

Obituaries December 2011

DECEMBER 2

LORIN SHAW, 88, Apopka, died Thursday, November 24. Mr. Shaw was a truck driver. Born in Macon, Georgia, he moved to Central Florida in 2010. He was a veteran of the Army and the Navy. Survivors: wife, Emily; sons, Derwin, Ronald, both of Apopka; three grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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CAROL A. HOLMES, 66, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, November 27. Mrs. Holmes was a secretary. She was born in Chicago, Illinois. She was a member of the Signal Lights of Zellwood. Survivors: husband, Richard, Zellwood; daughters, Lorelei Blumenfeld, Minnesota, Michelle Griffin, Oveido, Jennifer Phillips, Longwood; son, Scott Simmons, Miami; brothers, Richard Hacker, Greg Hacker, Charles Hacker Jr., Thomas Hacker, Raymond Hacker; sister, Elizabeth Guadagnoli; eight grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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EDITH B. WAITES, 96, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (formerly of Apopka) died Thursday, November 24. She was born in St. Clair County, Alabama. Mrs. Waites was a retired teacher at Lovell Elementary School in Apopka. Her late husband, Wilson Waites, was Apopka High School football coach in 1968 and 1969. Survivors: sons, William G., Ft. Worth, Texas, James W. Jr., Baton Rouge; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Crestwood Funeral Home, Gadsden, Alabama.

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ROBERT LOUIS HARDEE, 82, Fort Worth, Texas, died Friday, November 25. Mr. Hardee was retired from Convair/GD/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. He was born and grew up in Apopka. He was a Baptist deacon of 40 years and a member of the Williams Road Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Survivors: wife, Ella Yvonne; daughters, Cindy Engels, Barbara Johns; six grandchildren. Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

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DECEMBER 9

RUBY JEAN WAITS, 84, Apopka, died Monday, December 5. Mrs. Waits was a music teacher for Orange County Public Schools and was also a music director at First Baptist Church of Apopka. She taught private piano lessons for many years in Apopka. Born in Mt. Olive, Mississippi, she moved to Apopka in 1953. Survivors: daughters, Becky, Karen Karma, Amy Denson; son, David; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Loomis Family

Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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MARY L. HIGGINBOTHAM, 75, Apopka, died Sunday, December 4. Mrs. Higginbotham was a can packer at Plymouth Citrus. Born in Hazlehurst, Georgia, she moved to Central Florida in 1946. She was Baptist. Survivors: husband, Dillard; daughters, Debbie Compton, Apopka, Karen Brown, Amarillo, Texas, Kathy Rentz; son, Michael, Ocala; sisters, Joyce Fort, Dorothy Spivey, Peggy Joyce Langel, all of Tallahassee, Barbara Dauphin, Apopka; brother, Jimmy Harrell, St. Louis, Mo.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral; Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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RUTH WHITTINGTON CLARK, 84, Apopka, died Thursday, December 1. She was born in Coats, North Carolina. Survivors: sisters, Linda F., Leesburg, Sarah L., Sue L., Marva L. Judd, all of Apopka. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka.

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JUANITA A. NOWELS, 92, Zellwood, died Wednesday, November 30. Born in Ashland, Kentucky, she moved to Zellwood in 1970. Mrs. Nowels was a professional seamstress and assistant hospital administrator. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother. Survivors: son, Jerry, Zellwood; brother, Donald, The Villages; six grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

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THELMA M. SCHUNK, Apopka, died Monday, October 31. Mrs. Schlunk was retired from the U.S. Postal Service, Orlando. Survivors: daughters, T. Sandra Korbar, Janice, Gowanda, N.Y.; brothers, John Steinmetz, Florida, James Steinmetz, Robert Steinmetz, David Steinmetz, all of New York; sisters, Carol Burroughs, Jean Frink, both of New York; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. Schindler Funeral Home, Gowanda, N.Y.

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CHARLES G. HENDERSON, 69, Altamonte Springs, died Friday, December 2. Mr. Henderson was born in Covington County, Alabama. He was a member of New England Heights Baptist Church, Apopka Elks Club, and Highway Patrol Auxiliary. Survivors: wife, Sandy, Apopka; daughters, Beverly Garza, Sorrento, Annette Walker, Apopka; brothers, Austin, Jerome, both of Florida, Ala.; sister, Helen Carpenter, Florida; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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NANCY RIGBY MANN, 94, Winter Garden, died Sunday, December 4. Mrs. Mann

was a retired schoolteacher at Lakeview High. She was born in Plymouth. She was a member of the Apopka High Class of 1935. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Winter Garden. She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

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DECEMBER 16

NANCY J. RHODES, 70, Altamonte Springs, died Wednesday, December 7. Mrs. Rhodes worked in the retail industry. Born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, she moved to Central Florida five weeks ago. She was Protestant. Survivors: husband, Cletis; daughters, Kimberly Henson, Apopka, Marilyn Cerniglia, Arizona; brothers, Walter Anderson, Delaware, John Anderson, Arizona; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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ROSA E. DAWSON, 68, Orlando, died Wednesday, November 30. Mrs. Dawson was a teacher at Dover Shores Elementary School for 27 years. She was born in Green Cove Springs. Survivors: husband, John; daughters, Valerie Glover, Audrey Dawson, both of Orlando, Patricia Hampton, Apopka; sisters, Berta Mae Sledge, Mildred Johnson, Sarah Battle; seven grandchildren. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.

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NORMAN C. FLOWERS, 91, Apopka, died Friday, December 9. Born in Pickaway County, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida in 1987. He was a member of the Apopka Assembly of God and WCVO Christian Radio. Survivors: wife, Madonna; daughter, Lynne Ingram, Gibsonton; sisters, Annabelle Scofield, Denver, Pa., Opal Rott, Maxine Arzeurger, both of Orlando; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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DOLORES COREEN WILSON, 77, Apopka, died Thursday, December 8. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, she moved to Central Florida in 1996. She was a retired school teacher from the Detroit Public School System. She was Protestant. Survivors: husband, Alan; sons, Alan Jr., Mark; daughter, Deborah; sisters, Myrtle Rosario, Bertha Willoughby; brother, Roosevelt Greer; four grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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MARIAN LOUISE GRAY, 75, Apopka, died Thursday, December 8. Mrs. Gray was a homemaker. She was born in Orlando. She was active in the Humane Society and the American Vets. She was Baptist. Survivors: sons,

Kevin, Glen; daughter, Reba Miller; brother, Wayne Harrell; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

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AGNES W. GREEN, 74, Apopka, died Sunday, December 11. Mrs. Green worked as secretary at her church and she was a homemaker. Survivors: sons, Jerry, Orlando, David, Dothan, Ala., Robert, Groveland; brothers, Charles Wasden, Joe Wasden; sisters, Gail Watts, Meschal Suddeth, Sharon Prather; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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JAMES WESLEY FERGUSON, 84, Apopka, died Sunday, December 11. Mr. Ferguson was retired from the Navy and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was an owner of several foliage operations in Central Florida and member of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. He became president of Central Florida Foliage Chapter in 1976-1977. He was parks director for the city of Apopka in the 1980s, retiring in 1992. Mr. Ferguson was a member of the VFW Post 10147 in Apopka and a member of the First United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. Mr. Ferguson was also scoutmaster of Troop 211 for many years. Survivors: sons, Steve, Apopka, Bill, Tavares; daughter, Lisa Lochridge, Apopka; brother, Don, Marlton, N.J.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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ZACHERY DEE DILL, 18, Apopka, died Thursday, December 8. Born in Orlando, he was a student at Lake Brantley High School. He was a member of Journey Christian Church. Survivors: father, Danny; mother, Michelle; brother, Jacob S.; sister, Alyssa. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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MARY J. PAULICELLI, 99, Mt. Dora, died Sunday, December 11. Mrs. Paulicelli was a homemaker. Born in Ozone Park, New York, she moved to Central Florida in 1968. Survivors: daughter, Jean "Donald" MacGeorge, Zellwood; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

DECEMBER 23

CLIFFORD MOORE, 84, Apopka, died Tuesday, December 6. Mr. Moore was a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Apopka. Survivors: wife, Mary Ann; son, Vincent L.; daughter, Sherrie Parker.

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MARY EDMANDS, 87, Apopka, died Monday, December 12. Mrs. Edmands was

a homemaker. Born in Springfield, Illinois, she moved to Central Florida from Venice in 2006. Survivors: sons, Charles H. Jr., John C., Robert B.; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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MARTHA H. MALTBY, 84, Apopka, died Wednesday, December 14. Mrs. Maltby was born in Parco, Wyoming, and moved to Zellwood as an infant. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Apopka High School's Class of 1945. She was a member of Zellwood United Methodist Church and a member of Errol Estate Country Club. Survivors: daughter, Jill H. Horton, Zellwood; sons, Larry H., Chris E., both of Apopka, Robert A., Tennessee; sisters, Betty Ann Haynes, Zellwood, Connie Johns, Lake Como; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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RONNIE BEACH SMITH, 65, Orlando, died Thursday, December 15. He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Smith served 20 years in the Marine Corps, and 20 years in the U.S. Postal Service. He served two tours in the Vietnam War, retiring as a first sergeant. Survivors: wife, Julia; sons, Mark, Tony, Scott; father, James A. Smith, Clinton, N.C.; sister, Olivia Sweeting, Zellwood; four grandchildren. Newcomer Funeral Home, Orlando.

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SUSAN V. COPPOLA, 57, Apopka, died Sunday, December 18. Mrs. Coppola was an entertainer in the music industry. She was born in Baybay, Phillipines. She was a member of the Annunciation Catholic Church. Survivors: husband, Stephen; daughter, Lillen Patton, Casselberry; brothers, Lito Valencona, Russo Valencona, both of Baybay; two grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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MARY ELIZABETH ROBINSON, 97, Apopka, died Friday, December 16. Born in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, she moved to Central Florida in 1954. She retired from Sears-Roebuck in 1977. Survivors: sons, Douglas F., West Virginia, R.J. McLaren, San Diego, Calif.; daughter, Carol S. Robinson, Apopka sister, Ruth Burkhart, Weston, West Virginia. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka.

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VIRGINIA HALL MUMFORD, 85, Apopka and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died Thursday, December 15. Mrs. Mumford was a homemaker. She was born in Dayton, Ohio. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Mich. Survivors: husband, Edwin B. (for two days); sons, Edwin B. Jr., Chicago, Ill., Christopher H., West Bloomfield, Mich.; six grandchildren.

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EDWIN BRUCE MUMFORD SR., 89, Apopka and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died Saturday, December 17. Mr. Mumford was a former automotive industry executive. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Survivors: sons, Edwin B. Jr., Chicago, Ill., Christopher H., West Bloomfield Mich., sister, Doris Culver, Louisville, Ky.; six grandchildren.

DECEMBER 30

BERNADETTE HENDERSON BRUNSON, 64, Orlando, died Sunday December 18. Born in Apopka she moved to Orlando in 1986. Mrs. Brunson was a graduate of Phyllis Wheatley High School. She was a secretary at Valencia College library system and a key builder of the school's library system for over three decades. She also served as church secretary and senior administrator at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Apopka. Survivors: parents, Edna Thomas, Apopka and Jessie T. Henderson, Plymouth, daughter, Tonya Eaton, Atlanta, Ga., sister, Sherry Barnes, Orlando; brothers, Jessie Henderson Jr., Apopka, Wallace Henderson, Plymouth. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Apopka.

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HOWARD ALLEN MARTIN, 77, Zellwood, died Monday, December 26. Mr. Martin was a laborer in the agriculture/citrus industry. Born in Wayne County, Tennessee, he moved to Central Florida 60 years ago. Survivor: nephew, David Martin, Zellwood.

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JOYCE ETTY, 81, Apopka, died Christmas Eve, December 24. Mrs. Ety taught in the Orange County School System for over 30 years. She attended schools in Apopka. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Survivors: son, Gerry L., Apopka, sisters, Gayle Andrews, Apopka, Judy Talton, Vidalia and Athens, Ga. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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MARY FAITH GILLIAM, 81, Lake Mary and formerly of Apopka, died Tuesday, December 27. Mrs. Gilliam was a retired school teacher of 33 years in the Orange County School System. She was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She was a volunteer with the Episcopal Church Women's Group. Survivors: daughters, Becky Johnson, Apopka, Vickie Fleischer, Floral City; son, Jack Jr.; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

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