

# OBITUARIES

## Vickie Talton Callaway

Mrs. Vickie Lynn Talton Callaway, 65, of Quaker Springs Rd., entered into rest Sunday evening, January 2 at Wills Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Callaway was born in Tucker, Ga. to the late John C. and Connie Fay Pearson Talton, and had lived in this community for 30 years. She graduated from Tucker High School, and had worked as a Jail Officer for the Lincoln County Sheriff Department for ten years. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, David Callaway, of Washington; one daughter, Connie Kirk (Joseph), of Myrtle Beach, SC; one son, John Norman Franklin (Cameran), of McDonough; one stepson, Jamie Callaway, (Kristie), of Tignall; four grandchildren, Brandon Kirk, Audrey Kirk, Blaze Callaway, and Kayli Callaway; and two sisters, Dorann B. McGee, of Monroe, and Barbara Ford, of Loganville. Memorial services are pending at this time, and will be announced later. Hopkins Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Vickie Lynn Callaway.

## Scott Arnold

Funeral services for Mr. E. Scott Arnold, 78, of Clayton, NC, were held on Saturday, February 12, at the Hopkins Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Newsome officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Cemetery. Mr. Arnold entered into rest on Thursday February 3, at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Scott was born in Cleveland, TN on November 3, 1943. He was the son of the late Frank M. and Elizabeth (Mac) Arnold of Washington, GA. Scott served during The Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps and was a 1969 graduate of The University of Georgia. As a licensed transport pilot and Cessna Aircraft Demo Pilot he logged over 10,000 hours of flight time. He would later go on to work for Ford Motor Company and as an entrepreneur in the electronics industry. Scott is survived by his wife, Shirley Jean of 58 years; 2 sons, F. Scott (Lisa) of Vienna, VA and G. Steven (Allison) of Raleigh, NC.; 5



grandchildren, Jakob Bradley, Cameron Scott, Sarah Elizabeth, Kaitlin Elizabeth and Emma Grace. He is preceded in death by his grandson Evan Douglas. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Evan D. Arnold Scholarship Fund c/o Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd NE, Vienna, VA 22180

## Jeffery Lucas Hackney

Funeral services for Jeffery Lucas Hackney, 57, of Lovelace Way in Washington were held on Sunday, February 13 at Edward B. Pope Center with Rev. Kevin Madden officiating. Active pallbearers were Scott Smith, Robert Stevens, Kevin Tucker, Matthew Hackney, Bruce Bailey, Fernando Villalobos, Daniel Hackney and Brad Tucker. Honorary pallbearers were the Washington Fire Department, Wilkes County EMS, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Flight Team- Transport Team. Jeff entered into rest on Monday, February 7, 2022, in Hartwell, Ga. Jeff was born in Atlanta, Ga., on July 7, 1964. He is survived by his wife, Shawn Carlan Hackney, of Washington; his three sons: Adam Hackney, of Toledo, OH, Alex Hackney (Zoey), of Commerce, GA, and Austin Hackney (Sydney), granddaughter, Collins Marie of Dallas, GA; his mother, Mildred Lucas Hackney, of Washington, GA; his brothers: Jerry M. Hackney, Jr. (Helen), of Washington, GA, and Jim Hackney (Christy), of Marietta (GA); and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Jerry M. Hackney, Sr. He lived in Washington for most of his life and was a devout member of the Washington First Baptist Church. Jeff graduated from Washington Wilkes High School in 1982, graduated with honors from Dekalb Community College in 1984, and completed his EMT and Paramedic education at Athens Technical School in 1991. Jeff worked as an Automotive Master Technician in Marietta, GA, before returning to Washington in 1992 to begin a full-time career in EMS. Jeff worked for Wilkes County EMS and Wills Memorial Hospital for many years, and also worked for Elbert County EMS. Jeff continued his education and experience by taking a position with MedServ GA as a flight paramedic in 1995. He most currently held the position of Pediatric Critical Care Flight Paramedic at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Jeff joined the Washington Fire Department in 1986, was promoted to lieutenant in 2011, and retired from the Fire Department on June 18, 2020. He was also a certified rescue diver and was highly skilled



in all aspects of Technical Rescue. Jeffrey Lucas Hackney was a rare individual found in today's time. In a world of chaos, he was an angel of comfort. For many, it was literally landing from the sky to pick them up and fly them to Children's Healthcare for treatment. For some, it may be while they were being brought into the ER at Wills Memorial for an emergency, or it may have been at a residence being treated and transported in a Wilkes County Ambulance. For others, it may be at a structure fire or a roadside ditch at an accident from his time he dedicated to the Washington Fire Department For Jeff, it didn't matter where he was, or which hat he was wearing at the time, he was one hundred percent dedicated while he was doing it. Many people have benefited by his presence. He instructed many EMT students on patient care and taught many classes. Jeff was totally committed to his work and helping others. But most of all on top of all his dedications was his commitment to his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, father-in-law, son and brother. He loved H3 Farm where he spent his spare time working on projects, enjoying the peacefulness of the countryside, and spending quiet time with his family. To know Jeff was to love him and if you knew him, you were definitely blessed. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation. Please designate in honor of Jeff Hackney-Transport Team. Gifts can be made online at [www.choa.org/tributes](http://www.choa.org/tributes) (please select "Where the need is greatest.") or mailed in: Attn: Latrice Clark Jordan, 1575 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329.

## Earl Sims

Funeral services for Deacon Earl Sims were held on Wednesday, February 2, at the New Ford Baptist Church in Danburg. Mr. Sims was born on December 19, 1930, in Philomath to parents Charlie Sims and Annie Sue Maxwell Sims. He married Elizabeth Benson in August of 1951, and the couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2016. Mrs. Sims died on January 3, 2018. Mr. Sims was also preceded in death by all of his siblings, including James Sims, Johnny Sims, Mary Frances Sims Danner, Sarah Nell Sims Cofer, and Agnes Sims James and grandchild, Ashley Sims. Earl joined St. John Baptist Church at the age of 13 and was later ordained as a deacon there. In 2014, he joined New Ford Baptist Church, where his wife was already a member. He loved the Lord and loved to conduct devotional services anywhere. He loved life and his family. He was educated at Jones Chapel and Mulberry Church School. During his early years, Mr. Sims worked for the power company in Clarks Hill, South Carolina, and various companies in the pulpwood industry, including Vince Hogan In-



dustries, Quarles Timber and Barksdale Timber Company. He also worked for the City of Washington and was a self-employed poultry grower for more than 10 years. Mr. Sims' hobbies included gardening, hunting, Braves baseball and watching TV western cowboy shows. Survivors include his children; Earl Sims, Jr. (Mary) of Washington, Carolyn Ramos (Gene) of Jacksonville, Florida, Sharon Sims (Lydell) of Brooklyn New York, Gail Sims of Brooklyn, New York and Virginia A. Sims of the home. Other survivors include 13 grandchildren, sister-in-law Mrs. Elnora Lee, a host of dedicated nieces and nephews and numerous cousins and friends.

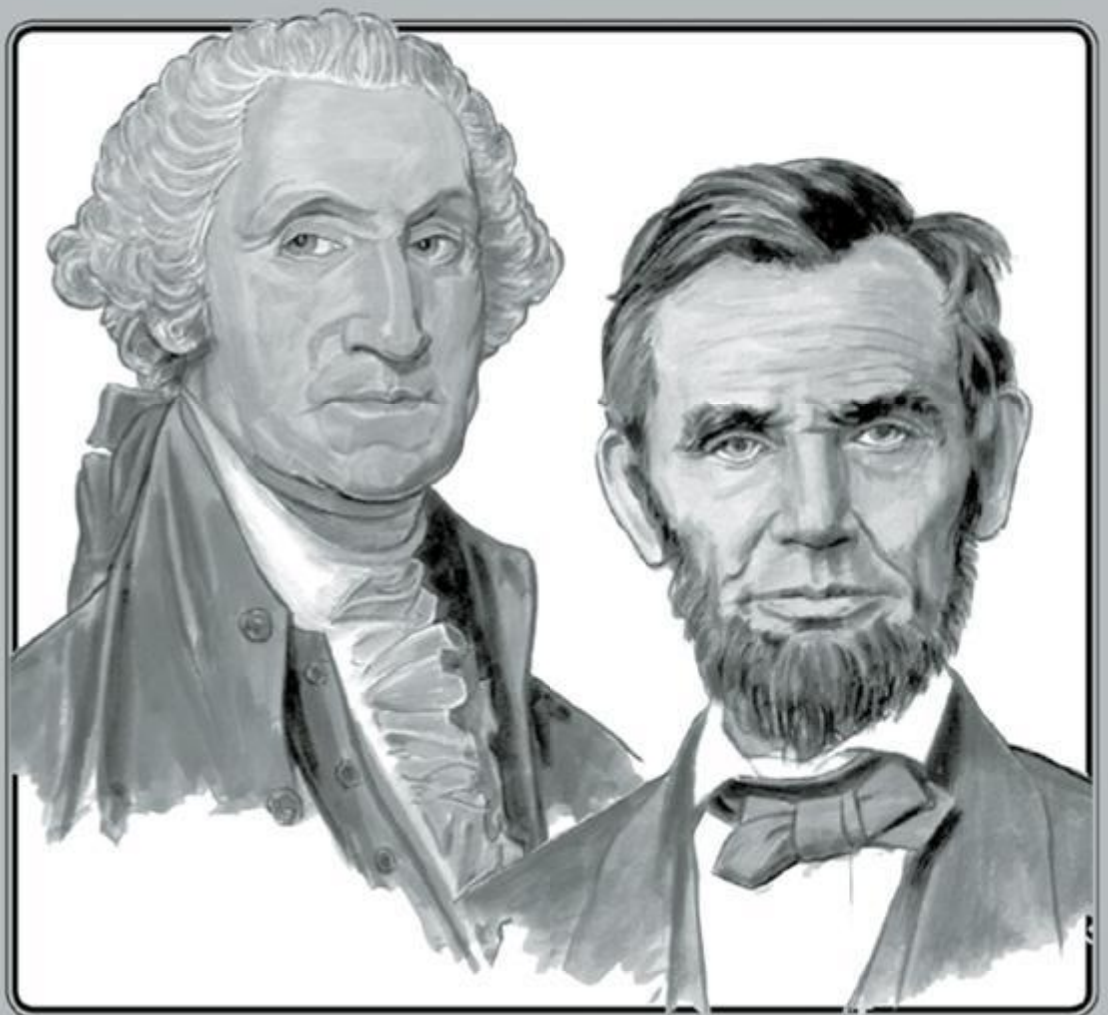
## Airport Commission receives updates on projects

Continued from front page the Master's Golf Tournament. "You get the road in, you have the runway length, you're in position," Eberly said. He added that the runway extension, which extended the runway to 5,000 feet, was necessary to qualify the Washington-Wilkes Airport to receive Master's week air traffic. Blackmon interrupted to ask what is to be done with the old fuel tanks. Eberly stated that the old tanks would be removed and that grant money should be available to cover the cost. The old and new tanks will not be used simultaneously. Eberly also revealed that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will yield \$150,000 per year for five years to the Wilkes County Airport. He explained that the uses for the funding is still unclear, but that the FAA is confident that they will have criteria prepared in the near future. Eberly then proposed updating the airport's rules and regulations to keep them in compliance with FAA guidelines. Blackmon approved the action, but the Commission did not vote on the matter. Commission member Sparky Newsome asked about installing temporary signage to direct visitors and pilots to the airport until the new road is built. Eberly said that the posting of signage has been heavily disputed between numerous authorities, including the Georgia Department of Transportation. The commission ultimately agreed that the matter warrants further investigation. The next meeting of the Airport Commission will be March 3 at 4 p.m. at the Wilkes County Courthouse.

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