

# OBITUARIES

## Denesia Roberson 'Dede' Davis

Denesia Roberson 'Dede' Davis, 68, passed away on May 19, 2026, in Fort Worth, TX, with family by her side.

Denesia, known to all as Dede, was born in Savannah, GA, to the late Teresa Johnson (Roberson) Williams and the late Jessie L. Roberson. She had lived in Homerville for many years.

Along with her parents, she was preceded

in death by her husband, James (J.D.) Davis; her sister, Harriet Spates DuBois; and her sister, Esther Roberson Barksdale.



She is survived by her sister, Brenda Wilkins (Michael); her sister, Michelle Williams (Kelli); her nephew, William Calvin Small, all of Fort Worth; and her brother, Jessie L. Roberson, Jr., of Savannah, GA.

A memorial service will be held on June 6,

2026, at 1:00 PM at New Harvest Baptist Church, 5205 Carol Ave., Fort Worth, TX.

Rev's Funeral Parlor, 3615 Vaughn Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119 will be in charge of the arrangements.

## Russell Linwood Rowan

Russell Linwood "Red" Rowan, 72, of Nashville, died Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at SGMC Berrien Campus. He was born April 23, 1954, in Lowndes County to the late

Ralph A. Rowan and the late Alene Singletary Rowan.

He was a retired insurance agent for Farm Bureau and for 32 years was the agency manager in Homerville. He loved his family,

people, absolutely never met a stranger, and loved his God. His biggest treasure was his grandchildren, always doing for others with a servant's heart, was loud and proud, loved the Panthers and will always be "Roll Red Roll".

He was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church,

where he served in many areas and will be remembered as the head cook.



He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Earl Wayne Rowan and Wallace Rowan.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie Gibbs Rowan of Nashville;

daughter, Amber (Larkin) Landrum of Nashville; 2 sons, Josh Rowan of Nashville and Heath (Jessica) Rowan of Folkston; 3 sisters: Cheryl Luke of Nashville, Lydia Carlton of Coolidge, and Lajuana Chafin of Norman Park; 7 grandchildren: Rachel (Travis) Tankersley,

Ashley Rowan, Bailey Rowan, Aiden Rowan, Kamren Rowan, Lettice Landrum, and Tristan Landrum; 3 great grandchildren: Lillian, Conley Jane and Graham; several nieces and nephew.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 18, 2026, at 2 PM at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Homerville with the Rev. Austin Deloach and the Rev. Jerry Baldree officiating. Interment followed in the Empire cemetery. Visitation was Monday in the church from 12 to 2 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Cornerstone Baptist Church. - Lovein Funeral Home, Nashville.

The family of Georgia Mae Cooper Johnson would like to express our appreciation for your kindness and compassion shown during our loss.

Your love, support, monetary donations, flowers, food, beverages, paper goods, calls, texts, visits, and prayers gave us strength during this difficult time.

With appreciation and gratitude

- The family of Georgia Mae Cooper Johnson

## Congratulations Cayson!



Cayson Griffin

Love,  
Mom and Skylar



## Register, Tomlinson serve as pages

On Monday, March 23, Carly Tomlinson, daughter of Clay and Emily Tomlinson, and Emmelin Register, daughter of Derrick & Kelly Register, served as pages in the Georgia Senate for Senator Carden Summers, Senator of District 13. Senator Summers represents Ben Hill, Berrien, Crisp, Irwin, Lee, Tift, Turner, Worth and portions of Coffee. Carly and Emmelin are students at Clinch County High School. The girls learned a lot and observed the workings of the Georgia State Senate. Pictured above are, from left, Senator Summers, Emmelin, Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, and Carly.

## SBA announces loan program for those affected by drought

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the availability of low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Georgia and other nearby states who sustained economic losses caused by drought beginning on Dec. 1, 2025.

The disaster declaration covers the Georgia counties of Brooks, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Decatur, Echols, Grady, Lowndes, Seminole, Thomas, and Ware.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs — including faith-based organizations

— with financial losses directly related to this disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills which could not be paid due to the disaster.

The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online visit [sba.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster). Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

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