

Obituaries

James Moses Gray

MT. CARMEL - James Moses Gray, 74, husband of Ethel Brown Gray, transitioned from this life on Feb. 20, 2022 at his home. He was born in McCormick County to the late James Gray and Irene Williams Gray. He was a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church and a farmer and delivery man for McAllister's Home Furnishings Company.

Mr. Gray will be remembered by his wife of 50 years, Ethel; two daughter, Martha (Laprell) Crockett and Phyllis (Timothy) Morgan of Calhoun Falls; two sons, William Wideman of Mt. Carmel and Curtis (Sherry) Wideman of Anderson; and two grandsons.

Graveside services were held Friday, Feb. 25 at noon at St. Paul A.M.E. Church Cemetery. Public viewing was held Thursday from 1 - 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Pierce Funeral Home, LLC of Abbeville was in charge of services.

Bob O'Cain

Bob O'Cain, 83, passed away on Feb. 21, 2022. He was born on Nov. 9, 1938.

He graduated from McCormick High in 1956. Bob loved his country and was proud to serve four years in the Navy. He also loved his family and had a passion for gardening. It was not unusual for him to bring home a plant he dug up to surprise his wife. Their favorite things to do together were sitting on the porch, drinking coffee, watching birds and enjoying the beautiful gardens.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Cindy; his kids, Darryl O'Cain, Wendy Elsen and Bruce O'Cain; along with many grandkids and great-grandkids.

Because there will be no visitation or service, his family, in his memory, asks to please raise your glass of iced tea in memory of Bob. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of the Upstate, 1835 Rogers Road, Anderson, SC 29621.

Larry Walker

GREENWOOD - Larry Walker, 64, passed on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022 at his home in Greenwood. He was born on Aug. 28, 1957 in Washington, D.C. to the late Nathaniel Walker and Gladys Wilson.



Larry attended Mims High School in McCormick. He was a US Army veteran and worked for the School Board of Howard County in Washington, D.C. before his retirement.

In addition to his father, Larry was preceded in death by his uncles, Timothy Dansby, Leroy Dansby, Robert Lee Dansby and Thomas Dansby, and his aunts, Hellen Yeldell, Mozell Foster, Elizabeth Freeman and Cee Bell Walker.

Larry's memories will be cherished by his son, Jermell Walker of North Carolina; his mother, Gladys Wilson of Laurel, Md.; his brother, Johnny Walker of Elkridge, Md.; his sister, Gail Ross of Greenwood; his aunts, Addie Ruth White and Ola Mae Dansby, both of Atlanta, Ga., and Annie Sue Tucker and Nelly Wary, both of Columbia; his uncles, Chris Dansby of Capital Heights, Md. and William Dansby of Washington, D.C.; his special friend, Elizabeth Bruce of Greenwood; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Andrew Wardlaw Funeral Home

Andrew Wardlaw Funeral Home was in charge of services.

Pamela "Pam" M. Walker

HODGES- Pamela "Pam" M. Walker, 55, daughter of Charles Walker and the late Eloise Walker, passed away at her home in Hodges.

Born Sept. 27, 1966, in Lexington, Pam was a graduate of Greenwood High School and attended Lander College. Pam was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Greenwood.

Surviving, in addition to her father of McCormick, are a brother, Tim (Cathy) Walker of Eatonton, Ga.; nephew, Andy (Katie) Walker and daughters AnaBelle and Raylee of Athens, Ga.; niece, Holly (Jack) Hardie and daughters Camile and Emily of Milledgeville, Ga.; and uncle, Kenneth (Melissa) Gordon of McCormick.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m. at Greenwood Memorial Gardens, with Dr. Chuck Moates officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 103 Northside Drive West, Greenwood, SC 29646. For online condolences, please visit www.blythfuneralhome.com.

Blyth Funeral Home & Cremation Services were in charge of services.

Note of Thanks

The family of the late Floyd Talbert thanks everyone for their many acts of kindness and sympathy shown during our time of bereavement. "God's Blessings to All"

-Talbert Family



YOUTH ART MONTH™

March is Youth Art Month at the MACK

By Heather McNally

Youth Art Month encourages support for quality school art programs, and promotes art material safety. The program provides a medium for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences unlike any other curriculum subjects, including:

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Art shows, special exhibits, fundraisers, and school and community activities are typical events that take place annually, traditionally during March, to celebrate visual art education for grades K - 12. While the pandemic has had an effect on the exhibition opportunities - students continue to create and share their wonderful art.

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- Young Adult Art Instruction Scholarship Program
- Youth Art Month

Many of our programs are modified or proceeding without interruption. As we proceed with our building project, we look forward to resuming full services for our youngest art enthusiasts in the near future.

SLV Men's Golf Association Results

By Ken Bastow

The Savannah Lakes Men's Golf Association results for Thursday, Feb. 24, are as follows:

Event: Individual flighted.

Forward flight: First place, net 71, Bob Purdy; second place, net 74, Jim Slagle; and third place, net 75, Gene Graziano.

Gold flight: First place, net 68, Thomas Fales and second place, net 75, Brad Ziegler.

Member flight: First place, net 70, Ray Tarnosky; second place, net 71, Don Smallwood; and third place, net 76, Matt Weinhardt.

Member 1 flight: First place, net 70, Mark Leszczynski; second place, net 70, Jay Mahaffey; and third place, net 74, Jim Sliger.

Member 2 flight: First place, net 71, Wayne Davis; second place, net 72, Harry Hafer; and third place, net 75, Tom Strehle.

White flight: First place, net 67, Ron Logan and second place, net 74, John Nesmith.

White 1 flight: First place, net 74, Paul Dehlinger and second place, net 75, Paul Westmoreland.

An unhappy nation

My wife and I just took another long trip around this nation of 4,900 miles through nine states. We had certain goals, including a fraternity gathering in SW Florida, meeting with friends on Manasota Key off Port Charlotte and a visit with friends from a river cruise a few years back in Lake Suzy. Largely, the people we spoke with in Florida were happy and enjoying life without the lockdowns of the COVID-19 years, yet concerned about confidence in our federal government and the direction of the county. From there, we traveled north to South Carolina to SLV. We stayed with friends and saw many of our former neighbors and friends. It was a great visit but just too brief.

Concerns over the military actions of Russia and the invasion of Ukraine seemed to be the point of discussion when conversations became serious. The timidity of the Biden administration to not take action when they had good intelligence and satellite imagery for months of the Russian buildup meant only one thing: Putin wanted to retake Ukraine. Announced this morning, Feb. 27, possible talks will begin between Ukraine and Russia, which is a hint of hope to avoid more death and destruction, but I have no good expectations that positive steps will follow. So far, the US diplomacy led by Anthony Blinken with Sergey Lavrov has led nowhere but the taking of two "breakaway" regions of Donbas in Ukraine bordering Russia. Once again, Blinken has blinked, and President Biden has been caught once again in the too little too late syndrome. We have been threatened by Putin with nuclear war if we don't stop supporting Ukraine. Biden countered with a show of force, sanctions.

Once again, we have Americans in Ukraine who are stuck there just as in Afghanistan. At least Biden is consistent in abandoning Americans left in troubled and dangerous locations. His inability to get consensus within the NATO countries on the sanctions further shows his lack of respect in the world and his inability to lead. He is viewed as weak. Finally, the SWFT System sanction has been applied to Russian banks and to Putin and his elite oligarchs we hear about. This is too little too late and may have been unnecessary if Biden had any understanding of how to manage Putin. Russia is staying afloat on its oil sales and stopping Nord Stream 2 will not hurt Putin. If Putin takes Ukraine, Nord Stream 2 becomes irrelevant as its original purpose was to bypass Ukraine. Russian sales of oil and gas account for 36 percent of the Russian economy. In 2021, we imported or purchased from Russia an average of 209 thousand barrels per day, or roughly 6.33 million a month. One must ask why.

On Jan. 20, 2021, newly elected President Biden signed 17 executive orders. On that day, he killed energy independence for the US and destroyed several thousand jobs in the oil industry. It is an affront to the citizens of this country to suffer this loss of energy independence and then have to purchase oil from Russia, beg the Saudis for more oil and force the gas prices, heating oil and natural gas prices higher. If we had maintained the production, finished the Keystone pipeline and not had to buy oil from Russia and around the world, according to Larry Kudlow, we would

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