

OBITUARIES

William Claude Callaway

Funeral service for Mr. William Claude Callaway, 91, were held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, in the Chapel of Meadows Funeral Home with Rev. John King and Rev. Jimmy Martin officiating. Interment was at Phillips Mill Baptist Church Cemetery in Washington, GA. He was born in Washington, GA on May 10, 1930, to the late Myrtie Ogletree Callaway and the late Henry T. Callaway.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Martin Callaway; his daughter, Becky Call-

away; sisters: Annie Callaway, Mary McCray; and brother, Albert Callaway.

He is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Harold Callaway; Tim and Lisa Callaway; brother, Cecil Callaway; grandchildren: Neely and Dustin Mealor, Clayton Callaway; and great-grandson, Harrison "Peanut" Mealor.

Meadows Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook online at www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com.

Max Harrison Armour

Funeral services for Max Harrison Armour, 86, of Philomath, were held Tuesday, December 28, at Lord and Stephens, East with Rev. Glenn Henley officiating. Armour, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 22. Interment followed in the Carter's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Born in Oglethorpe County on April 23, 1935, he was a son of the late Mack Armour and Ethel Harrison Armour. Max was a Veteran of the United States Army and was a lifelong farmer with a passion for the outdoors. He was a member of Carter's Grove Baptist Church and was a loving, gentle and caring man who loved the Lord and will be deeply missed. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Gloria Armour; daughter, Connie Armour James; grandson, Ashley

James and siblings, Norman Armour, Allen Armour, Betty Jane Lynn, Katherine Tuggle and Fannie Thompson.

Survivors include his daughter, Donna Gray (Brad) of Rayle; son, Kevin Armour of Philomath; grandsons, Roy Andrews III and Justin Callaway (Tiffany); granddaughter, Savannah James; great-grandchildren, Roy Andrews IV, Nathan Andrews, Bryson Callaway, Luke Callaway, Russell Callaway, Rose Acevado and William Acevado and sisters, Martha Margolin, Sarah Fields and Lillian Mapp.

Pallbearers were Roy Andrews III, Justin Callaway, Brad Gray, Emmet Cabaniss, Edgar Alexander and Tony Taylor with John Buckman, Bobby Walker and Sonny Bryan serving as honorary pallbearers.

Lord and Stephens, East was in charge of arrangements.

David Leon Toburen

A Celebration of Life will be held for David Leon Toburen, on Saturday, January 8, at 11:00 a.m. at Washington First United Methodist Church. Dave, as he was known by his family and friends, was born in, St. Paul, MI on March 4, 1941 to Leon Ray Toburen and Helene Borscherding Toburen. The family soon moved to first Studio City, CA and then settled in Burbank, CA. His father owned Toluca Lake Hardware on Riverside Dr. in Burbank. Dave attended John Burroughs High School and Whittier College where he graduated with a degree in sociology. Later he went on to receive his Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Georgia. After working for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for a year in northern California, he joined the Navy as an Ensign. He trained in Newport, RI and at the Supply Corps School in Athens, GA. After a tour of duty in Charleston, SC, Dave did a tour of duty in Vietnam as the supply officer of a swift boat base in Mekong Delta.

While at the Supply Corps School in Athens, he met a UGA co-ed, Laura Wickersham. After a courtship, long distance at times, they became engaged and married in Washington, GA on August 20, 1966. They recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Dave and Laura settled in Washington. After being asked by Superintendent Marshall Guill to take a temporary teaching position at the high school, Dave ended up teaching and administering at Washington Wilkes Comprehensive High School for over 20 years. In 1975 he and Patricia Wilder were instrumental in acquiring federal funding for a Title XX Day Care Center for underserved children in the Lexington Avenue neighborhood. Dave also served as assistant to the Superintendent for several years before working at the CSRA RESA in Dearing and then at the National Science Center in Augusta as the technology director. He retired from education in 2007. Upon retirement, Dave with other community and church leaders established God's Marketplace Incorporated, a non-profit thrift store and food pantry where he volunteered as director of GMI.

Family was very important to Dave. He and Laura had two sons, David Leon, Jr. and Charles Wickersham. Dave is survived by his wife, Laura, and their sons, David (Josey) and Charlie (Kathryn); his beloved grandchildren,



Nathan, Laura Kate Kranzlein (Harrison), Clara Rooks (Logan), Chase (Jamie), and Maggie; his sister, Leanne Dier. The family treasured the times they spent together, whether at the farm in Danburg or the holidays at St. Simons Island or family trips to Alaska, New York, Maine and Jackson Hole.

Dave was active in the Washington First United Methodist Church. He held various positions in the church which included teaching adult Sunday School classes and youth leader in MYF. Dave was also active in the Georgia-Lina Walk to Emmaus, serving as community leader and leader of several "walks." He also led a Bible study at Augusta Rescue Center on Monday nights for almost 10 years.

Dave had a passion for antique cars and acquired several over the years. He joined others with this interest in Memory Lane Cruisers and together they held cruise-ins on the square as well as other events that promoted interest in and love of antique cars.

During his retirement years, Dave developed a love for the tree farms in Danburg, named Goosenest, New Ford and Flat Rock. These tracts of land provided much opportunity for outdoor work, hunting and "tractor therapy." He was happiest when he was overlooking his trees and his land.

Dave was also a member of the Washington Kiwanis Club where he served as president and in later years, treasurer. He also served on the City Council of Washington. Dave was awarded Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year by the Washington Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Toburen is preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Helene Toburen.

Memorials may be made to God's Marketplace, PO Box 598, Washington, GA 30673 and Augusta Rescue Mission, 526 Walker St., Augusta, GA 30901.

Eva Rorie Bufford

Graveside services for Ms. Eva Rorie Bufford, 87 of Southern Manor Senior Living were held Monday, January 3, 2022, at Resthaven Cemetery with her grandson, Father Brian Bufford officiating.

Ms. Bufford was a native of Washington, and was the daughter of Mr. James B. Rorie and Janie Nunn Rorie Karel. She retired from the Georgia Secretary of State Office after 35 years of service. She was a member of Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta, and was preceded in death by two sisters, Janet Stephenson and Emily Rorie.

She is survived by one son, Tom Webb Bufford, Jr. (Sue), of Washington; and by two grand-



sons, Rev. Brian Bufford, of Ft. Oglethorpe, and Stephen Bufford, of Washington.

Hopkins Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ms. Eva Rorie Bufford.

John Ellis Hodges

Mr. John Ellis Hodges, 71, passed in his home in Tignall, Georgia, December 14, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlene Stribling Hodges of Lincolnton, Georgia and his parents. Mr. Hodges was born in Sylvania, Georgia on February 28, 1950 to John Cassidy Hodges and Vallree Bazemore Hodges. He grew up on the family farm where he had fond memories of hunting and fishing with his father. After high school, John obtained his engineering degree from South Georgia Tech. Upon his retirement as a project engineer from Georgia Pacific in 2001, he chose to move his family from Fayetteville, Georgia, to his favorite place on Lake Thurmond near Tignall.

The lake is where he and Charlene had built a house and where fond family memories were created. Mr. Hodges was a simple man who enjoyed his retirement years at the lake. He took pleasure in his yard work and home repairs. Fishing was especially fun when the grand-kids tagged along. His favorite activity was cooking. You would often see him dropping off baked goods to neighbors and friends in town. He will be remembered as a kind man who



was always eager to help out or offer advice.

He is survived by his children, William C. Hodges (Michelle) of Payneville, Kentucky; Melissa Hodges Bentley (Justin) of Canton, Georgia; a sister, Glenda H. Blackmon (Harris) of Washington, Georgia; and four grandchildren: Mattie-Rae Bentley, Lucas Bentley, Liam Hodges and Harper Hodges.

The family is asking in lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Beggs Funeral Home, Lincolnton is honored to serve the family of Mr. John Hodges.

WLT to hold auditions for Beauty and the Beast

Submitted by
JASON LEBLANC
Artistic Director

Auditions for the Washington Little Theater's (WLT) spring musical Beauty and the Beast will be held Sunday, January 16 at 3 p.m., Tuesday, January 18 at 7 p.m., and Thursday January 20 at 7 p.m. WLT's Bolton Luncford Playhouse at 313 North Alexander Ave, Washington will be the location.

Casting opening are available for men, women, and children of all ages. No experience is necessary. There are roles available with little to no singing or dancing. Auditionees do not need to prepare anything specific but should be ready to read excerpts from a script. Dress to move on stage easily during a simple dance step. Those interested in lead roles should be prepared to sing a song. WLT encourages anyone interested in participating (whether as an actor or crew) to come to one of the audition days. Rehearsals will begin at the end of the month and continue weekly until the performances in May. The show will be directed by Dr. Stan Coe, with Musical direction from April Morrison, directing assistance from Ricky LeBlanc, set design by Jim McKee, costuming by Rose Weser, and stage management by Jason LeBlanc.

Season tickets are still available for WLT's fifty-first season, which includes Beauty and the Beast's performances in May, the annual Summer Youth Drama Camp, and one or two other offerings later in the year. Season tickets may be purchased on WLT's website, WashingtonLittleTheater.org, under the season ticket tab. Season Tickets must be purchased by January 15 to qualify for special pricing.

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