

Obituaries: February 2016

FEBRUARY 5

GEORGE "EDLEY" BARRINGTON GORDON, 77, Apopka, died Friday, January 29. Mr. Gordon was a security officer. He was born in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. Survivors: wife, Iris; children, Henry, Pennsylvania, Mikey, Jamaica, Charmine Johnson, New York, Sandra-Carol, New York; sister, Virolin, Jamaica; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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PORTA COLBERT, 86, Apopka, died Friday, January 22. She worked at Plymouth Citrus, Minute Maid and Luis Dreyfus in the citrus industry. She was born in Guntersville, Alabama. Survivors: children, Shirley Andalusia, Alabama, Bobby, Apopka, Linda Holt, Eustis, Alvin Alton, Missouri; siblings, Edward N. Huffstutler, Silver Springs, Texas, Sarah Woodward, Apopka, Samuel Huffstutler, Eustis; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild

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ANNA C. CLARK, 94, Apopka, died Tuesday, February 2. Mrs. Clark worked in the agriculture industry. She was born in Germany. Survivor: son, Randy, Apopka. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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FEBRUARY 12

RUBY JEAN PARISH, 83, Apopka, died Wednesday, February 3. Mrs. Parish worked in the retail industry. She was born in Florence, South Carolina. Survivor: daughter, Cynthia Jean Collins, Apopka. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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JACK J. CLAYTON, 91, Apopka, died Friday, February 5. Mr. Clayton owned an auto dealership. He was born in Onaway, Michigan. Survivors: wife, Mary; children, Carol Hopkins, Fred, Jay; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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DONALD J. YANDA, 82, Apopka, died Saturday, January 30. Survivors: children, Debbie Bailey, Kirk, both of Dillonvale, Ohio, Terri, Donna, both of Apopka,

Beth Boros, Orlando, Baldwin Brothers Cremation Society, Apopka.

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WHEELER DAVID "DUB" GIBSON JR., 75, Winter Garden, died Friday, January 29. Mr. Gibson was a builder of residential homes and commercial properties. He moved to Central Florida from Pensacola in 1980. He was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He was a veteran of the Mississippi Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Gibson was deacon of the First Baptist Church Orlando. Survivors: wife, Betty Bell; son, Wheeler David III; daughters, Emilee R. Battista, Jennifer L. Peery; brother, Jack R.; seven grandchildren.

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FEBRUARY 19

ROBERT E. "BOB" TAYLOR, 76, Sorrento, died Friday, February 12. Mr. Taylor was a purchasing agent. He was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky. Survivors: wife, Marian; children, Debbie, Georgia, Rob, Sorrento, Mike, Orlando, Holly, Apopka; sister, Lavonne Reid, Kentucky; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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CAROL JEAN TEEMS, 87, Apopka, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Saturday, February 13. Mrs. Teems was a homemaker. She was born in Toledo, Ohio. She was a member of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Apopka. Survivors: daughters, Rebecca Winegardner, Cynthia Wilson; son, Glenden E. Jr.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Weigel Funeral Home, Swanton, Ohio.

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CLIFTON J. MERRILL JR., 68, Apopka, died Monday, February 15. Mr. Merrill worked in the foliage industry. He was born in Lewiston, Georgia. Survivors: wife, Shirley; children, LaTanya "Nonnie," Virginia, Jay, Sorrento; siblings, Janet Rose, Sorrento, Carolyn Green, Apopka. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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REV. CATO L. MOTT SR., 60, Apopka, died Monday, February 8. Rev. Mott was the pastor of St. Mary A.M.E.

Church, in Osteen. Survivors: wife, Marilyn; four children; four grandchildren, mother, four sisters; two brothers. Marvin Zanders Funeral Home, Apopka.

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BARBARA ANN MURRAY, 81, Apopka, died Monday, February 1. Mrs. Murray was an economics teacher at Apopka High School. Born in Hillside, New Jersey, she moved to Apopka in 1958. Survivors: sons, Christopher L., Lakeland, Dr. Timothy R., Birmingham, Alabama, Mark A., Apopka; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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GEORGE H. BARNES, 75, Apopka, died Wednesday, February 10. Mr. Barnes served in the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy. Survivors: five children; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka.

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FEBRUARY 26

TIFFANY ANN LAWSON, 37, Apopka, died Thursday, February 11. Mrs. Lawson worked in the restaurant industry. She was born in Dayton, Ohio. Survivors: husband, Donald; parents, Timothy and Debra Blake, Port St. Lucie. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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MELVIN LeROY REAVES II, 62, Apopka, died Tuesday, February 16. Mr. Reaves was a plumber. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania. Survivors: children, Melanie, Chelsea Cochran, Marc; siblings, Jeanie Hendrix, Bonnie; seven grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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KENNETH DE SOMER, 88, Apopka, died Wednesday, February 24. Mr. De Somer worked in the construction industry. He was born in Chicago, Illinois. Survivor: son, Keith, Apopka. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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CHARLES GEORGE YARID, 80, Orlando, died Tuesday, February 23. Mr. Yarid was a cable technician in the telecommunications industry. He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts. Survivors: mother,

Doris, Winter Park; children, Ruth Per-
een, Essex, Massachusetts, Abraham
Vasquez, Connecticut; siblings, Elaine
Pierce, Minnesota, Nancy Kingan, Erica
Provo, both of Florida, Joshua Stachows-
ki; one grandchild. Loomis Family Fu-
neral Home, Apopka.

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LARRY CLIFTON FITTS, 73,
Apopka, died Friday, February 19. Mr.
Fitts worked in construction. He was
born in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a
member and deacon at Trinity Baptist
Church of Apopka. Survivors: wife, Judy
Ann; sons, Larry, Apopka, Gary, Ocoee;
siblings, David L., Deltona, Linda, Tam-
pa; two grandchildren. Loomis Family
Funeral Home, Apopka.

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GASTON COOPER, 76, Apopka,
died Sunday, February 21. Mr. Cooper
worked as a mechanic. He was born in
Coffee County, Alabama. Survivors: wife,
Shirley; children, Steve Arnold, David
Allen, Jerry Cleveland, Angel Rochelle,
Kimberly Ann; siblings, Francis Stephen-
son, Jean Wolfe, Joel Z., Tim W., Mi-
chael; five grandchildren; six great-grand-
children. Loomis Family Funeral Home,
Apopka.

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