia, entered into rest on Friday, July 30, 2021, at her residence.

Funeral services were held on at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 1, at First Baptist Church. Interment followed at Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Reese, daughter of the late Albert and Lunelle Beard Rhodes, was born on August 26, 1929, in the Beulah Community. She grew up there and joined Beulah Baptist Church at an early age. She attended school in Tignall, where she lettered in basketball, sang in the quartet, and later graduated from Tignall High School. A few years later, she married Charles Walton Reese on May 20, 1950. Shortly thereafter, Charles began a career with the FBI, and they moved to Washington, DC. It was not long before they moved back to Washington, and made their home.

When her children were younger, she was a stay at home mother. Through the years following, she was employed by Almar Manufacturing and later owned Smokehouse Restaurant and The Reese House, the catering business for which she was well known. Her homemade yeast rolls were a household name in the area and were always in high demand. She was always very active in various organizations in the community. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She catered all of the Lions Club meetings for both Washington and Lincolnton for many years. She was a devoted member of First Baptist Church, involved in the WMU and the Frances Wheelless Sunday School Class, served as Church Hostess where she helped prepare the Wednesday night meals.

Her "library" of over 300 cookbooks in her home is a testament to her love for cooking.

Her husband, Charles Walton Reese, and siblings, John Thomas "Bubba" Rhodes, Sarah Frances Henderson, Robert Sanders "Bo" Rhodes, Albert Stephens "Dunnie" Rhodes, and Mary Patricia "Pat" Mack preceded her in death.

She is survived by her siblings, Barbara Ann Oakley, Charles Edward Rhodes (Edna), William Joseph Rhodes; her son, Michael William Reese (Pam); her daughter, Cindy Reese Biting (Staten); her grandchildren, Michael William Reese, Jr. (Brittany), Robert Johnstone Reese (Paige), Mary Elizabeth "Libby"



BETTY RHODES REESE

Watkins (Thomas), Neil Staten Biting, III, and Joseph Desmond Reese; and her great-grandchildren, Michael William Reese, III, Charles Walter Reese, and Thomas Joseph Watkins, III.

Special thanks to the loving caregivers, Polly Lewis, Betty Hulin, Evelyn Smith, and Martha Huff.

Pallbearers were Charles Creighton Henderson, John Thomas Mack, Randall William Rhodes, William Jasper Johnson, Randy Gatlin, Robert Sanders Rhodes, Jr., Derrick Stephens Rhodes, Jeffrey Todd Tyler, and Gregory Dodd Tyler. Honorary Pallbearers were William Johnson Hopkins, Charles Eugene Pollock, Jr., Edward Barnett Pope, Jr., Ernest Emory Rowland, William Cleveland Bentley, Charles Douglas Rhodes, James Caddell, Richard Olen Gammon, Thomas Daniel Beard, Jr., Gary Allen Hopkins, and Michael Gordon Sherrer.

Preferences for memorials would be donations to Beulah Baptist Church, Tignall Baptist Church, or First Baptist Church of Washington, Ga.

Beggs Funeral Home, 200 May Ave., Lincolnton was honored to serve the family of Mrs. Betty Rhodes Reese.

Aycock benefit fund

A benefit fund has been set up at Farmers State Bank for Laney Aycock to help with medical and other expenses as she battles Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Laney is a lifelong resident of Lincoln County, is employed by Lincoln County OES and Gold Cross Ambulance Service as an EMT.

Donations can be made at Farmers State Bank or mailed PO Box 99, Lincolnton, GA 30817.

Devos to speak

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provoking Christian historical novels and speaking to church, veteran, and social groups. His four previous works, The Stain, a book about the Centurion at the Cross; The Chaplain's Cross, a story about a World War II air battle in the Pacific; Revenge at Kings Mountain, about one of our most significant Revolutionary War battles; and Family of Warriors, a story of five brothers who served in five different locations in World War II; are about strong men who demonstrate integrity and honor; courage and valor. Each of these books is available in local and national outlets.

Program Manager Gary Edwards commented, "Ed DeVos is a wonderful speaker; our members really enjoy hearing from him and thus we keep inviting him back; he last spoke to us in April 2019. It will be a great talk; you won't want to miss it!"

The "History in the Park" talks are held at the Lincoln County Historical Park, 147 Lumber Street, Lincolnton, GA on the first Thursday of the month from April through November. Desserts, water, coffee and tea will be served after the presentation, allowing plenty of time to speak individually with the speaker. There is no admission fee, however the Lincoln County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are gladly accepted. For questions, contact Don Thomas, President, at dpdastro@aol.com or Program Director Edwards at (757) 831-9556.



Lincoln County School System Breakfast Menu

- Mon., Aug. 9 - Fri., Aug. 13
- Monday - Fruit frudel, fruit.
- Tuesday - Chicken biscuit, fruit.
- Wednesday - Waffles, fruit.
- Thursday - Steak biscuit, fruit.
- Friday - Sausage biscuit, fruit.

All breakfast menus include choice of milk or 100% fruit juice. Entrée option: cereal bowl or cereal bar with graham crackers. Menus subject to change due to availability.



Lincoln County Elementary School Lunch Menu

- Mon., Aug. 9 - Fri., Aug. 13
- Monday - Corndog, tater tots, baked beans, creamy coleslaw, sidekicks frozen fruit cup.
- Tuesday - Taco Tuesday, lettuce/tomato/cheese, black bean fiesta, seasoned carrots, fresh apple wedges.
- Wednesday - Asian chicken, fried rice w/veggies, romaine garden salad, hot rolls, fresh fruit.
- Thursday - BBQ on bun, devil fries, seasoned corn, tossed salad, fruit.
- Friday - Chicken strips, Texas toast, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach crisp.

All meals include a choice of milk and 100% fruit juice. Alternative entrée choice: pizza or peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Lincoln County Middle/High School Lunch Menu

- Mon., Aug. 9 - Fri., Aug. 13
- Monday - Corndog, tater tots, baked beans, creamy coleslaw, sidekicks frozen fruit cup.
- Tuesday - Taco Tuesday, lettuce/tomato/cheese, black bean fiesta, seasoned carrots, fresh apple wedges.
- Wednesday - Asian chicken, fried rice w/veggies, romaine garden salad, hot rolls, fresh fruit.
- Thursday - BBQ on bun, devil fries, seasoned corn, tossed salad, fruit.
- Friday - Chicken strips, Texas toast, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach crisp.

All meals include a choice of milk, 100% fruit juice and other fruit choices are offered daily. Alternative entrée choice: pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, or chef salad. Menus subject to change due to availability.

Across The Savannah

For the Birds

By TOM POLAND
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Mom didn't have an aviary but she had not one but two "singing bird clocks," which tormented me twice a year with infernal daylight savings' coming and going. (Photo by Tom Poland).

This makes the second time I've used "For The Birds" as a title. "Contacting the dead through a Ouija board? That's for the birds."

No flippancy here. "For the birds" implies just what I mean. I suspect many of you, like me, do things for the birds. I'm zeroing in on bird feeders and not just feeders as you'll see.

Among my morning rituals are making coffee and checking the status of my bird feeders. As the feeder empties, guilt rises. I can't let birds go without their Choice blend of Wild Bird Unlimited seeds. To get home from a trip and see an empty feeder is a minor disaster. Same goes for my hummingbird feeders, which squirrels delight in tipping over and drinking. I'd put moonshine in them if the hummers would stay away. I'd love to see a squirrel staggering around, playing chicken with a car. If nothing else, the hangover might teach the tree rats a lesson.

I inherited my bird-feeding ways from my mom. She was all about birds and kept her feeders full. You'd hear birds singing outside her window and inside her home. She didn't have an aviary but she had not one but two "singing bird clocks," which tormented me twice a year with infernal daylight savings' coming and going. Nothing galled her more than hearing the Carolina wren screech like a blue jay or a cardinal chattering like a chickadee. Twice a year Old Sol's journey made time fly like Mom's birds and I'd mark the calendar knowing a trip to Georgia was imminent.

Resetting her clocks was no simple task. I'd take the old batteries out, whirl the hands around a few times then set the clock to

11:50. Next I'd put fresh batteries in and set the clock to the correct time. Now came the waiting. I had to wait and depending on the time, I'd pray that the mockingbird sang, well, like a mockingbird. If it didn't I had to repeat the requisite steps. This ritual went on for many years but for six years now those clocks have been put away. That's how long Mom's been gone but I recall the ritual as if it were yesterday.

It's a warm spring day, 4:50 p.m. Outside the window birds flock to mom's copper shelter of a feeder. Her red hummingbird feeder, hanging just outside the den window, buzzes and squeaks with six or so of those multicolored, feathery darts from South America.

Inside tension fills the air. Mom is sitting with me waiting for the tufted titmouse to whistle like some fellow calling in his dog. Five till five Three to five One minute to go. Studying my watch's second hand, I count down like some NASA mission controller narrating

a rocket launch to the moon. Three, two, one. I hear a click and praise the Lord the tufted titmouse whistles its sharp distinctive call. Success!

My days of resetting bird clocks are over, but one more time sure would be nice. Meanwhile my feeder is getting dangerously low. It'll soon be time to buy more seed.

And the first time I used "For The Birds" as a title? In State of the Heart, Aida Rogers's book. The subtitle explained that the book was sharing South Carolina writers' favorite places. I wrote about Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge and nesting shorebirds where "its feathery alchemy transforms sand scrapes into the seashore's grand aviary."

Mom fed birds once upon a time and her home sounded like some lesser aviary thanks to her time-keeping bird-singing clocks. Now one is mine. Mothballed, but maybe just maybe I'll give it to someone who likes to do things for the birds.

Baseball's Best Favorite Braves memories

By LAMAR GARRARD
Baseball historian



"The main thing I wanted was to manage." Bobby Cox, Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame manager.

The Atlanta Braves have a storied history that includes the old Boston Braves, then the Milwaukee Braves and now since 1966 the current Peach State, Atlanta team.

Fans many years before I was born, were stunned and excited to see the Braves of Boston sweep the Philadelphia Athletics in 4 games in 1914 to become World Champions. Connie Mack's A's had won the last 2 out of three series, capturing the 1911 and 1913 games. Augusta native and Richmond Academy graduate George Stallings managed the unlikely underdog Beaneaters as they were known, to a clean four games to none over the challengers from the city of brotherly love. Stallings became known as the "miracle man" because his team went from last

Play runs Aug. 12-15

The Washington Little Theater presents, The Sweet Deliah Swim Club, formerly The Dixie Swim Club, Aug. 12-15, at 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Fri., and Sat., and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, at Bolton Luncford Playhouse, 313 N. Alexander Ave., Washington. Cost is \$17 adults, \$8.50 children. Purchase tickets online at washingtonlittletheater.org.

Music, art, poetry show

An "Electric Women & Eccentric Men," music, poetry and group art show, is being planned at American Legion Post 194, with a date to be determined.

Performers and artists in any media, as well as wordsmiths in any discipline of spoken word, are welcome to present their ideas and artwork representations to the American Legion selection committee for consideration.

Acrylics, oil, mixed media, fabric drawings, photography, digital media, quilting, fabric and wearable art are welcomed. Other than the important requirement that all art and performances must be deemed suitable for public presentation, there is no size or media restrictions.

For more information contact Al Ewing, Legion Adjutant, call (877) 219-3337.

place in July to the championship in the fall classic.

The 1957 Milwaukee Braves featured a hall of fame lineup when Lew Burdette the Milwaukee hurler won 3 games as the Wisconsin team squeaked by the Yankees in 7 games. That Braves team had a stellar lineup consisting of names like Aaron, Logan, Mathews, Packo, Thomson, Covington, Bruton, Conley, Ernie Johnson, Juan Pizarro, and the amazing Warren Spahn. Milwaukee was a great baseball town, but the fan support was not enough to satisfy the owners seeking bigger gates and more fans, so they moved to Atlanta in '66.

Who could forget the love affair the City of Atlanta and the state of Georgia had with its first-year major league team in 1966? Even though they finished 5th in the National League, over a million and a half Braves faithful filled the old Fulton County Stadium and relished in the idea that Atlanta had now reached the big leagues. The team featured pitchers, O'Dell, Phil Niekro, Clay Carrol, Ron Reed, Denny Lemaster and others. Backed up in the field were stars like Joe Torre, Rico Carty, Hank Aaron, Eddie Mathews, Denis Menke, Woody Woodward and Mack Jones. What a thrill it was to see the Braves first game in Atlanta as my wife and I sat in the upper deck and needed binoculars to see the action!

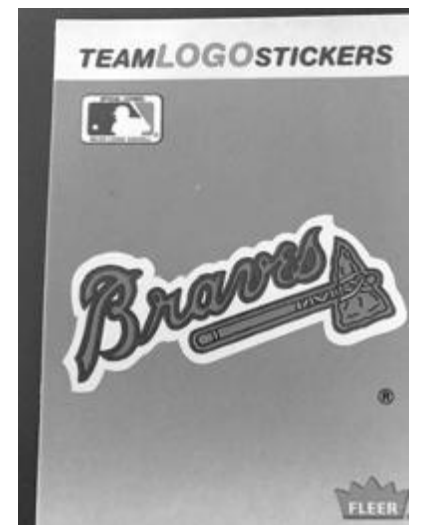
Chief Noc-A-Homa, team mascot, resided in his tepee in left field and he would dance and ignite smoke bombs when the Braves scored or hit a home run. Levi Walker was a real American Indian and was a member of the Odawa tribe. He was a fan favorite. 53,000 on lookers witnessed

Sunday services

Blessed Hope Bible Baptist meets at the Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for prayer meeting. Come join us. For more information call 706-359-6759.

Contributions needed

The Lincoln County Food Pantry welcomes contributions. Your donations are tax deductible. You may mail your contributions to: The Lincoln County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 473, Lincolnton, GA 30817.



Fleer Braves logo card. (Photo by Lamar Garrard)

Hank Aaron's historic 715th home run at Fulton County on the night of April 8, 1974, off Dodger pitcher Al Downing which broke Babe Ruth's record. Braves radio announcer, Milo Hamilton let the whole world know that there was a new home run champion. I have a friend who insists that he was there that night along with another million folks who claim to have seen the game in person. Tom House, Atlanta pitcher in the bullpen retrieved the ball for Aaron and the Braves defeated the Dodgers 7 to 4. You can see this ball at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Next week we will take a look at some of the more recent favorite Brave memories.

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