

# OBITUARIES

## Herbert W. Hopkins

Graveside services for Mr. Herbert Wood Hopkins, 92, of Tignall, were held January 23 at Resthaven Cemetery with Dr. Phil Pilgrim and Bob Simmons officiating. Military honors were accorded by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard at the end of the graveside service.

Mr. Hopkins was born in the Lundburg Community, and had lived in Wilkes County most of his life. He was the son of the late Lewis and Mabel Moore Hopkins. He was the widower of Selina Bungard Hopkins, and was retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of VFW Post #5899 in Washington and was a past Quarter Master at that post. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Jesse Mercer Sunday School Class, and served as treasurer of that class.

Mr. Hopkins is survived by three daughters, Selina E. Hopkins, of Savannah, Carollen R. Pogue (Butch), of Perry, and Ann M. Harrison (Bud), of Tignall; one sister, Virginia Hobbs; six grand-



children, Franklin W. Woodall III, Chelsea Mitchell, Tabytha Molloy, Stephen McCoy, Evan Harrison, and Lauren Harrison; and four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Stephen McCoy, Evan Harrison, Gene Mal-lory, Bill Burdette, Ed Burdette III, Scot Molloy, and Ronnie Smith.

Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post 5899.

Hopkins Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Herbert W. Hopkins.

## William Edward Barnett

Mr. William Edward Barnett, 66, passed away Tuesday, January 18, at Emory University Midtown hospital in Atlanta, GA. There will be a memorial service at McClendon Memorial Funeral Home, 215 Mercer St., Washington, on Saturday, January 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Immediately following the memorial service, those who want to attend the “scattering of the ashes” can follow the family to Lake Oconee.

## Lairee Myers Rodgers

Lairee Myers Rodgers, 88, passed away peacefully Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at Quiet Oaks Nursing Home in Crawford, GA.

Born September 4, 1933, in Wilkes County, GA, she was the daughter of the late Robert James Myers and the late Jessie Mae Goolsby Myers. She lived in Washington, GA her entire life. She was the widow of the late Robert Wallace Rodgers to whom she was married for 50 years.

Lairee was a member of the First Baptist Church and was highly involved in community service volunteer work including blood drives, Meals on Wheels, charitable fundraising, and helping to establish the Washington-Wilkes Humane Society Animal Shelter. She was a member of Friends of the Library, the Washington Woman’s Club, participating in Tour of Homes; and the Iris Garden Club, where she won ‘Best in State’ awards for her interpretive floral designs.

After performing with out-of-town theater companies, Lairee was a founding board member and First Vice-President of Ways and Means of the Washington Little Theater Co., where she and her husband, Wallace, worked in its early years to establish a strong community theater. Wallace designed, built, and operated the first lighting and sound systems; and Lairee performed on stage, furnished and staged theater sets, and worked at fundraising.

A gifted singer and musician, Lairee sang with a swing band quartet ensemble in the 1950’s and 60’s, and was requested to sing for religious ceremonies and private events throughout her life.

Lairee operated a catering business providing weekly meals for the Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs, as well as catering special



events for local industries.

A loving mother and grandmother, Lairee, along with her husband, Wallace, lived out their Christianity in everyday acts of kindness and compassion. They enjoyed having a wide, diverse circle of friends and they were always willing to lend a helping hand to their neighbors and to those in need.

Always the hostess, Lairee enjoyed sharing hospitality with guests in her lovely home at 210 Water Street. Lairee had a wonderful sense of humor and celebrated her life everyday at the wonder of her Creator and the world He had made. She will be remembered as a kind, gracious lady who made friends easily and reached out to welcome newcomers to her beloved hometown of Washington.

She is survived by three daughters: Melissa Watlington of Helena, MT., Michelle Ross of Athens, GA., Maethea Rodgers of Yulee, FL; a brother Jack Myers of Valdosta, GA., a sister Beverly Myers Baker of Destin Beach, FL; four grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

No service is planned for this time. Beggs Funeral Home, Lincolnton, GA is in charge of arrangements.

## John Marvin “Bud” Moon

A celebration of life for Mr. John Marvin “Bud” Moon was held at Burts United Methodist Church on Monday January 3, and he was laid to rest in the church cemetery. Pastor Anne Hanson of Burts United Methodist Church did officiate. The pallbearers were John Armour, Mitch Davis, Jeremy Hill, Peyton Mattox, Lyn Armour, and Vance Mattox.

Bud was born on January 3, 1935, to the late Edwin Moon and Rachel McCannon Moon. He was a faithful member of Burts United Methodist Church in Carlton, Ga. Bud had many jobs throughout his life with the majority of his career spent working at textile mills such as Chicopee Manufacturing Company. He retired from Athens Regional Medical Center in 2000 where he worked in the engineering department. After retirement, Bud enjoyed doting on his family, making new friends, or spending time outside tinkering on his farm, or tending to his cows. Bud was known far and wide for his ability to make friends with anyone. Whenever possible, he imparted the wisdom that it “don’t cost nothing to speak.”

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Roberts.

Bud is survived by his wife of 65 years, Evelyne Moon, his children Sheila Hill, Debra Armour (Lyn), Brenda Mattox (Vance), and sisters Viola Allgood and Sara Moss. He was loved and adored as Pop and



Papa by his grandchildren John Armour (Katie), Paige Murphy (Andy), Mitchell Davis (Cynthia Greer), Casey Fleming (Jarrett), Jessie Rice (Alex), Jeremy Hill (Sydney Young), Peyton Mattox (Eliana Burkhalter) and by his great-grandchildren Mason Armour, Maddie Armour, JD Armour, Maddox Bradberry, Hudson Bradberry, Tripp Fleming, and Olivia Greer. Bud is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews. Last but certainly not least are his beloved four-legged companions Lady the dog and Sassy the cat.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial contributions be directed to either the Burts United Methodist Church or to the church’s cemetery fund, P.O. Box 494 Lexington, GA 30648. Arrangements for Mr. John M. “Bud” Moon were in the care of Hicks Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Elberton, Ga.



Springfield Baptist Church of Washington, will be having our Usher’s Anniversary the 2nd Sunday of February, February 13 at 11 a.m. Rev McKenzie Cory Wynn, Pastor.

Roy L. Burns Senior Center Schedule: January 24- BINGO at 10 a.m., January 26 -Exercise at 10 a.m., January 27- BINGO at 10 a.m.

Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church is celebrating their annual Usher Board Program on January 23 at 3 p.m. Rev. Patrick Burgess of New Tate Grove in Elberton and Mt Olive Baptist Church in Crawford, Ga will be guest speaker.

The Washington City Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 at The Pope Center.

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