

OBITUARIES

Harold Robert Buckholts

Harold Robert Buckholts, 92, of Hahira, Georgia, passed away on May 21, 2026, at Fellowship Home of Nashville. He was born on March 23, 1934, in Ray City, Georgia to the late John Robert and Carrie Mae (Wiggins) Buckholts.

Harold was ordained as a deacon in 1980 and remained active in Sunday School at Greenwood Baptist Church. He enjoyed traveling, especially in his motor home, and had a passion for auto mechanics. From the ages of 13 to 18, he delivered newspapers for the Valdosta Daily Times in Dupont. Above all, Harold loved his family dearly.

His proudest achievement was serving his country in the United States Air Force for 24 years. The year he was selected as a Chief Master Sergeant, he was ranked the number one candidate in the entire Air Force.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Hal Buckholts; sisters: Irene Buckholts Smith (Calvin), Kathleen Buckholts Preston; brothers: Willie Carrol Buckholts, JFBuckholts, Jimmy Buckholts, and Joel Buckholts.

Survivors include his loving wife of 72 years, Nita Reeves Buckholts;

daughter, Jan Smithey (Rhett) of Lake City, Florida; son, David Buckholts (Sandra) of Hahira, Georgia; daughter, Kathi Hollis (Walt) of Panama City,

Florida; daughter-in-law, Kimmerlee Buckholts of Tomball, Texas; grandchildren: T i f f a n y B u c k h o l t s , Jeena Taylor (Casey), Kelsi Hollis McLendon (Jeffrey), Anna

Hollis White (Perry), Lindsay Buckholts, Bill Wilder, Amy Proctor (Mitchell); great grandchildren: Leighton Smith, Brayden Buckholts, Lynen Taylor, Zachary Proctor; brother, Wade Buckholts; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM, Wednesday, May 27, 2026, in the Valdosta chapel of Music Funeral Services with burial to follow at Pleasant Cemetery in Nashville, Georgia. Family will receive friends from 10:00AM to 11:00AM prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Samaritan's Purse. Kind words and expressions of sympathy may be left for the family at www.musicfuneralservices.com. The Buckholts family is being served by the professional and caring staff of Music Funeral Services of Valdosta.



Lovett Bennett 'Buzzy' Pickren

"Where y'all from?" Lovett Bennett Pickren was born Feb. 9, 1933 in the small community of Argyle. His parents were Taylor Lovett Pickren and Madge Bennett Pickren. Buzzy's childhood on the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp came close to a Tom Sawyer adventure.

After his early education from Homerville High School, Buzzy attended Georgia Tech on a Navy ROTC scholarship graduating in 1955 as a mechanical engineer. After marrying his childhood sweetheart, Mary Lula Peagler, he was sent to Pensacola Florida, where he became a Naval Aviator flying AD6 Skyraiders (dive bombers) on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42 aircraft carrier (Squadron VA175 Devils Diplomats). His love of travel and adventure was born when they docked in Paris, France.

After the Navy, Buzzy joined Gilman Paper Co. in St. Marys as an engineer. He and Mary Lila were blessed with three children, Laurie Anne ('56), Thomas Mallette ('57) and James Lovett ('59).

In 1962, the family moved to St. Simons Island, where he joined Crumbliss & Assoc. as a manufacturer's rep selling chemical process equipment. He later formed Pickren & Associates in 1968.

Buzzy was a member of St. Simons United Methodist Church, where he was active in various areas, especially as a Youth Fellowship leader.

Paradise is what he called St. Simons. He became an avid bird watcher, traveling the world to see all it offered.

He fished, he sailed (St. Simons Snipes), he loved running (including New York Marathons) and also authored a book



of short stories based on his childhood. He became a Boy Scout leader, and worked on a Haiti project, and later in 1989 decided to build and operate the St. Simons Inn by the Lighthouse.

After the death of his wife, he was introduced to Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. He was inspired to bring some of the "emerging Christianity" to St. Simons. That's when January Adventure was conceived. By the third conference, they had a massive turnout of nearly 800 people (held at Epsworth By the Sea) - representing residents from 32 states and two foreign countries. A local priest said, "Buzzy has wrought a modern-day miracle."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his older sister, Annette Chamberlin.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Joyce Pickren and her two children, Michael Mower and Nancy Pappalardo; his sister Rubyedora Sullivan (Jim), his children, Laurie Anne Morlock (Keith), Thomas Pickren and James Lovett Pickren (Susan); four granddaughters, Danna Anne Caldwell (Ryan), Brooke Lovett Dunwoody, Elizabeth Brooks Sanders (Josh) and Jennifer Lovett Murnan (Sean); six great grandsons, Anderson Douglas Caldwell, Harrison Lovett Caldwell, Keller Lovett Murnan, Max Griffin Sanders and Josh Bennett Sanders.

Donations may be made to St. Simons United Methodist Church or Hospice of the Golden Isles.

Per Buzzy's wishes, the family will have a private service at a later date.

Allie Jean Sowell Crumbley Germano

Allie Jean Sowell Crumbley Germano, 94, of Waycross passed

away Saturday evening, May 30, 2026, at Baptist Village after a short illness. She was born in Ware County to the late John William and Lou Rena Steedley Sowell and lived in Waycross most of her life. Mrs. Germano was a member of Homerville First Baptist Church and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Garden Club and always enjoyed gardening and cooking.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by one daughter, Pamela Ann Crumbley; one brother, James Albert Sowell; four sisters, Vivian Sowell, Pauline Cox, Ocie Petty, Vera Cox, and Annie Lee Crumbley.

Survivors include five sons, Charles Crumbley of Waycross, Jimmy Crumbley (wife Bess) of Homerville, Roy Crumbley (wife Phyllis) of Homerville, Johnnie Crumbley (wife Joy) of Cogdell, Donald Crumbley (wife Penny) of Waycross; eleven grandchildren, Tony Crumbley (wife Joanie) of Helena, GA, Laurel Roundtree (husband Jason) of Douglas, Suzanna Young (husband Jason) of Brunswick, Hallie Beverly (husband Brent) of Homerville, Chad Crumbley (wife Christian) of Newnan, GA, Blake Crumbley (wife Kayla) of Homerville, Carra Goodman (husband Russ) of Cogdell, Juliana Crane (husband Lt. Col. Adam) of Germany, Rebecca Calley of Homerville, Donald Crumbley, Jr. (wife Alexis) of Waycross, and Gina Blitch (husband Walker) of Statesboro; twenty-one great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon, June 2, 2026, at 2 pm at Homerville First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Fulton officiating. Burial was in Kettle Creek

Cemetery in Waycross.

Active pallbearers were Chad Crumbley, Blake Cumbley, Donald Crumbley, Jr., J.R. Goodman, Alec Goodman and Griff Roundtree.

The congregation sang "Blesses Assurance" and W.G. Smith sang "Beulah Land".

Sympathy may be expressed online at www.roundtreefuneralhome.net.

Roundtree Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Sandra Chauncey Whigam

Sandra Chauncey Whigam, 78, of Lizella passed away peacefully at her home on Monday evening, June 1, 2026, surrounded by her loving children and husband.

She was born in Fernandina, FL to the late Calvin and Dorothy Chauncey and lived in many places in Georgia throughout her life.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother and the best grandma in the world.

She is survived by her husband, Griggs Whigam of Lizella; two sons, Kerry Whigam of Lizella and Shane Whigam (wife Leah) of Suwanee; one brother, John Chauncey (wife Karen) of Homerville; five grandchildren, Ian Whigam, Griggs Whigam, Shelby Whigam, Myles Whigam and Brooks Whigam; two great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

A funeral service was held Saturday morning, June 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Homerville Free Will Baptist Church.

Sympathy may be expressed online at www.roundtreefuneralhome.net.

Roundtree Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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Fellow Farmers,

We write today as state legislators. More importantly, we write to you as Georgia farmers who have had the unique experience of witnessing the intersection of governmental policy and the effects those policies can have on our family farms.

We each fight in Atlanta every day during the legislative session on behalf of the Agriculture community. In the environment under the Gold Dome, we learn pretty quickly who has the backs of our state's farm families and rural Georgia. **We can tell you unequivocally that Lt. Governor Burt Jones has been a steadfast friend to agriculture and rural Georgia. Even during times when it would've been easier, and perhaps even more politically prudent to go in a different direction, he has stood by and fought for the interests of the agriculture industry and farming families in both his former role as a State Senator and now as Lt. Governor.**

Combined, those who signed this letter represent families who have farmed for generations. Burt and his family have farmed on the same land in Butts County for six generations. We may be Senators and Representatives while the legislature is in session, but we are always full-time farmers.

We each know, without a doubt in our hearts, that Burt Jones is the person we trust most to fight for our family farms and yours too. That is why we are supporting him in his campaign to be our next Governor and humbly ask you to join us in voting for Burt Jones on June 16th.

May God bless your families, your farms, and our shared future. Your friends,

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