

Obituaries



Jimmie Rebecca Murkerson Bush
Jimmie Rebecca Murkerson Bush, age 90, of Donalsonville, Georgia, passed

away Wednesday afternoon, May 4, 2022 at her residence. Funeral services for Mrs. Bush were held on Friday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Hammock Springs Freewill Baptist Church with Dr. Gary Smith officiating. Interment followed in Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Miller County with Kolby Bush, Jake Cox, Brandon Phillips, G Minto, Richard Adams, and Shane Brown serving as active pallbearers. Visitation was held on Thursday evening, May 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chapel of Evans-Skipper Funeral Home.


Mrs. Bush was born in Blakely, GA on June 26, 1931 to John Clayton Murkerson and Maude Holloway Murkerson. She worked for the Seminole County Board of Education for 34 years before retiring. Mrs. Bush was the lunchroom manager. She loved flower gardening, spending time with her family and cooking for them every week as long as her health allowed. Mrs. Bush attended Hammock Springs Freewill Baptist Church. She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Janice Jones of Donalsonville,

GA and Larry Bush and wife Noma of Cedar Springs, GA; seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews also survive. Mrs. Bush was preceded in death by her parents, John Clayton and Maude Holloway Murkerson; her husband of 60 years, Earnest Edward Bush; a son, Don Bush; a brother and numerous sisters; a grandson, Casey Bush; and a great-great granddaughter, Amelia Vallescorbo.

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Salem Seminole Baptist Church

Sunday, May 15

10:30 a.m.

The Harrell Family of Cairo

Guest Singers

Jacob Harrell

Guest Speaker

Covered dish meal following worship service. Everyone is invited.

Pastor David Roland



Brenda Gale Mooney Cervantes
Brenda Gale Mooney Cervantes, 69, of Tifton, Georgia, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Tift Regional Medical Center.

Her funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 13, in the Chapel of Bowen-Donaldson Home for Funerals with the Rev. Ronnie Cone officiating. Mrs. Cervantes will be laid to rest at Tift Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Bowen-Donaldson Home for Funerals. Born October 23, 1952, in Tifton, Mrs. Cervantes was the daughter of the late Marshall Mooney and Willie John Wilcox Mooney. She was also preceded in death by one brother. She was a homemaker and she was of the

Pentecostal faith. She loved Gospel music. Mrs. Cervantes is survived by her husband, Jose Cervantes of Tifton; three daughters, Melissa Sargent of Ocilla, Kristie Torres of Tifton and Eva Martinez of Arcadia, Florida; one son, Adam Joseph McCumber of Arcadia, Florida; two sisters, Marilyn Craft and Donna Harrison, both of Climax; ten grandchildren, Brianna Sargent, Arielle Sargent, Sandro Fonseca, Isabel Mendoza, Selena Chandler-Scott, Jacilyn Scott, Alyssa Scott, Jada Eason, Bella Torres and Jayden Torres; three great-grandchildren, Cam Gam-

mage, Ski Johns and Mya Gale Johns; and a special friend, Jean Brady. You may offer condolences to the family at the online guest registry at www.bowen-donaldson.com. Services for the Cervantes family are under the care and direction of Bowen-Donaldson Home for Funerals.

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Benny "Benny Bone" Franklin
Benny "Benny Bone" Franklin, 56, of Colquitt, Georgia, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2022. The funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 at Bryant Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Robyn Brown and Pastor Ron Kirkland officiating. Interment followed at Kelley Cemetery with Brian Donley, Les Lovering, Michael Albritton, Wilton Albritton, Kennie Whittaker, and John

Staples serving as active pallbearers. The family received friends from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6 at Bryant Funeral Home Chapel. Online visitors may sign the guest register at www.bryantfuneralga.com. Memorial donations may be made to House of Victory, 4748 Vada Road, Climax, GA 39834. Benny Franklin was born June 27, 1965, in Donalsonville, GA, the son of W. C. and Joyce Whittaker Franklin. He married Irene Heard in 1988, and they made their home in Colquitt. Over the years, Benny worked at Shaw Industries, Memorial Hospital, Franklin Poultry, and also as support personnel for ag pilots in this area. He attended House of Victory. Benny loved the Lord and cared for others as Jesus did, without conditions or expectations. He enjoyed talking on the telephone and would spend hours checking in on


friends and family. Fishing was a favorite pastime and catching fish made it even more fun. Benny's favorite television shows included Andy Griffith, CSI, Chicago Med, Chicago Fire, Chicago PD, *MASH*, and Hogan's Heroes. Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Irene Heard Franklin; his son, Sam Franklin; his parents, W.C. and Joyce Franklin; his siblings, Darren (Jennifer) Franklin of Colquitt, Mike (Susan) Pepper of Lake Seminole, Cindy (Les) Lovering of Colquitt, Melissa Franklin of Donalsonville, Dealana (John) Staples of Franklin, NC, and Dawne Bailey of Panama City, FL; and a host of extended family. Bryant Funeral Home, located at 105 N. Florida Street, assisted the family with arrangements.

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Michael Grady Richardson
Michael Grady Richardson, 73, passed away on April 25, 2022. He was born February 9, 1949, to Billie and Gloria Richardson of Donalsonville. For more than 30 years, Mike worked for Goodness Grows in Lexington, Georgia, where he served as Office Manager.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Marc Richardson. He is survived by his sisters, Jo Anna Campbell and Gloria Smith, and several nieces and nephews. He will be interred at a later date at Friendship Cemetery in Donalsonville. In lieu of flowers, loved ones may make a donation to their

favorite charity in his honor. **Donalsonville News** May 12, 2022



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Pastor Jeffrey Spicer and his Mom, Annette

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