

# Obituaries: September 2011

## SEPTEMBER 2

ELOISE COBB, 96, Sorrento, died Tuesday, August 23. Mrs. Cobb was a homemaker. She was born in Cobbtown, Georgia. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sorrento. Survivors: son, Ellis A. Sr., Sorrento, Charles R., Eustis; daughters, Mary Loy Davis, Montgomery, Ala., Marie O'Dell, Orlando. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

WILLIAM A. MURPHY JR., 70, Apopka, died Wednesday, August 24. Mr. Murphy was an architect. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Apopka. Survivors: brothers, Charles, New Jersey, Richard, Colorado. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

DANIEL WAYNE LEVESQUE, 29, Apopka, died Friday, August 26. Mr. Levesque was an information technology technician. He was born in Orlando. Survivors: parents, Wayne and Teresa, Apopka; sister, Lisa Plotkin, Apopka. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

ELMIRA DARDEN RICKETSON, 82, Apopka, died Tuesday, August 23. Mrs. Ricketson was a homemaker. She was born in Lumber City, Georgia. Survivors: four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home and Crematory, Apopka.

MARTHA ELIZABETH COOKE, 91, Lockhart, died Sunday, August 21. Mrs. Cooke was a restaurant manager and homemaker. She was born in Fosterville, New York. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of St. Christopher Episcopal Church, Lockhart. Survivors: sons, David, Apopka, Peter, Orlando; daughters, Melanie Richards, Phoenix, Ariz., Mary Ann, Taipei, Taiwan; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. First Baptist Church of Central Florida, Orlando.

CHARLES HEWBERT ENGLISH, 73, Orlando, died Tuesday, August 30. Mr. English worked in a plant nursery. Born in Altoona, he grew up in Apopka. He was Protestant. Survivors: stepdaughter, Nita Martinez; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

## SEPTEMBER 9

BARBARA J. MORRISON, 85, Apopka,

died August 17. Mrs. Morrison was a homemaker. She was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was a member of Errol Estate Country Club. Survivors: son, Jack C. Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii; daughters, Cyndee Jarrell, Lori Robbins, both of Lakeland, Jay Lee Human, Sanford; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs.

VICTORIA LYNN LEE, 51, Apopka, died Wednesday, August 31. Mrs. Lee worked at Howard's Nursery in Apopka. Born in Roanoke, Virginia, she moved to Central Florida 48 years ago. Survivors: mother, Lucille R. Lee, Apopka; sons, Steven McCullah, Adam McCullah; brother, Kenneth Ray Lee. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

CHARLES EDWARD CLAY, 84, Apopka, died Friday, August 26. Mr. Clay was a superintendent for CSX Railroad. Born in Stallings, West Virginia, he retired to Apopka in 1988. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of Sweetwater Country Club. Survivors: wife Doris Catherine; daughter, Lynda Arlene Tweet, Charlottesville, Va.; sons, Charles D., Dennis E., both of Apopka; brother, William H., Apopka; sister, Charlotte Johnson, Huntington, W.V.; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

BETTY L. NIFONG, 77, Apopka, died Wednesday, August 31. Mrs. Nifong was a business owner in the furniture industry. She was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina. Survivors: husband, Ray J.; sons, Dennis Newton, Gary Newton, both of Apopka; daughters, Gilda Maneseechanie, Charlotte, N.C., Anita Rash, Thomasville, N.C.; sister, Martha Greene, Howey-In-The-Hills; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

WILLIE JAMES WEBB SR., 69, Apopka, died Thursday, August 25. Mr. Webb was a retired construction worker, chief car detailer at Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home and a former semi-pro basketball coach for the Apopka Royals. He was Seventh-day Adventist. Survivors: daughters, Costa Quinn, Monica; sons, Willie J. Jr., Tony, Marcus, all of Apopka; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Apopka.

LARRY L. LA RUE, 69, Montverde, died Saturday, September 3. Mr. La Rue managed structural steel projects for Walt Disney

World's Epcot and Universal Studios of Orlando as part owner of a welding and steel company. He moved to Florida in 1977. Survivors: wife, Beverly; sons, Ronnie, Apopka, Larry G. Jr., Montverde; stepson, John Whittaker, Apopka; daughter, Twinkle Shiplett, Alabama; stepdaughter, Deborah Carter, DeLand; sister, Carolyn Northern, Dyersburg, Tenn.; brother, James Jr., Dyersburg; 17 grandchildren. Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, West Altamonte Chapel, Altamonte Springs.

LOREN A. DEDERICK, 92, Naples, formerly of Apopka, died Monday, August 29. Survived by loving family. National Cremation Service and Burial Society, North Ft. Myers.

CHRISTOPHER DAVID OSOFSKY, 28, Apopka, died Thursday, September 1. Mr. Osofsky was a motorcycle mechanic. He was born in Fort Hood, Texas. Survivors: parents, David and Terry, Apopka; brother, Nicholas, Orlando. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

DOUGLAS RAY PHILLIPS, 53, Apopka, died Monday, September 5. Mr. Phillips worked in the citrus industry prior to retiring for health problems. He was born in Winter Garden. Survivors: parents, Roy O. and Carolyn E.; sister, Michelle Green. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

JOYCE "FAYE" DOWDEN, 68, Zellwood, died Sunday, September 4. Mrs. Dowden was a homemaker and retired professional tennis player. She was a life member of the 101st Airborne Division Association. Survivors: husband, Ray Strickland Sr.; daughter, Marla Gibson, Arcadia; sons, Patrick D. Dowden, Orlando, Thomas A. Dowden, Apopka; brother, Dero Steadman, Apopka; sister, Janie Ribblett, Apopka; six grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

DEBORAH SUE ROSELAND, 53, Orlando, formerly of Apopka, died Wednesday, August 24. She was a graduate of Apopka High School. She worked for the VFW. Roseland also was a member of the American Legion Post 242, Countyline Moose and Casselberry Vets. Survivors: mother, Joyce Roseland; sister, Carol Roseland, Coon Rapids, Minn.; brother, Timothy, Winter Park.

BRUCE LEE SMITHERS, 72, Savannah Georgia, died Saturday, August 27. Mr. Smithers was retired from the Information Services

Division of Milliken Inc., Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was Methodist. Survivors: wife, Anita; daughters, Lisa Collins, Moore, S.C., Teri Bruce, Campobello, S.C., Tami Lawson, Pauline S.C.; sisters, Polly Dover, Linda Wagers, both of Apopka; stepdaughter, Jessica Miller, Savannah; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Waters Funeral Home, Lyman, S.C.

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RUTH ANN CORLE, 79, Apopka, died Wednesday, September 7. Mrs. Corle worked as a customer representative for the Cable Company. She was born in Freezeville, Pennsylvania. Survivors: daughter, Elaine Corle, Orlando; brother, Lloyd Roudabush, Michigan. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

#### SEPTEMBER 16

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CLARENCE WESLEY BEALL JR., 77, Mount Dora, died Friday, September 9. Mr. Beall farmed land in Zellwood from 1956 to 1986. Born in Burtonsville, Maryland, he moved to Mount Dora in 1956. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in #1578 Eustis. He was Methodist. Survivors: daughters, Debbie Tabor, Eustis, Terri Rue, Sorrento; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Allen J. Harden Funeral Home, Mount Dora.

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JOHN D. NUTTER, 87, Apopka, died Monday, September 12. Mr. Nutter was a carpenter. He was a veteran of the Navy. Survivors: wife, Louise; sons, Eric, Apopka, Michael, Chicago, Ill., Gary, Littleton, Colo., Mark, Tomball, Tex.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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CAROL ANN TREMBLAY, 68, Zellwood, died Tuesday, September 13. Mrs. Tremblay was retired as an accounting clerk for the city of Orlando. She was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Survivors: daughters, Vicki Blink, Donna Keith; five grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka.

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DANIEL E. WATSON, 85, Moultrie, Georgia, formerly of Apopka, died Thursday, September 8. Mr. Watson worked at American Can Company and Better Plastics, both of Apopka, prior to establishing DEW Nursery and later Watson Nurseries. He was born in Baldwin County, Georgia. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors: daughters, Danette, Dillon, Mont., Lisa, Winter Haven; son, Alan, Davenport; sister, Mary Gross, Newcastle, Ind.; four grandchildren. Watson-Giddens Funeral Home, Moultrie.

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DONALD FRANCIS GRABOSKY, 84, Apopka, died Tuesday, September 13. Mr. Grabosky was a member of St. Mary Magda-

len Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs. Survivors: wife, Marie; daughter, Linda Fischer; sons, Jerry, Greg, David; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka.

#### SEPTEMBER 23

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JAMES LAWRENCE PARIS SR., 67, Apopka, died Wednesday, September 14. He was a member of Apopka Assembly of God. Survivors: wife, Sharon; father, Carmen; son, James Jr.; daughters, Rebecca, Amanda; brother, Larry; sisters, Debbie, Lillian; eight grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka.

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VIRGINIA W. LAMB, 84, Apopka, died Tuesday, September 13. Mrs. Lamb was formerly employed by State Bank of Apopka, Minute Maid, Plymouth Citrus Products, and King's Auto Parts. She was the last surviving graduate of Apopka High School's Class of 1944. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Apopka. Survivors: son, Lee Roy, Apopka; three grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka.

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CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL CHE, 29, Sorrento, died Wednesday, September 14. Survivors: wife, Melissa; parents, Thanh and Darline, Apopka; daughter, Madison, Sorrento; sisters, Tanya, Amanda, both of Apopka. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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HOWARD E. BOBO, 87, Lenoir City, Tennessee, formerly of Zellwood, died Friday, September 16. Mr. Bobo was retired from Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Heartland Worship Center. Survivors: daughters, Cindy Beeler, Lenoir City, Judy McPherson, Kingston, Tenn., Barbara Badger Seymour, Tenn.; four grandchildren. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City.

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MARY FRANCES HARRIS, 89, Zellwood, died Wednesday, September 14. Mrs. Harris was a homemaker. Born in New York City, New York, she moved to Central Florida in 2004. Survivors: daughter, Margaret Presti, Apopka; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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DAVID MICHAEL "MIKE" SMITH, 63, Winter Garden, formerly of Apopka, died Friday, September 16. Mr. Smith worked as an electronics engineer. He was born in East Liverpool, Ohio. He was Methodist. Survivors: wife, Jan; son, Mike, Winter Garden; sister, Louise Miller, Sorrento; brother, Ray, Dallas, Tex. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cre-

mation Service, Apopka.

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MARIBEL LARACUENTE, 54, Apopka, died Monday, September 19. Mrs. Laracuenta worked in the education industry. She was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Survivors: husband, Monty and their children. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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ELIZABETH ANN BARRETT, 53, Apopka, died Monday, September 19. Mrs. Barrett was a manager in the retail industry. Born in New York City, New York, she moved to Central Florida in 1986. She was Catholic. Survivors: husband, John; daughter, Lauren Mixon, Spring Hill; son, Tyler, Apopka; sister, Susan Stellwagen, New York; two grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

#### SEPTEMBER 30

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CHARLES "CHUCK" FONNER, 68, Mt. Plymouth, died Wednesday, September 14. Mr. Fonner was a veteran of the Navy. Born in Peoria, Illinois, he moved to Florida from Chicago. He was a member of the Mt. Plymouth VFW and the VFW of Apopka. Survivors: wife, Colleen; sons, Christopher, Orange Park, Nicholas, Homewood, Ill.; sister, Patty Jo Puryear, Armuchee, Ga.; brothers, Marion, Groveland, Ill., Terry, Pekin, Ill.; one grandchild.

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ONEIDA LOPEZ, 78, Apopka, died Friday, September 23. Mrs. Lopez was a homemaker. Born in Cuba, she moved to Central Florida in 1977. She was a member of the Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors: husband, Laureano; sons, Elberto, Adam, both of Sanford, Humberto, Apopka; daughters, Maria Elena Rod-riguez, Deland, Maria Esther Lopez, Poinciana, Maria Eva Lopez, Lake Mary; sister, Olivia Silva, Ft. Myers; brothers, Antonio Silver, Orelve Silva, Omar Silva, all of Cuba; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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ARNOLD A. MAAG, 73, Apopka, formerly of Glandorf, Ohio, died Tuesday, September 13. Mr. Maag was a brick mason for Cocoa Masonry, Taft. He was born in Glandorf. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Apopka. Survivors: son, Scott, Altamonte Springs; daughters, Vickie Lee, Savannah, Ga., Nicole Cruciat, Deltona; sisters, Alice Wiswasser, Columbus Grove, Jeanette Brinkman, Ottawa. Maxine Karl, Glandorf; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Love Funeral Home, Glandorf.

IRA FRED STEWART, 73, Apopka, died Saturday, September 24. He was born in Gainesville. He was a member of the Navy. Survivors: daughters, Joyce, Linda; sons, Jason, Jamie; brother, James; four grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Apopka.

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NICOLE ELISE SLIMAN, 39, Mount Dora, died Monday, September 19. Nicole was a nurse. She was born in Columbus, Ohio. She was a graduate of Bishop Moore High School in Orlando and Radford University. Her mother, Carol Sliman, is a long-time events manager for Errol Estate Country Club in Apopka. Survivors: parents, Ed and Carol; twin sister, Noelle Marie, Altamonte Springs. Allen J. Harden Funeral Home, Mount Dora.