Obituaries: February 2015

FEBRUARY 6

LAMAR SMITH, 69, Jack, Alabama, formerly of Altamonte Springs, died Saturday, January 31. Mr. Smith was a retired captain with the Orange County Fire Department. He was a member of the Wekiva Springs Baptist Church in Apopka and an ordained pastor. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors: sisters, Brunise Smith, Jean Suggs, Carolyn Hollerger. Baldwin Fairchild West Altamonte.

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MARK WILLIAM RATHMANN, 55, Apopka, died Wednesday, February 4. Mr. Rathmann was a street maintenance worker for the city. He was born in Lackawanna, New York. Survivors: wife, Michelle; children, Jacqueline Clare, Cory Clare, David Wolffe, Amanda Brown; brother, Lawrence J., sisters, Laureen Brennan, Michelle Mieras; five grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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FEBRUARY 13

REMIGIUS BIRKO, 84, Apopka, died Wednesday, February 4. Mr. Birko was retired from Disney following 25 years of service as a maintenance supervisor. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Survivors: children, Remi, David, both of Zellwood, Judi Carberry, New Hampshire. Teri Smith, Tianne Butler, both of Apopka; sister, Lori Gietzen, Ohio; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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MARION LOUISE BATEMAN McCORD, 88, Morristown, Indiana, formerly of Apopka, died Wednesday, February 4. She and her late husband Richard owned a greenhouse in Apopka. She was Catholic. Survivors: daughters, Peg Dovidas, Patricia, both of Shelbyville, Indiana; sons, Richard Jr., Henderson, Nevada, Kenneth, Orange, California, John, Linden, Virginia; six grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

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GEORGE P. MORSE, 73, Zellwood, died Friday, February 6. Mr. Morse was an insurance adjuster. He was born in Portland, Maine. Survivors: wife, Kathleen "Pat"; children, George Jr., Apopka; Jim, Winter Garden; five grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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JOHN M. SHEPHERD, 47, Apopka, died Tuesday, February 3. He was a member of Vineyard Church of Apopka. Survivors: daughter, Jessica M., Apopka; stepson, Chase Carter, Holiday; sister, Jennifer Aldrich.

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ROBERT LOYCE SANDERS, 50, Apopka, died Tuesday, February 10. He was an electrician. He was born in Orlando. Survivors: wife, Sherry, Apopka; mother, Lenabeth, Apopka; stepchildren, Chris O'Neal, Eustis; Robert Smith, Tennessee, Tiffany Starsk, Tavares; sister, Darlene Jacobs, Venice; six grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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FEBRUARY 20

GARY D. BALL, 57, Orlando, died Thursday, February 12. Mr. Ball was a commercial and residential glazier. He was born in Orlando. Survivors: daughters, Jennifer Back, Apopka, Jessica Holecek, Joanna, both of Orlando; siblings, Sharon Whitewolf, Kissimmee, Carolyn McRorie, Judith Corron, both of Apopka, Douglas Ball, Windermere; two grandchildren. Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home, Orlando.

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WILLIAM ODELL EARLS, 77, Apopka, died Saturday, February 14. Mr. Earls was a truck driver. He was born in Batavia, Ohio. Survivors: children, Pamela Barnes, Eustis, William "Bill", Apopka, Cindy Patillo, Apopka: sisters, Wilma Shipp, Helen Roth, both of Ohio, Bernice Allen, Sorrento; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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PEDRO FIDEL SANCHEZ-MARIN, 78, Apopka, died Friday, February 13. Mr. Sanchez-Marin was an operations manager in radio. He was born in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba. Survivors: wife, Nancy Valentin; children, Veronica Sanchez, Apopka, Hector Sanchez, Orlando; two grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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RONALD LEE GREGG SR., 58, Apopka, died Monday, February 16. Mr. Gregg was a truck driver. He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. Survivors: wife, Debora L.; children, Ronald Lee Jr., Irmo, South Carolina, Donnella L., Christina M., both of Apopka, Lloyd E., Orlando; siblings, Joann Baker, Jeanette Skoruppa, Linda Rios, all of Corpus Christi, Texas, Gail, Conroe, Texas; mother, Janie Bodwell, Corpus Christi; brother, Tony, Corpus Christi; 13 grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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JOHN "JACK" H. HENSLEY II, 70, Apopka, died Friday, February 13. Mr. Hensley worked for an electric company. He was born in Covington, Kentucky. Survivor: wife, Ruby. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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EARLE W. MITCHELL JR., 77, Apopka, died Saturday, February 14. Mr. Mitchell was the owner of Mitchell Building Contractors who specialized in renovating and preserving historic buildings. He was born in Selma, Alabama. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church of Forest City. Survivors: wife, Millie; brothers, Ollie, Jefferson, Mitchell; sister, Gail Stephens, all of Orlando; daughters, Lisa Mitchell, Melissa Byrd, both of Apopka, Pamela Ditsler, Sorrento; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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ANTONIA REYES-RODRIGUEZ, 85, Apopka, died Sunday, February 15. Mrs. Reyes-Rodriguez was a baker. She was born in Manati, Puerto Rico. Survivors: daughter, Janet Cabrera, Altamonte Springs; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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SANDRA RAMSEY, 71, Apopka, died January 27. She was a homemaker. She was born in Altamonte Springs. Survivors: daughter, Bridget Andrews, Apopka; Larry Standley, Greensboro. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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FEBRUARY 27

JERRY WADE JACKSON, 75, Apopka, died Wednesday, February 18. Mr. Jackson was retired from Lockheed-Martin after 46 years. He was a Navy veteran and a member of the Masons. Survivors: wife, Betty; children, Eric W., Steinhausen, Switzerland, Jennifer Phinney, Altamonte Springs; siblings, Lucille Chaney, Dorothy McGraw, Douglas, Michael; two grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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ANN MARIE MOHR, 61, Apopka, died Friday, February 20. Mrs. Mohr was a homemaker. She was born in Olean, New York. Survivors: sons, Stephen Jr., Lakeland, Matthew, Apopka; nine brothers and sisters; two grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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WILLIAM ODELL EARLS, 77, Apopka, died Tuesday, February 17. Mr. Earls worked for several truck companies. He was born in Batavia, Ohio, and moved to Central Florida in 1962. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Survivors: son, Bill, Apopka; daughters, Pamela Barnes, Eustis, Cindy Pattillo, Apopka; sisters, Wilma Shipp, Helen Roth, both of Ohio, Bernice Allen, Sorrento; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.