

Obituaries: March 2016

MARCH 5

LIBERTAD "LIBBY" BELENA SIMMONS, 58, Apopka, died Saturday, February 27. Mrs. Simmons was employed by The Apopka Chief and The Planter since 2003. She was born in Manta, Ecuador. She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses in Apopka. Survivors: husband, Robert R.; son, Robertito R.; daughters, Rebecca L.D., Nikita E.B. Simmons-Dion, Natasha B.; brothers, Gualberto Angel Cevallos, Darwin Cevallos, Hermes Wilber Cevallos; sisters, Rupi Viteri, Dalila Cevallos; two grandchildren.

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BRYAN 'BEE' LAMONT POTTER, JR., 20, Orlando, died Monday, February 22. Mr. Potter worked as a heavy equipment operator in construction. He was born in Orlando. Survivors: parents, Bryan and Cindy, Apopka; daughter, Payton, Apopka; siblings, Christopher, Cloe, both of Orlando; grandfather "Pops," grandmother, "G-Ma." Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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LOUISE STRICKLAND, 71, Apopka, died Friday, February 26. Mrs. Strickland was a foreman in the foliage industry. She was born in Lake Brantley. Survivors: husband, James; children, Teresa White, Wanda Klingensmith, Frank White, Star White, Melody Duke, Robin White, Eddie White, Shelly Boyette; siblings, Virginia Shelley, Lucy Parke; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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CLIFFORD ALBERT CARTER, 60, Apopka, died Saturday, February 27. Mr. Carter was a mechanic and welder for Diversified Drilling Corp., Apopka. Survivors: wife, Valerie; son, Nick Peterson. Baldwin Brothers Cre-

mation Society, Apopka.

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TERRANCE S. (TJ) ROACH, JR., 27, Apopka, died Friday, February 19. Mr. Roach was employed by Mullinax Ford in Apopka. He was a graduate of Apopka High School and a Blue Darter football player. Survivors: sons, Terrance S. III, Ian, Xavier; parents, Katrina Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Roach Sr. Apopka; sisters, Katrina Vaughn, Natasha Boggan; brothers, Lyndon Vaughn, Tyrrell Roach, Terrell. Orlando West Ministries.

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DANIEL WAYNE NEELEY, 22, Ocoee, died Friday, March 5. Mr. Neeley was a construction worker. He was born in Ocoee. Survivors: parents, Jesse and Carrie Neeley, Apopka; brothers, Ryan, Austin Bowden, Conner Bowden. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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CHARLES EDWIN WOOSTER, 72, formerly of Apopka, died Sunday, March 6. Born in Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Wooster was a retired systems analyst for AT&T. He was an Army Reserve veteran. Survivors: children, Sheila Russillo, High Point, North Carolina, Scott Brown, Florida; two grandchildren. Wright Cremation and Funeral Service, High Point.

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ELBERT HOKE RICHARDSON, 72, Troutman, North Carolina, died Wednesday, February 17. Mr. Richardson was a bank founder and executive, civic leader and former longtime mayor of Troutman. Born in Orlando, he was a graduate of Apopka High School. He was Baptist. Survivors: wife, Joyce; sons, Douglas E., Randall Scott, Jarrod H.; brothers,

Gerald D., Florida, Ronald R., Kansas; five grandchildren.

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JANE M. SHEPHERD, 101, Apopka, died Monday, March 14. Mrs. Shepherd was a teacher. She was born in Anderson, South Carolina. Survivors: daughters, Martha Moran, Windermere, Anna Perez, South Carolina; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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MARY EVELYN POPE, 76, Ocoee, died Wednesday, March 9. Mrs. Pope worked in retail. She was born in Ty Ty, Georgia. Survivors: husband, Floyd; children, Annette Mackey, Clarksville, Tennessee, Thomas, Apopka, Teresa Clark, Youngsville, Pennsylvania; siblings, Joyce Brickner, H.B. Watson Jr., both of Apopka, Margaret Jespersen, Orlando, Patricia Cox, Pine Hills; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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WILLIE RAY EASLEY, 84, Apopka, died Wednesday, March 9. Mrs. Easley was supervisor in the greetings card industry. She was born in Bruce, Mississippi. Survivors: children, Yvonne Brewer, Deborah Ray, Penny Horton; stepchildren, Janet Chunn, Debbie O'Kane, Sandra Strop, Bruce Easley, Donna Hastings, Melissa Wilson, Kim Young; siblings, Robbie Jean Byrum, Jesse Banks; 25 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

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DONALD YOUNGS SR., 86, Zellwood, died Tuesday, March 8. Mr. Youngs was the previous owner of Crums Heating and Air Conditioning. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Apopka. Survivors: wife,

Barbara; daughter, Donna Shafter; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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RONALD J. WALKER, 61, Apopka, died Tuesday, March 8. Mr. Walker was a manufacturer's representative for NanaWall. He was born in Owensboro, Kentucky. He was Catholic. Survivors: wife, Vanessa; brother, Roger, Coppell, Texas; sisters, Donna Meyer, Altamonte Springs, Alane Taylor, Masonville, Kentucky. James H. Davis Funeral Home, Owensboro.

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BARBARA BRUMMITT, 55, Apopka, died Thursday, March 10. Mrs. Brummitt worked as a school janitor. She was born in Eastman, Georgia. Survivors: husband, Dexter Porterfield; children, Chad, April Goodson, Eustis; siblings, Ronnie Sheffield, David Sheffield, David Sheffield, Patricia Floyd; one grandchild. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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VICTOR HUMBERTO PELAEZ, 89, Apopka, died Friday, March 4. Survivors: wife, Violetta; daughters, Maria Vigil, Teresa Wade; son, Humberto A.; sister, Rosa M.; brother, Carlos; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Baldwin Brothers Funeral and Cremation Society, Apopka.

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JORGE KRAUSS, 84, Apopka, died Tuesday, March 8. Survivors: sons, Walter, Mario, Ricardo; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Baldwin Brothers Funeral and Cremation Society, Apopka.

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LORRAINE DARMETKO, 74, Apopka, died Wednesday, March 9. Survivors; sons, Paul, John Wise; two grandchildren. Baldwin Brothers Funeral and Cremation Society, Apopka

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DARLENE SOTO, 52, Clermont, died Thursday, March 10. Mrs. Soto was a cosmetologist and beautician educator and trainer. Survivors: husband, Edgar; mother, Benedicta Otero, Apopka, brother, Edward, sister, Betzaida, Orlando. Baldwin Brothers Funeral and Cremation Society, Apopka.

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EMMA ELIZABETH DUNCAN, 81, Apopka, died Saturday, March 12. Mrs. Duncan was a homemaker. She was born in McCullough, Alabama. Survivors: husband, Howard; children, Eugene, Debary, Kelvin, Apopka, Kelly, Union Spring, Alabama; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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ROGER ALLEN DuBOIS, 62, Apopka, died Sunday, March 13. Mr. DuBois was a master carpenter in cabinet making. He was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Survivors: wife, Marilyn; son, Nick, Lake Mary; siblings, Tom, Balivor, Ohio, Yvonne Rackard, Cudjoe Key, Raymond, Sparta, New Jersey, Albert, Pataskala, Ohio. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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STEVEN R. RUSSELL, 66, Umatilla, died Sunday, March 13. Mr. Russell was retired from "Ma Bell" after 32 years employment. Born in Key West, he was a disabled Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Umatilla Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors: wife, Rebecca; mother, Mary Louise, Key West; son, Matthew Parra, Australia; daughter, Melanie Serafine, Longwood; brother, Warren Y. Jr., Marathon; four grandchildren. Harden-Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

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WENDELL EARL TYNER, 53, Apopka, died Saturday, March 12. Mr. Tyner was truck driver. He was born in Effingham, Illinois. Survivors: son, Devon, Clermont; mother, Alice

D.; sibling, Stormy. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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KIRBY "JACK" CHARLES, 81, Apopka, died Wednesday, March 16. Mr. Charles worked in the foliage industry. He was born in Welch, West Virginia. Survivor: friend, Deborah Keidser, Orlando. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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WILLIAMSCOTTBENNETT, 74, Eustis, died Wednesday, March 16. Mr. Bennett was an electrician. He was born in Vienna, West Virginia. Survivors: wife, Peggy; children, Cindy Brown, Apopka, Lyn Foss, Wesley; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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WILMA LEE MOSELY, 60, Orlando, died Friday, March 18. Mrs. Mosely was a homemaker. She was born in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Survivors: husband, Douglas; children, Billy, North Carolina, Amy Recor, Apopka; siblings, Brian Ragin, Georgia, Debbie Spurlin, Longwood, Linda Panzik, Paisley, Carol Feilmeier, North Carolina; five grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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JACQUES A. RAGAN, 74, Apopka, died Friday, March 18. Mr. Ragan worked as a greenhouse manager. He was born in Asheville, North Carolina. Survivors: wife, Susan; son, Paul G.; brother, Edward L.; sister; Vivian R. Wakefield. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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SAM POTEET, 88, Zellwood, died Sunday, March 6. Mr. Poteet was an engineer in the automotive industry. He was born in Hartwell, Ohio. Survivors: wife, Alice Ruth; children, Jeff, Ohio, Judy Harding, Florida;

siblings, James, Bonnie Henrich, both of Ohio, Amelia Robinson, Minnesota; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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JAMES ARTHUR "JIM" DAVIS, 86, Tallahassee, died Thursday, March 17. A former principal at Taft Elementary and Jones High, Mr. Davis, rose to be executive assistant to the president of Florida A&M University. He was born in Apopka. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors: former wife and friend, Winnie; children, Kha White, Jacqueline H., Christopher, Regina; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Tillman Funeral Service of Tallahassee.

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THOMAS JUNIOR KRAUS, 87, Salt Springs, died Saturday, March 19. Mr. Kraus was a construction foreman. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors: daughter, Kelly McMillan, Apopka; son, Thomas Jr., Naples; two grandchildren. Baldwin Brothers Cremation Society, Apopka.

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MARILYN FINNELLI, 74, Apopka, died Monday, March 21. Mrs. Finnelli was a homemaker. She was born in Brooklyn, New York. Survivors: husband, Thomas; children, Kathleen A. Walker, Edward T. Purcell, Apopka; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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