

Obituaries

Morgan Thomas Sharpe Jr., 81, died Sept. 25

Mr. Morgan Thomas Sharpe Jr., 81, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 at Doctors Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at the Millen Baptist Church with Revs. Maurice Crowder and David Wheeler officiating. Interment followed in the Millen Cemetery.

Mr. Sharpe was born and lived his entire life in Jenkins County. He played on the Millen High School 1946 State Championship football team. He graduated from Georgia Military College (GMC) High School in 1949. He was a long distance truck driver for 40 years, concluding with retirement from Weyerhaeuser after 26 years of service. He enjoyed fellowship with his friends at the Eight O'clock Coffee Club. He was a deacon for many years of the Millen Baptist Church where he attended the Boch Sunday School Class.

Mr. Sharpe was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Howard Sharpe, two brothers, Robert (Bobby) Sharpe and Lindsey Sharpe, a baby sister, Doris Sharpe, and his parents, Ida Belle Burke Sharpe and Morgan T. Sharpe Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne Cowart Sharpe whom he married June 15, 1952; a son, Ricky Sharpe; two daughters, Brenda Sharpe and Lisa (Mike) Birdwell, all of Millen; a brother, Julian "Simp" (Barbara) Sharpe of Milledgeville; sister-in-law, Claudine Sharpe of Millen; grandchildren, Shelly Ann Sharpe, Augusta, Allison Sharpe Birdwell, Cleveland, Jackson Richard Sharpe, Atlanta, Stephen Cody Birdwell and Morgan Cale Birdwell, both of Millen; great-grandchildren, Steven Sharpe, Millen, Paige Richardson, Augusta, Cayden Sharpe, Augusta, Megan McMillan and Morgan Nix, both of Cleveland; three nieces and two nephews.

Active Pallbearers were Mike McMillan, Charles Sharpe, Tim Sharpe, Mike Craft, Brook Bowers, Ed Fuller, Tracy Edenfield and Robert Oglesby.

Honorary Pallbearers were members of the BOCH Sunday School Class, the Eight O'clock Coffee Club and H. T. Clifton and David Denham.

Crowe-Fields Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Buck Brinson Sr., 88, of Millen died Oct. 10

Buck Brinson Sr., age 88, of Millen died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009.

Graveside services were held 11 am Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 at Fair Haven United Methodist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Sue Diebolt officiating.

Mr. Brinson was born in Denver, CO, but lived most of his life in Jenkins County. He was a U. S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, retired from the Georgia Air National Guard, a farmer and member of the Fair Haven United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Tuten Brinson; three sons, Buck (Gina) Brinson, Jr. of Columbia, S.C., Andy (Nancy) Brinson of Millen, and Phil (Freda) Brinson of Savannah; two daughters, Jean Brinson Carr of Martinez and Sally (Ralph) Crowe of Millen; 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Fair Haven United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1096, Millen, GA 30442.

Crowe-Fields Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hugh Rodney Chance, 63, of Perkins died Oct. 8

Hugh Rodney Chance, 63, of Perkins died in Savannah Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009.

Funeral Services were held 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at Green Fork Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Gibson officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Chance retired from the dairy business in 1985 and retired from the Emanuel Probation Detention Center in 2007. He was a member of Green Fork Baptist Church where he was currently serving as deacon and Sunday School Director.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Marguerite Lowery Chance and his sister, Erlene C. Taylor.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, DeJuna Hastings Chance; two Daughters and sons-in-Law, Kim C. and Dr. Stephen J. Platte of Aiken, S. C. and Karmen C. and Wally Exley of Cloy; grandchildren, Kaleb Beasley, Hannah Lee, Emma Platte, John Platte, Julia Platte, Ben Platte, James Platte, Kate Platte, Anna Clare Platte, Stephen Platte, and Marie Platte.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald and Joanne Chance and Fred L. and Marsha Chance, all of Millen; and several nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were Kaleb Beasley, Jason Singletary, Bee Jay Rollins Sr., Tony Taylor, Keith Taylor, and Kelly Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of Green Fork Baptist Church.

Crowe-Fields Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In Memoriam



In Memory of my Beloved Son Clifford Richardson

It's hard to believe that it's been two years since Millen, Georgia and the wonderful staff at 911, along with the town, lost a good soul. Let his smile and laughter live on with you.

From the family of Clifford Richardson

Church News

Habersham U.M.C.

Habersham United Methodist Church will celebrate its annual Homecoming 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. The Rev. Henry Erwin will bring the message and Carolyn Jordan will provide special music. The public is invited to attend.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will hold Fall Youth Revival Services 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, through Thursday, Oct. 22. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. William B. Blount, pastor of Greater Young Zion Baptist Church, Augusta.

Guest churches will be as follows: Tuesday – Daniel Grove, Bethel A.M.E., Welcome Baptist, Brinson Rock, Zion and New Light; Wednesday – Dickey Grove, Needful, Kelsey Chapel, Morrison Grove and Friendship; and Thursday – Williams Grove Baptist, Nannie E. Williams, Johnson Chapel, Drakes Chapel and Mt. Carmel. Sunday, Oct. 25, the church will hold its 75th Junior Church Anniversary.

The public is invited to attend these services.

Sure Word Baptist Church

Sure Word Baptist Church invites the public to attend its Old Fashioned Days Oct. 11, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and morning worship service at 11 a.m. This will be immediately followed by dinner on the grounds with an afternoon service beginning at 2 p.m.

There will be special old-time singing and preaching from the Word of God.

There will be no 6 p.m. service on these special Lord's days.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kevin Boczkowski at (706) 360-4336.

Williams Grove Missionary Baptist

Williams Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1772 Highway 17 North, will hold revival services Tuesday, Oct. 13, through Thursday, Oct. 15. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Peter Sparks of Watkinsville Baptist Church, Waynesboro.

Sunday, Oct. 18, the church will celebrate its 136th Church Anniversary.

Pastor Bobby G. Williams Jr. and members invite the public to attend these services.

Millen Baptist Church

Regional southern gospel group "Kindred Spirit" is scheduled to sing at Millen Baptist Church 7 p.m. Saturday, October 24. Members of the group include Kendall Hadden (tenor) of Swainsboro, Keith Rogers (baritone) of Claxton and Chad Brown (lead) of Patterson.

The church welcomes all who would like to attend. No admission is required. A love offering will be taken during the service.

For more information, contact Tim Fields at (706)-871-6801.

Fountain Spring Baptist Church announces programs

Fountain Springs Baptist Church will hold the following programs during the month of October: Marriage Workshop, 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17; Women in White program, 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, guest speaker-Evangelist Annie Bell Chance, Williams Grove C.O.G.I.C. of Millen; 1 Am program, 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24.

The public is invited to attend these programs. Elder Pearlstine O. Capers is the pastor.

Gays Hill Baptist Church

Gays Hill Baptist Church, 5222 Gays Hill Church Road, will celebrate its 89th church anniversary Sunday, Oct. 18. Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m. and the morning worship service at 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Larry Cone and church family cordially invites the public to attend.

Needful Baptist Church

An Ordination Service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at Needful Baptist Church for Bro. Michael Knight. The public is invited to attend.

Kelsey Chapel Baptist Church

Kelsey Chapel Baptist Church, Hiltonia Road, will sponsor an appreciation celebration for Pastor Albert L. White, 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Edwin Dinkins, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Helena, Ala. Lunch will be served.

The public is invited to attend.

Long Branch Church of God

Homecoming services will be observed 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at Long Branch Church of God. The guest speaker for the occa-

sion will be the Rev. Britt Peavy. The public is invited to attend.

Community Worship Center

Community Worship Center, 417 Virginia Avenue, will celebrate Homecoming 10:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Special guests will be Rhonpaul Ministries of Clopton, Ala. who will sing and preach the gospel.

Lunch will be served at noon with more singing in the afternoon. Pastor Wilma Byrd and members invite the public to attend.

Jenkins County Council of Churches

The Jenkins County Council of Churches will be holding their 4th quarter member meeting. We are encouraging all members to attend and look forward in seeing you there. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Jenkins County Agriculture Building. For additional information, contact Tonya at (478) 982-8004.

Brinson Rock Baptist Church

Brinson Rock Baptist Church will celebrate its 99th church anniversary 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. The Master and Mistress of Ceremony will be Deacon Bennie Smith and Sister Linda Saxton.

The message will be brought by Pastor Undrey M. Bostic, and dinner will be served.

The public is invited to attend.

Church Services DIRECTORY

Deep Creek Free Will Baptist
5614 West Old Savannah Road
Rev. Butch Taylor, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Youth, 6:00 p.m., Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Phone: 982-1206

Dickey Grove Missionary Baptist Church
1415 Hiltonia Road, Sylvania, GA 30467
Rev. James Wallower, Pastor
Regular Services 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays
Sunday School, 9 a.m. (All ages)
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study each Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal each Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (912) 829-3346, Pastor's home: (706) 798-5399.

Dry Branch Baptist Church
Perkins
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting & Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.
1st Monday - W.M.U. & Brotherhood - 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Brad Boynton, Pastor

Elam Baptist Church
5199 Elam Road, Millen
Rev. Kevin Farmer, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Children and Youth Activities, 6 p.m.
Wed. Night, Awana, 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.
Phone: Church, 478-982-4636, Pastorium, 478-982-8028

Fair Haven United Methodist
1126 N. Herndon Rd, Millen
Rev. Sue Diebolt, Pastor
Sunday School for all ages, 9 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Phone: (478) 982-2876

Green Fork Baptist Church
2474 Perkins-Green Fork Rd. Perkins
Jeff Gibson, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Preschooler's, Children & Youth Choir Practices, 4:30 p.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Discipleship Training (Wed.), 7:00 p.m.
• Mission Friends (Preschooler's & Kindergarten)
• Children in Action (Grades 1st-5th, Boys & Girls)
• Acteens (Middle School & High School Girls)
• Challengers (Middle School & High School Boys)
• Adult Bible Studies
GFBC Adult Choir Practice, (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.
Nursery provided
Church: (478) 982-2772
Fax: (478) 982-2772
email: gfb@fwol.com
Pastor's home: (478) 982-0520

Habersham United Methodist
2060 Habersham Church Rd., Perkins. Rev. Sue Diebolt, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m. Phone: (478) 982-2876.

Lewis Church
Jenkins County's Only
Primitive Baptist Church
Worship - 11 a.m. on 3rd Sunday & 7 p.m. on 3rd Saturday 6 p.m. on 4th Sunday Meeting house is located off Hwy. 23 South on Lewis Church Rd. Contact Elder Sam Bowen at 912-865-2795 for information

Millen Baptist Church
219 Gray Street, Millen
David Wheeler, Pastor
Sandy Becton, Minister of Music
David Searles, Minister to Students
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Phone: 982-5411 (982-4783 Fax)

These Jenkins County churches invite you to attend services with your family this week. For more information on this directory call The Millen News at 982-5460.

Millen United Methodist
13 North Gray Street, Millen
Rev. Christy Bandy, Pastor
Vanessa Posey, Music Director
Sunday School, 10 a.m. - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 982-2664

Oak Hill Baptist Church
3405 Oak Hill Church Rd., 4 m. east of Millen
Jamie Archer, Pastor.
Justin Milliken, Associate Pastor of Youth
Sunday School, 10 a.m. - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training, Youth & Children Activities, 5 p.m.
Evening Worship & Children's Choir, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening Activities, 7:00 p.m.
Phone: 982-1616

Ogechee Free Will Baptist Church
4961 West Old Savannah Rd., Millen
Rev. Edwin Taylor, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m. - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Phone: 982-5970

Paynes Chapel United Methodist
5044 Paynes Chapel Road
Rev. David Hudson, Pastor
Penny Hudson, Music
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
Phone: 865-2483

Rosemary Baptist Church
4128 Rosemary Church Rd, Millen
Sunday School, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Bible Study-Wednesday 7 p.m.
Nursery Available
Rev. Michael R. Dann
Phone: 982-1339 or 982-2123

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
St. John Missionary Baptist Church located at 2173 Davis Bennett Rd., Midville, invites everyone to come out and fellowship with them. "A Church on the Move for Christ." Services times are listed below.
2nd Sunday: Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Praise & Worship - 11 a.m.
4th Sunday: Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Praise & Worship - 11 a.m.
Every Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Rev. Bobby G. Williams, Jr., Pastor. Call 478-589-7907 for further information and special upcoming programs.

Sure Word Baptist Church
An Independent, Fundamental, Soul Winning, King James Bible Believing Baptist Church.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service and Prayer, 7 p.m.
428 Winthrop Ave., Millen (white w/red roof).
Kevin D. Buczkowski, Pastor. Cell: (706) 360-4336.

West Millen Baptist Church
Hwy. 25 North, Millen, Drexel Ave.
Steven Adams, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 7 p.m., Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Phone: 982-5167

William Grove Missionary Baptist Church
17712 Highway 17 North. 5 Miles North of Millen. "A Church Building Faith, Families & Friendships." Preaching Jesus and not denomination.
1st Sunday: Sunday School - 7:15 a.m.
Praise & Worship - 8 a.m.
2nd Sunday: Sunday School - 7:15 a.m.
Praise & Worship - 8 a.m.
3rd Sunday: Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Praise & Worship - 11 a.m.
4th Sunday: Sunday School - 7:15 a.m.
Praise & Worship - 8 a.m.
Every Wednesday - One Power Hour of Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.
Rev. Bobby G. Williams, Jr., Pastor, 478-982-1134.

Don't Be Too Critical



The third spiritual work of mercy is to counsel the doubtful. We are hereby instructed to bolster the faith and confidence of those who doubt. This may involve reassuring others that God cares about them and that He has everything under control, or it may involve an even more basic assurance that God exists. On the other hand, if someone is convinced that God does not exist, counseling the doubtful may simply involve telling them that God cares about them nonetheless, and that His love for them is not conditioned upon their belief in Him. Sometimes a person's doubts are of a more personal nature; many of us suffer from low self-esteem and a lack of confidence in our own abilities. Counseling these people may simply involve telling them to trust themselves. Self-doubt can be crippling, and a reassuring pat on the back and some words of encouragement from a trusted friend or family member may often be all that is needed to melt away any lingering doubts. As always, we should counsel others with tact and discretion, remembering that our advice, especially if unsolicited, may not always be welcomed. Therefore, we should carefully reflect on how we might counsel the doubtful, in order to best restore their faith and confidence.

And convince some, who doubt. R.S.V. Jude 22

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