

Obituaries: March 2015

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RONALD LEE GREGG SR., 58, Apopka, died Monday, February 16. Mr. Gregg was a long-distance truck driver. He was born in Texas. He was a Navy veteran. Survivors: wife, Debora; sons, Ronald Lee Jr., Irmo, South Carolina, Lloyd E. Orlando; daughters, Donnella L., Christina M., both of Apopka; sisters, Joann Baker, Jeanette Schurpola, Linda Rios, all of Corpus Christi, Texas, Gail, Conroe, Texas; brother, Tony, Corpus Christi; mother, Janie Bodwell, Corpus Christi.

JOAN W. MALCOM, 75, Apopka, died Wednesday, February 25. Mrs. Malcom was a homemaker. She was born in Eustis. Survivors: husband, Thomas D.; children, John D. Jordan Jr., Aimee L. Jordan, Peter L. Jordan, Brett M. Jordan; stepchildren, Virginia Malcom-Goodwin, Thomas D. Malcom Jr.; siblings, Don Weaver, Lowell Weaver, Odis Weaver, Horace Weaver, Judy Smith, Debbie Holman; six grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

HOMER ALEXANDER "ALEC" COLLEY SR., 79, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, March 1. Mr. Colley was born in Tifton, Georgia. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Apopka. Survivors: wife, Sharon; children, Alec Jr., St. Cloud, Brian, Sanford, Carol, Tangerine, Dan, Tangerine; siblings, Jean, Zeph, both of Georgia; seven grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

MARGARET C. BELL, Apopka, died Monday, February 23. Mrs. Bell was a postal carrier. Born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, she came to Central Florida in 1947. Survivors: sons, Dennis R. Bell, Glenn A. Bell, Ronald R. Bell; daughter, Dale M. Smith; five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren.

JANICE E. THOMPSON, 74, Orlando, died Wednesday, February 24. Ms. Thompson was a teacher in Orange County Public Schools for more than 30 years. She was born in King's Ferry. She was a member of Apopka High School's Class of 1953. She had a doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University. Survivors: brother, Ulay Orlando; sister, Marlene Fisher, Orlando, Yvonne M., Medford, Oregon. Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home, Orlando.

WALTER J. EDWARDS, 87, New Smyrna Beach, formerly of Apopka, died Thursday, February 26. Mr. Edwards was a financial counselor. Born in Newark, New Jersey, he moved to Central Florida in 1964. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors: wife,

Velma; daughters, Linda, Ginger Casey, both of New Jersey, Michelle Newton, New Smyrna Beach; Richard Bell, Florida; brother, David Newton, New Jersey; six grandchildren. Settle-Wilder Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Daytona Beach.

ANITA V. PARENT, 95, Apopka, died Saturday, February 14. Mrs. Parent was a homemaker. She was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Survivors: daughters, Lucille Pearson, Apopka, Pauline Schafer, Rochester Hills, Michigan, Vivian McCormick, Topeka, Kansas; 12 grandchildren.

KELLY JEAN HODGES, 43, Apopka, died Sunday, March 1. Ms. Hodges was born in Miami. Survivors: father, Murray, Apopka; brother, Keith, Apopka; sister, Juree Weirsten, Orlando. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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TODD LEE CANFIELD, 40, died Saturday, February 21. Mr. Canfield was a landscaper, the owner of Plush Lawns. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio, and attended Apopka High School. Survivors: parents, John, Lancaster; mother, Karen Hernandez, Apopka; stepfather, John Freeland, Lancaster; sisters, Tara Bentley, Heather Daly.

JUDY WINCEY McNEELY, 65, Merritt Island, died Saturday, March 7. Mrs. McNeely was a dental assistant and a substitute teacher in public schools. She was born in Macon, Georgia and graduated from Apopka High School in 1967. Survivors: sons, Matthew, Wesley; brothers, Dewey Wincey, Gary Wincey; six grandchildren.

LINDA HOUSE NOE, 57, Apopka, died Thursday, March 5. Mrs. Noe was born in Michigan. Survivors: children, Marie Nicole (Nikki), Shaun M., Jeremiah J., Lelia Marie Rogers, sister, Kathleen House, one grandchild. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

LEON KIRKLAND JR., 85, Apopka, died Monday, March 2. Mr. Kirkland was born in Pitts, Georgia. He was a member of the Orioles (Lockhart), Local 605 and lifetime member of Eagles. Survivors: Elvey "Pat," Tavares; daughters, Wanda G. Kelley, Sorrento, Barbara Harrison, Tavares, Wanda Joyce, Umatilla; brothers, Donnie Durden, St. Petersburg, Taylor Kirkland, Tavares; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

JOHN DAVID GERHART, 77, Apop-

ka, died Thursday, March 5. Mr. Gerhart was born in Fostoria, Ohio. Survivor: son, John A., Lexington, Kentucky. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

ROBERT "BOB" ALLEN BRYANT, 59, Mount Dora, died Friday, March 6. Mr. Bryant was born in Noblesville, Indiana. Survivors: spouse, Marshall Stright; mother, Phyllis, Apopka; siblings Joann Forgette, Debary, Ken, Gainesville, Gary, Chiefland, Linda Smith, Flowering Branch, Georgia, David, Apopka; three grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

NORMAN C. NOTTINGHAM, 88, Zellwood, died Monday, March 9. Mr. Nottingham was a machinist. He was born in Quantico, Virginia. Survivors: daughters, Edra N. Quails, Dwan Wright, Jill Anderson; brother, Eugene; companion, Joy Wood; two grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

RUSSELL CHRISTIAN HOFMANN, 75, Terre Haute, Indiana, died Wednesday, March 4. Mr. Hofmann was a citrus researcher for the United States government. He was born in Lima, Ohio, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Survivors: daughters, Christine D. Berner, Apopka, Hope, Terre Haute; three grandchildren. Roselawn Funeral Home, Terre Haute.

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MARGARET COLA "PEG" NEWTON, 100, Apopka, died Saturday, February 28. Mrs. Newton was a homemaker. She moved to Central Florida in 1978. Survivors: daughters, Linda Grimmett, Gayle VanDevender; sister, Julia Slavik. Elizabeth Anderson; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. Robert Bryant Funeral and Cremation Chapel, Sanford.

CHARLES G. CLOSSER, 89, Apopka, died Saturday, March 14. Mr. Closser was born in Frankton, Indiana. Survivors: children, Bruce, Berrien Springs, Michigan, Sharla Boger, Lakeland, Milton, Eustis; siblings, Virginia Dunder, Cicero, Indiana, Franklin, Orlando, Darlene Cox, Anderson, Indiana; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

RALPH A. SMITH, 89, Apopka, died Tuesday, March 17. Mr. Smith was a barber. He was born in Jasper. Survivors: wife, Vernice; children, Ralph, Mount Dora, Michelle Ballings, Apopka; sister, Hazel Tyson, Live Oak; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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ROBERT ANDREW "ANDY" KING, 55, Apopka, died Thursday, March 19. Mr. King retired as an aerospace production supervisor from Lockheed Martin in 2014. He was born in Orlando. Survivors: wife, Sandi; children, Robert T. "Bobby," Alan C.; sister, Margaret Ann; one grandchild. Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown, Gainesville.

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ALICE R. SERWE, 78, Apopka, died Saturday, March 21. Mrs. Serwe was a homemaker. She was born in Plum Lake, Wisconsin. Survivors: children, Joseph Jr., Germaine Wood, Michael, Mary Jeske, Jack, Bartholemew, Rose Bolinger, Chris, Mike Finn; six siblings; 27 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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KANDI WILKINS, 52, Leesburg, died Sunday, March 22. Mrs. Wilkins was a sales associate. She was born in Orlando. Survivors: husband, Russ; children, Tommy Arthur, Tallahassee, Ryan, Lady Lake, Jinger, Lady Lake, Leigh Schutt, Wildwood; parents, Pat and Duke Malcolm, Apopka; nine grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.