

Obituaries



Ottie Mae Cross
Ottie Mae Weaver Cross, age 90, of Donalsonville, Georgia, passed away

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at her residence.

Graveside services were held on January 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Rollin Rathel officiating. Serving as pallbearers were Mahammad Mohseni, PhD, Ben Cross, Dawson Cross, Chet Simmons, Nathan Wiley and Patrick Williamson. Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, it was asked that masks be worn and safe social distancing be practiced.

Mrs. Cross was born on March 2, 1931, in Miller County, Georgia to Smiley Weaver and Emma Josephine Miller Weaver. She was a homemaker and enjoyed being with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to church and reading her Bible.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her children, Gail Hinz of Donalsonville, Diane Mohseni, PhD, and her husband Mahammad, PhD of Charleston, SC, Bil-

ly "Buddy" Cross of Donalsonville, and Kenneth Cross of Donalsonville; her sister, Nellie Weaver Williams of Colquitt, GA. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Mrs. Cross was preceded in death by her parents, Smiley Weaver and Emma Josephine Miller Weaver; her husband, Ralph Cross; her brothers, Ellie Weaver and Edgar Weaver.

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Joseph Edward "Joe" Ridlehoover
Joseph Edward "Joe" Ridlehoover, age 78, of Donalsonville, Georgia,

passed away Monday, January 10, 2022 at his residence.

Funeral services for Mr. Ridlehoover were held on Wednesday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Evans-Skipper Funeral Home with Rev. Andy Merritt and Rev. Anthony Glover officiating. Interment followed in Hebrew Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Ridlehoover was born in Donalsonville on

March 19, 1943 to Herbert and Susie Virginia Atkinson Ridlehoover. He was a graduate of Seminole County High School and was retired from Agri-Afc. Mr. Ridlehoover had worked as a fertilizer plant operator for many years. He was a member of Hebrew Freewill Baptist Church and loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Spending time with family was high atop Mr. Ridlehoover's list of things he loved to do and his grandchild was at the tip top of the list.

He leaves to cherish his

memory his wife, Lucia Ann Ridlehoover of Donalsonville; his children, Jody Ridlehoover and wife Jill of Douglas, GA and Coleta Ridlehoover of Albany, GA; his grandchildren, Avery and Joey; his sisters, Sandra Ausley of Iron City, GA and Linda Adams of Donalsonville; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Ridlehoover was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Virginia Atkinson Ridlehoover.

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Compassionate Friends group to meet Jan. 13

Compassionate Friends of Southwest Georgia, an organization made up of members who have lost children, offers friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved families that have experienced the death of a child. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m., at 224 South West Street in Bainbridge.

For additional information contact June Faircloth at 229-416-6134.

Faircloth commented, "If one mother or father is helped by what we do, it's all worth it. We have all been through the struggles and are just a group of individuals trying to help others in the community. Come join us!"

One-day vaccine drive returns MLK weekend

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sponse Agency, a medical mobile unit arm of the Georgia Department of Public Health, traveling to rural and hard-to-reach areas of the state to get people vaccinated.

Unlike last time, the mobile unit team will be equipped this time to administer shots in the arms of eligible children (ages five to 11) with either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. And, just like before, while the vaccine drive targets a specific group of residents, it is open to anybody eligible to be vaccinated regardless of color. No appointment is necessary, although you will have to pre-register on-site at the church annex of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. It's highly recommended that you bring your proof of vaccination card if you've already been vaccinated to register. If

you're being vaccinated for the first time then a vaccination card will be provided.

Fudge, working with Moses James who is the Chairman of Deacon Ministries for Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, has a continuing goal - using the community power of local black churches in Southwest Georgia - to bring the vaccines directly to the neighborhoods disproportionately affected by COVID-19 which James echoes is very important to make the vaccines readily available particularly for many mostly young black residents still reluctant to get the shot.

"It can also help dispel some of the misinformation (about COVID) going on within our community", stresses James.

Nominations now open for the 2021

Seminole County Citizen of the Year award

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or emailed to kadie.chamberofcommerce@gmail.com. For more information contact Sara Avery at the chamber by calling 229-524-2588.

No award was given in 2020 and the previous twelve recip-

ients of the Citizen of the Year Award include: 2019 Billy Williams, 2018 Cindy Meadows and Andrew Warner, 2017 Chris Thomas, 2016 Mitch Royals, 2015 David Maxwell, 2014 Jim Anderson, 2013 Wayne Coachman, 2012 Marsha Bond, 2011 Virginia Harrison, 2010 Bo McLeod and 2009 Greg Mims.

Support the annual upkeep of your local cemeteries

Cedar Springs Cemetery

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

Corinth FWB Church Cemetery

Due to the need for year round care of the cemetery, the funds for cemetery maintenance are low and donations are needed now. Anyone with cemetery lots or those who have friends or family buried at Corinth Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery may send a contribution for the upkeep of the cemetery to: Corinth Church; Att.: Herbert Golden, P.O. Box 447, Iron City, Georgia 39859. If you have questions or need more information, please call 254-9893.

Friendship Cemetery

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

New Enterprise FWB Church Cemetery

Anyone wishing to make a donation for upkeep of the cemetery at New Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church may mail it to Pat Williams, 6175 Three Notch Road, Iron

City, GA 39859. Please make donation checks payable to New Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery.

Olive Grove Cemetery

If one would like to make a donation to Olive Grove Primitive Baptist Church (Rock Pond) Cemetery, one can do so by mailing a check to: Olive Grove Church, c/o Brenda Hunter, 5924 John Emory Trawick Road, Iron City, Georgia 39859. Contributions can also be deposited directly into the church's banking account at the First State Bank of Donalsonville.

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Financial Focus

Wise decisions with retirement in mind

Certain financial and lifestyle choices may lead you toward a better future

Some retirees succeed at realizing the life they want; others don't. Fate aside, it isn't merely a matter of investment decisions that makes the difference. There are certain dos and don'ts - some less apparent than others - that tend to encourage retirement happiness and comfort.

Retire financially literate. Some retirees don't know how much they don't know. They end their careers with inadequate financial knowledge, and yet, feel they can prepare for retirement on their own. They mistake creating a retirement income strategy with the whole of preparing for retirement, and gloss over longevity risk, risks to their estate, and potential health care expenses. The more you know, the more your retirement readiness improves.

A goal to retire debt free - or close to debt free? Even if your retirement savings are substantial, you may want to consider reviewing your overall debt situation.¹

Retire with purpose. There's a difference between retiring and quitting. Some people can't wait to quit their job at 62 or 65. If only they could escape and just relax and do nothing for a few years - wouldn't that be a nice reward? Relaxation can lead to inertia, however - and inertia can lead to restlessness, even depression. You want to retire to a dream, not away from a problem.

The bottom line? Retirees who know what they want to do - and go out and do it - are positively contributing to their mental health and possibly their physical health as well. If they do something that is not only vital to them, but important to others, their community can benefit as well.

Retire healthy. Smoking, drinking, overeating, a dearth of physical activity - all these can take a toll on your capacity to live life fully and enjoy retirement. It is never too late to change habits that may lead to poor health.

Retire where you feel at home. It could be where you live now; it could be a nearby place where the scenery and people are uplifting. If you find yourself lonely in retirement, then look for ways to connect with people who share your experiences, interests, and passions; those who encourage you and welcome you. This social interaction is one of the great, intangible retirement benefits.

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