

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

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BELLINGER, William

Age 100, of Roswell, passed May 31, 2020. Private service. Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA.

BOLDYBREW, Lichy

Age 73, of Warner Robins, passed away May 26, 2020. Services Pending. Cremation Services of Atlanta, Conyers, GA.

BOWMAN, Cary Barry

Ag 67, of Powder Springs, passed May 30, 2020. Davis-Struempf Funeral Home, Austell, GA.

CAIN, Dean

Age 62, of Norcross, passed May 18, 2020. Pending service. Cremation Services of Atlanta, Conyers, GA.

CASH, Debra Brenizer

Age 60, of Eatonton, passed May 28, 2020. Private service June 1, 10 AM, at First Baptist Church of Greensboro. McCommons Funeral Home, Greensboro, GA.

CLEMONS, Ivy Hinds

Age 97, of Clarkesville, passed May 30, 2020. Private service at Cullman City, AL. Whitfield Funeral Home, Demorest, GA.

COLSTON, Nora Church

Age 95, of Demorest, passed May 30, 2020. Private service, at Yonah Memorial Gardens. Whitfield Funeral Home, Demorest, GA.

HESTER, Dolores Jean

Age 82, of Mableton, passed May 30, 2020. Private service at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Davis-Struempf Funeral Home, Austell, GA.

KING, Leonard

Mr. Leonard King, age 85, of Atlanta, Georgia, passed away May 20, 2020. Mr. King was born in Atlanta, GA to the late Rev. Jim King, Jr. and Mattie Hood King. He was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Morris Brown College and John Marshall Law School. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife Julia Dunn King; daughters Kimberly and Kelly; and a host of relatives, friends, classmates and professional colleagues. A viewing for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, June 2, from 12 – 5 PM, at Carl M. Williams Funeral Home (492 Larkin Street – Atlanta, GA 30313). Graveside services will take place on Wednesday, June 3, at 2 PM, at Carver Memorial Gardens (350 Upper Riverdale Road - Jonesboro, GA 30236). Rev. Walter M. Kimbrough, Sr. will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to Morris Brown College – Office of Institutional Advancement (By Mail: 643 MLK Jr. Drive, SW – Atlanta, GA 30314 or Online: www.morrisbrown.edu) For more information, contact Carl Williams Funeral Directors at carlwilliams.com



LEICHT, Richard Francis

Age 69, of Lawrenceville, passed away May 20, 2020. Services Pending. Cremation Services of Atlanta, Conyers, GA.

MCAFEE, Ivy B.

Age 68, of Marietta, passed May 28, 2020. Service June 2, 11 AM, at Georgia Memorial Park. Greener Pastures Funeral Home, Powder Springs, GA.

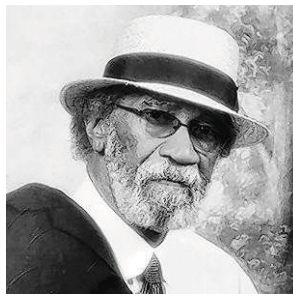
PACHAN, Paige Elizabeth

Age 26, of Atlanta, passed away May 21, 2020. Services Pending. Cremation Services of Atlanta, Conyers, GA

RAMLEY, II, Rev. R.J.

Dec. 25, 1947-May 23, 2020

Rev. R. J. Rumley, II transitioned Saturday, May 23, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Left to honor his memory: loving wife, Brenda Rumley; daughters, Yolanda R. Howsie, Robin Duncan; sons, Robert J. (MaKara) Rumley, III, Daniel Rumley and Robert C. Porter; brother, Curtis R. (Marian) Rumley; sisters, Angela Rumley (Henry) Jenkins, and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Public visitation will be held Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 2-5:00 P.M. at Chambers Funeral Home. Private Celebration of life service will be held Monday, June 1, 2020. Rev. R. J. Rumley, II will be laid to rest in Elmwood Memorial Gardens, York, AL. Online condolences may be left for the family on our website chambersfuneralhome.net



RIOS, Roman Ocampo

Age 51, of Gainesville, passed May 20, 2020. Service pending. McDonald and Son Funeral Home, Cumming, GA.

SEASE, Sr., James

Mr. James S. Sease Sr., of Atlanta, passed away May 19, 2020. He was born May 30, 1922 to the late James and Lucille Sease. Born and raised in Newberry, SC. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1942, serving in both the European and Asiatic and Pacific theaters. After the war, he married Jean Dillaway of Boston, MA. He attended the University of South Carolina, graduating in 1948. He retired from the Mentholatum, CO, in 1984. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean, who were married 63 years. He is survived by his daughter Mary Lynn Sease of Chicago, IL, and James Sease Jr., of Atlanta, GA. He was a member of St. Bede's Episcopal Church. A memorial service will be announced later. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to St. Bede's 2601 Henderson Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30345.

SERATT, Jimmy

Mr. Jimmy Ray Seratt, age 72, of Griffin, GA, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020. He is preceded in death by his parents, Brancy and Mildred Seratt and brother, Thomas Seratt. He is survived by his wife, Judy Seratt; sons, Tim Seratt and his wife, Angie, of Finger, TN; Jason Seratt and his wife, Kimberly, of Conway, AR; Mark Walker and his wife, Whitney, of Peachtree City, GA; sisters, Bonnie Hailey of Conway, AR; Faye Morrison and her husband, Junior, of Henderson, TN; grandchildren, Devan Seratt, Kailey Seratt, Rylee Seratt, Mikayla Arbeene, Bethany Arbeene and Cody Walker. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, June 2, at 12 PM, at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home (social distancing applied with a limited occupancy). Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. The family will receive friends Tuesday morning from 10 AM until 12 PM, at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory (limited occupancy), 770-964-4800.

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770-964-4800

SEWELL, Margaret Ann

Age 66, of Forest Park, passed May 29, 2020. Service pending. Hope Funeral Home, Fayetteville, GA.

SWEET, John F.

John F. Sweet, a former Atlanta councilperson who was one of the city's leading progressive voices for decades, championing workers' rights and environmental causes, died on May 24 from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was 77.

An attorney, politician and musician, John Sweet's influence on Atlanta is immeasurable, serving on the boards of dozens of progressive nonprofits, incorporating nearly 150 organizations, and helping them with legal issues when no one else would. He played a critical role in countless organizations, forever altering the landscape of the city.

Sweet was the first attorney of record for the plaintiffs in *Bowers v Hardwick*, laying the groundwork for the Supreme Court's decision in *Lawrence v Texas*, which invalidated sodomy laws in 13 states and legalized same-sex sexual activity.

"We had a talk about the epic quality of the struggle," he told the Atlanta Journal Constitution in 1986, recounting his efforts to convince Michael Hardwick that his case was important. "I told him that if he wanted to, he could be part of it."

Sweet was elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1977. One of his first acts was to introduce an ordinance to install voting machines to keep a record of council members' votes. They rejected the measure, only to approve it a few months later.

As a longtime workers' compensation lawyer, he was a tireless fighter, and frequently represented clients whose employers were uninsured, meaning it was likely Sweet would not be paid. He championed the then unheard of idea that workers' compensation insurance should provide housing and transportation for catastrophically injured workers.

Determining how to fairly compensate an injured worker is "sort of artful, like Martha Graham dancing," he told Rob Levin in a 2005 book on Georgia's workers' compensation history. "[Y]ou're wrestling with the big question of how our society is going to define being human....Basically, you're up against the definition of humanity."

Sweet saw the humanity in everybody. His approachable demeanor endeared him to people of all classes and backgrounds. He usually introduced himself to clients, opposing counsel and judges as "John Sweet — sweet like sugar." Most would agree.

Sweet was born in Detroit in 1943. He grew up in public housing until the age of 4, when his family moved to Columbus and later Cincinnati. He became an activist and musician at a young age. Sweet's mother, Mary Ellen Funk Sweet, was a community and union activist and an elementary school. His father, Fred Sweet, was a leftist labor journalist. His biological father, Palmer Weber, was a progressive financier, academic and member of FDR's New Deal Brain Trust.

When Sweet was 14, the folk singer Pete Seeger needed a place to stay after a concert in Cincinnati and stayed at Sweet's house. The impact was lasting: playing folk music with friends became a lifelong passion. As a teenager, Sweet and three friends spearheaded protests against racism at Woolworth's in 1959. He worked his way through college, participating in labor actions and student protests at every institution he attended. As a member of SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) he demonstrated against the War in Vietnam. He graduated from Columbia University in 1967 and moved to Atlanta as a member of VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). He received juris doctorate and LLM degrees from John Marshall Law School in 1975. He quickly found himself in the thick of Atlanta life. An ally and friend of Atlanta's first black mayor, Maynard Jackson, Sweet worked side by side with black leaders to build a multi-racial coalition that emerged from the Civil Rights movement. Sweet's involvement in city politics extended for decades, first as an elected official and later as a war room tactician, advising progressive, upstart candidates, particularly women and minorities.

He served on too many organizations to name, including as chair of the Atlanta Housing Authority, and of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Georgia Bar Association, and board member of the Georgia ACLU, Georgia Legal Foundation, the Atlanta Civilian Review Board, Metro Fair Housing Services, Dad's Garage Theatre, Community Friendship and Atlanta Recovery Center. He founded, coached and reffered for the city's first intown soccer league for kids, Atlanta Youth Soccer, as well as a second soccer organization for underserved communities. A champion of the Georgia anti-nuclear and anti-coal plants movement, he gave advocates free space in his office. He helped organize the Georgia Conservation Voters, Atlanta Women for Equality, Help House, and Quaker Voluntary Service. For 10 years he was the pro-bono attorney for the Council on Battered Women after it opened its doors, serving over 200 survivors of domestic violence.

Sweet helped transform the Inman Park neighborhood where he lived for 53 years. He spent decades renovating the home that he bought in 1971, and encouraging others to pour their energy into revitalizing intown neighborhoods. When Sweet bought his home, banks wouldn't make loans to new homeowners in intown neighborhoods. In order to buy, they pooled money borrowed from friends and family. Sweet believed deeply in homeownership and helped found the first neighborhood credit union in Atlanta to combat this redlining.

In later years, Sweet formed a singing group that met weekly in his basement. His favorite songs were mournful ballads that told the stories of beleaguered workers but his outlook was always infused with hope for a better future. Steve Earle's "Pilgrim" was a favorite. "Sometimes the road was rocky long the way, boys / But I was never travellin' alone / We'll meet again on some bright highway."

John passed away at home with his loving family at his bedside. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite (Midge) Mehig Sweet; children, Cassandra (Dalibor Eterovic) and Eli (Keke Ren); sister-in-law Christiane French; twin sister, Ann Brubaker (Larry); brother, David Sweet (Elaine Kihara); nieces, Emma French and Angelica Sweet-Cordero; nephews David Sweet-Cordero (Emma Fuentes) and Alejandro Sweet-Cordero (Kathleen Coll); grandchildren, Dalia, Roman, Dante, Eloisa. His sister Mary Ellen preceded him; and many grandnieces and nephews.

WALKER, Michael David

Age 70, of Jonesboro, pased May 28, 2020. Seervice pending. Hope Funeral Home, Fayetteville, GA.

WILKES, Harold James

Harold J. Wilkes, 74, of Gainesville, GA, formerly of Atlanta, GA, passed May 26, 2020. The visitation will be held today at the mortuary from 12 Noon until 4 pm. The Graveside service will be held Tuesday, June 2, at 1 PM, at Chest Nut Hill Cemetery, 2002 Moreland Ave. SE, Atlanta, GA. Please assemble at the cemetery at 12:45 PM, on the day of service. Face masks are too worn at the visitation and graveside service. Goolsby Mortuary, 1375 Jonesboro Rd. SE, Atlanta, GA, (404) 588-0128

WILLIAMS, Aaron Corin

Age 46, of Phoenix, AZ, passed May 26, 2020. Service June 6, at Hope Funeral Home, Fayetteville, GA.

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IN LOVING MEMORY ALAN DUAL KELLY

Jan. 29, 1952 – June 1, 2016

Not a day goes by that you're not thought of with love. We're remembering you today with thoughts of the good times and how you always made us smile.

Sleep well my love... 'til we meet again!



With everlasting love from your wife, Gloria, children, grandchildren, mother, siblings, colleagues and friends.

In Memory of

**Mary C. Lemon
January 26, 1930 - June 1, 2005**

They say that times a healer
But we are not so sure
For every time we think of her
We miss her even more.
Her life was a blessing
Her memory a treasure.
She was loved beyond words
And is missed beyond measure.

Remembering her today and always with love...Dorothy, Katheryn, Sherran, Wanda, Sandra, Dana, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



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