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Softball Event Benefits Weightlifters

ZHS Team Grapples With Monetary Costs Of Success

Story and photos by Dave Walters

More than two dozen softball players turned out Saturday in a fundraiser for the Zephyrhills High School boys' weightlifting team, which will compete in the Class 1A Region 6 Championships.

The players competed in a charity softball game and home run derby at Krusen Field in support of the Bulldog lifters who have enjoyed huge success this season.

Sixteen ZHS wrestlers have qualified for the upcoming regional meet at Belleview, but with success comes some expenses.

To help with those expenses, the softball outing was organized by Cody Keeling and Adam Wilkes at Krusen

and managed to raise \$250 for the team. There have been other donations made in recent weeks to assist the team.

"This game is great support for our program," said coach Chris Barrick. "Weightlifting isn't the most funded sport at Zephyrhills and I understand that. These guys [Keeling and Wilkes] put this on and put money in our account."

Barrick said the recent support would also help in the purchase of new uniforms for next season.

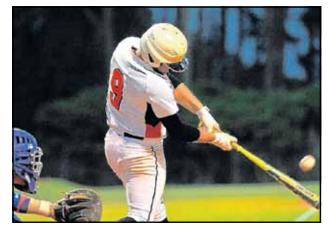
Last season, Zephyrhills' team was made up of just 12 lifters with seven regional qualifiers.

This season, Barrick put together a team of 26 lifters

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A father-son moment as Caleb Keeling, left, and Cody Keeling fist bump after the younger Keeling roped a 300-foot home run to drive in his dad during a charity softball game at Krusen Field benefitting the Zephyrhills High School weightlifting team.



Dalton Gold took a break from pitching the first seven innings in the victorious game against Ridgewood to connect for a two-run double.

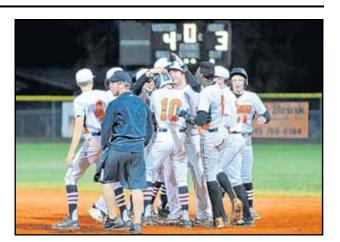
Bulldogs Snatch Victory Late-Inning Heroics Put Away Ridgewood

ьу Dave Walters

Cherokee Hagans could have put a big "S" on the front of his Zephyrhills jersey Friday night as he turned out to be the hero in a dramatic 4-3 extra-inning win against Ridgewood.

Hagans came on in relief in the eighth inning and threw three shutout innings before roping a single through the middle with two men on in the bottom of the 10th for the game-winner. His thrilling RBI also

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Players congratulate Cherokee Hagans (10) for his stellar performance in the Bulldog's 4-3 victory over Ridgewood last week.

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Chanielle Richardson gets ready to swing for the fences.

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– with no seniors – and finished district runner-up this season behind Gulf.

"We had the potential to win the district and it didn't happen," Barrick said. "We have all these kids coming back next year, so I am very optimistic about next season."

On his way to a district title, sophomore Ethan Vest broke the school clean and jerk record at 290 pounds. John First claimed a district title in the 119-pound class.

"We have a lot of kids who play football out for the weightlifting team which will transfer to the field," Barrick said. "We will be a lot stronger. We have kids who have gone up 50 pounds in both of their lifts this season."

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gave him the win on the mound as well.

"I just watched it to make sure it went through," Hagans said. "We just stayed in there and battled through the whole game."

With one out in the 10th, Kolbe Lupinek and Connor Young hit back-to-back singles to put runners at first and second. A balk by Rams pitcher Jarrod Lyon moved the runners to second and third to set the table for Hagans' clutch hit.

"They could have quit tonight and they didn't," said Bulldog coach Rusty Guynn. "They battled back. Our seniors have to do this night in and night out. This is the game we've been waiting on so we can get these younger kids in



Bulldogs' catcher Kolbe Lupinek stretches back to throw the ball cross-field.

Zephyrhills Bulldogs' Jaydon Bishop (15), Tyreese Wigfall (6) and Marcus Gonzales (2) chat it up during the opening ceremonies before their game against Ridgewood on March 17.

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to get these big hits."

The Rams held the Bulldogs to one hit through six innings and had a strong 3-0 advantage heading into the bottom of the 7th.

But the lead wasn't strong enough.

Hagans opened the inning by reaching base on an error. He scored on a sacrifice by Trey Owens. Trailing 3-1 with two outs, Dalton Gold ripped a double down the third base line and Marcus Gonzalez added a two-run double to knot the game at 3.

Gold went the first seven innings on the mound for the Bulldogs allowing three runs on three hits with nine strikeouts to keep the Bulldogs in the game. He led the team offensively going 2-for-5 with a single and a double.

Hagans started the 8th inning and retired the last eight batters he faced, picking up three strikeouts and not allowing a ball out of the infield.

"Cherokee hit his spots very well tonight. He doesn't get rattled. He can move the ball in and out. He did well and that's all we can ask of him," Guynn said.

In all the excitement, the scoreboard keeper placed the winning run on the Ridgewood side, but the celebration at first base by the Bulldogs left little doubt as to who won the game.









Church News

St. Joseph's Catholic Church – The Easter Craft Sale will First Baptist Church – Pastor Rob McKinney invites be held at St. Joseph's Church Social Hall, located at 5316 11th St. in Zephyrhills on March 26 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be Easter crafts, bunnies, baskets, decorations, floral arrangements and more, including a lighted Easter village for opportunity drawing. Call (813) 310-9165 for information.

Cornerstone Community Church - Men's fellowship will be held March 31 at 8:30 a.m. Free donuts will be

Service times are Sunday school at 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; children's church at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Saturday Night Life at 6 p.m.

Come worship with us at 8527 Old Lakeland Hwy. in Zephyrhills. Call Pastor John Faughnan at (352) 567-6494 or visit www.mycornerstonecc.com for information.

First United Methodist Church - Children through 5th grade are invited to a free Easter egg hunt on April 8 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the church. Four separate hunts will be taking place to maximize the fun and fairness for children of different ages. The groups are: 0-2 year olds, 3-4 year olds, K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade.

Additional activities will include a petting zoo, pony ride, jumpy house, games with small prizes, snacks and crafts. All activities are free of charge.

Make this Easter a particularly "hoppy" one by joining the Easter Bunny and the folks at First United Methodist Church for this very special event. Call (813) 782-5645 for information.

A grief support group will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursdays though April 6. Receive help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. The church is located at 38635 Fifth Ave. Call (813) 782-5645 for information.

Christian Ministries Association of East Pasco – A music and worship Good Friday service titled 'Were You There?' will begin at 6 p.m. at Agnes Lamb Park in Dade City on April 14. Contact the Christian Ministries Association of East Pasco at (352) 521-3126 for information.

everyone to visit a going church with a coming Savior.

Our teen ministry (TRUTH Ministries) is held on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. with director Jason Hicks and youth leaders Barbara Hicks and Kaylee Hickey. Bus transportation is available.

Church visitation is every Monday at 5 p.m. The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekday mornings from 6-7 a.m. in the church conference room. Everyone is welcome.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday mid-week service, 6:30 p.m. Children's activities and choir practice are at 6 p.m. Call the church at (813) 782-5574. The Fort Baptist downtown church is located at 38231 Fifth Ave. in Zephyrhills.

Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene - Men's breakfast is held on the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Errickson Auditorium. Church bowling is held the second Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. at Pin

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and contemporary worship is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening services start at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays join us for Generations Bible study for all ages starting at 6:30 p.m.

ZFN is located at 6151 12th St. in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 782-7032 or visit zfnfamily.org for information.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - Worship with us on Sundays at 10 a.m. at 6040 Eighth St., Zephyrhills (behind the post office).

Communion is available at all of our services and is open for all believers. We have morning and evening Bible studies; an active women's service group, men's breakfast and more. Call (813) 782-1071 for information.

First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills - Regular church service is at 10 a.m., with Sunday school from 9-9:45 a.m. An evening Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are currently studying First Corinthians.

The Men's Breakfast is held in the education building at 8 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month.

Our Men's Work Group (aka The God Squad) performs small handy work for our church members in need.

The church is located at 7900 Fort King Road. Visit

Email Church News to church@pasconewspubs.com

www.fcczhills.org or contact the office at (813) 780-6027 or fcczh@aol.com for information. Office hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and

Faith Baptist Church - Two Sunday morning worship services are held at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 38634 C.R. 54 in Zephyrhills. Faith Baptist Church has been loving the Zephyrhills community for 44 years, providing answers for a changing world, strengthening marriages, and giving practical help in times of trouble. Check us out on the web at fbczephyrhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-0880 for information

St. Elizabeth Episcopal/Anglican Church - Service times are Saturdays at 4 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The church is located at 5855 16th St. (corner of 12th Avenue and 16th Street). Everyone is invited to attend. Our Sunday school meets at 9 a.m. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.











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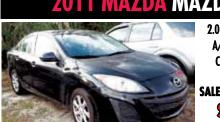
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Community & Club News

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Zephyr Lodge #198

The Free & Accepted Masons of Florida will be hosting a chicken dinner on March 26 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, located on the corner of 12th Street and North Avenue in Zephyrhills at 5950 12th St. Meal includes, BBQ chicken, baked beans, Cole slaw, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, iced tea or lemonade and dessert. Have lunch in the hall or take out. Cost is \$8 per person including tax. No ticket sales, pay at the door.

This is not considered a charitable deduction. Any profits will go to various local organizations such as Zephyrhills High School's JROTC program or The Samaritan Project. Call Cliff McDuffie at (813) 782-0877 for information.

Zephyrhills Grange #194

An informational meeting will be held March 31 at 2 p.m. at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 Eighth St. Anyone seeking to do good for their community should consider attending this meeting. Those wishing to learn more about the Grange organization are welcome to attend and bring friends.

The Zephyrhills Grange has a long-standing tradition of assisting and providing vital support to their hometown and community. Members say the lasting friendship, family environment, opportunities for community involvement, continuing personal growth and leadership development, as well as the ability to make a difference are all reasons they, and many of their family members, have joined the Grange.

Contact Sharon McHenry at (813) 610-6580 or Barbara Borderieux at (941) 592-5103 for information.

AMVETS Post #550

Monday is Bingo from 1-4 p.m. and the kitchen is open from 12-2 p.m. Every Tuesday is Karl Sapp from 4-7 p.m. with the kitchen open from 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday is Ship, Captain and Crew from 1–3 p.m; the Queen of Hearts is at 5 p.m.; and Corn Toss is also on Wednesdays. Music on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. along with a meat raffle. Friday is our famous Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. with several other menu choices available. Entertainment is from 7-10 p.m. Steak dinners are on Saturdays from 4-7 p.m. and a variety of entertainment from 7-10 p.m. On Sundays join E-bowling at 1:30 p.m.

Randy's Music Trivia is every Sunday from 4-7 p.m. AMVETS is located at 4645 Airport Road in Zephyrhills. Find us on Facebook or call (813) 780-8180 for information.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Chapter #705 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is calling all combat wounded veterans to join us promoting patriotism, history, fraternalism and assistance. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at AMVETS Post #550, 4645 Airport Road, Zephyrhills. Life membership is available for all combat wounded veterans, their dependents and survivors, for \$50, payable in two convenient payments of \$25 each. Call Earl McMillan at (813) 782-3425 or email emcmillan1@ verizon.net, or contact Guy Patterson at (864) 561-6644 for information.

American Legion Post #118

American Legion Zephyr Post #118 meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 5340 Eighth St., Zephyrhills, at 7 p.m. Auxiliary meets at 1 p.m. the third Wednesday. The club is open for Legion members, veterans and guests at 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Canadian veterans are welcome. Membership is open to all eligible veterans. Call (813) 782-0481 for information.

Zephyrhills Family Moose Lodge

Mondays – Corn Hole Toss, 7 p.m. in the SQ and Spagetti/Chicken dinner from 5-7 p.m.; Tuesdays – Ship Captain Crew at 2 p.m. in the SQ, darts at 7 p.m. and taco Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.; Wednesdays – Dance on Hall Side and Karaoke with Cathy on SQ Side Wind Night from 5-7 p.m.; Thursdays – Live music in SQ from 2-5 p.m.; and burgers from 5-7 p.m.; Fridays – Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. every Friday.

All events are for members and qualified guests. Public Bingo on Thursdays at 6:30 pm is open to the general public. The lodge is located at 3211 Gall Blvd. and can be reached at (813) 782-1771.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have or even think you may have a problem with alcohol, call (813) 933-9123.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meetings are held at the Seventh-day Church, located at 7633 Dairy Road in Zephyrhills on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous Hotline

Information about various Narcotics Anonymous meetings that are held several days a week in East Pasco may be obtained by calling (813) 527-3853. Narcotics Anonymous can help those who have drug problems and who are willing to participate in the program. Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the places at which its meetings are held.

Elks Lodge #2731

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge is located at 6851 Wire Road. Fish Fry every Friday evening 4:30-6:30 p.m. with music and dancing. Menu is fried or baked Haddock, shrimp or baked chicken, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or applesauce. Cost is \$10. Karaoke by Dudley is every Tuesday with dinner at 4:30 p.m. with varying menus. Karaoke begins at 6 p.m. All events are open to Elks and invited guests. Call (813) 782-4604 for information.

Zephyrhills Eagles #3752

Smoking and non-smoking Bingo is held every Saturday at 1 p.m. Come early to enjoy our kitchen's burger sliders – two for \$2. Friday fish fries are from 5-7 p.m. and stay for Billy Cole Karaoke from 7-11 p.m. Monday night is good home cooking for \$6. Wednesday and Thursday are open menu items, and Sunday morning breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Stop in to visit and stay for a while. Calendars are on Facebook at Zephyrhills Eagles #3752 or call (813) 780-1558 for information.

Disabled American Veterans #65

The Zephyrhills Disabled American Veterans Chapter 65 meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5325 Eighth St. The office is open for claims on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The office may be reached by calling (813) 355-4889.



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Obituaries

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Agnes Bower

BOWER, Agnes, 103, died Feb. 13, 2017. Funeral services were held Feb. 20 at Whitfield Funeral Home.

Hector Buechell

BUECHELL, Hector, 80, died Feb. 28, 2017. His wife, Olga; and children, Paola, Harold and Alexis, survive him. Whitfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie Crall

CRALL, Marjorie, 101, died March 4, 2017. A daughter, Nancy; three grandchildren, Mark, Jennifer and Marjorie; and five great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive her. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Pauline Cudakiewicz

CUDAKIEWICZ, Pauline, 70, died Feb. 27, 2017. A memorial service will be held later in New York. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Floyd Dutton

DUTTON, Floyd, 71, died March 3, 2017. His wife, Joanne Dutton; son, Terry (Germaine) Dutton; and granddaughter, Autumn, survive him. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Robert J. 'Bob' Gaulin

GAULIN, Robert J. "Bob," 70, went to be with the Lord on March 7, 2017, in Zephyrhills. Bob was a member of Trinity Church, the Masonic Lodge of Zephyrhills, and enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was a United States Air Force veteran. His wife, Sharon A. Gaulin of Zephyrhills; a son, Robert J. Gaulin Jr; daughter, Deborah Taylor; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anna (Ron) Rancourt of Zephyrhills and Mary Lou Gaulin of Maine; a brother, George (Mary) Gaulin of California; three stepchildren, William, Gini and Blake; and a special friend, Muffin, survive him. He was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, Joni Tumbleson and Lori Tumbleson. Services were held March 15 at Trinity Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gulfside Hospice or Trinity Church. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Dale Michael Hogard

HOGARD, Dale Michael, 70, of Zephyrhills, passed away March 7, 2017. Survivors include his beloved wife of 40 years, Connie Hogard; daughter, Karen (Charles) Poole; son, Michael (Lauren) Hogard; three grandchildren, Charlie, Olivia and Henry; brother, Gary Hogard; niece, Dawn Davenport; nephew, Jeremy Hogard. He was laid to rest at Chapel Hill Gardens, Dade City. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

William Richard 'Dick' Jarrett Sr.

JARRETT, William Richard "Dick" Sr., 88, of Zephyrhills, passed away March 16, 2017, at home. He was born Jan. 12, 1929, in Rockingham County, N.C., to John Patrick and Mary Pearl Rogers Jarrett. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He owned and operated Dick Jarrett Ford Motor Company for 38 years. His love of the community and philanthropic spirit led him to volunteer his leadership abilities to numerous boards and civic groups including the Sertoma Club of Clearwater, the Dade City Rotary Club, Dade City Chamber of Commerce, the Hardy Benevolent Fund, Humana Hospital, the Florida Hospital Foundation and First Union Bank. He was a strong supporter of the local school system where

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he contributed to their athletic programs and numerous school wide events. Dick is survived by his wife, Barbara R. Jarrett; three sons, William R. (Lisa) Jarrett Jr. Cdr. Charles D. Jarrett and Brian (Mandy) Jarrett; two daughters, Barbara (Marty) Hasty and Linda (Johnny) Jarrett and their mother, Joan R. Jarrett; two daughters, Diane Guminski and Beverly Jarrett; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and, one great-great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pearl Jarrett; one brother, J.P. Jarrett; four sisters, Marguerite Cooke, Lillian Smith, Louise Blalock and Helen Stallings. Funeral services were held March 20 at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home. Entombment followed at Chapel Hill Gardens Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations in his memory to the Pasco Educational Foundation, Florida Hospital Foundation, Gulfside Regional Hospice or H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center.

James W. 'Jay' Jones Sr.

JONES, James W. "Jay," 86, passed away on March 17, 2017, under the care of Gulfside Hospice at Heartland of Zephyrhills. Mr. Jones retired from the Army National Guard after 33 years of service, at the rank of Command Sargent Major. He was also retired from his civilian job at Tampa Armature Works. He leaves behind many friends and neighbors who he truly regarded as extended family. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Jones; brother, Pat (Shirley) Jones of Tampa; children, Deborah Jahnigen of Tampa, Michael (Kiki) Jones of Tampa, Susan (Damon) Seals of Zephyrhills, Mark (Maria) Jones of Gainesville, Va., Kimberly (Chris) Delgado-Jones of Riverview, and Kyle Jones of Dade City. His son, James W. Jones Jr. of Round Rock, Texas; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and dear nieces and nephews also survive him. Services will be held March 24 at 3 p.m. at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Funeral Home in Dade City. The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m.

James R. Mayes Jr.

MAYES, James R. Jr., 85, died March 4, 2017. His wife, Joyce, and his loving family survive him. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Faith D. Potter

POTTER, Faith D., 70, of Zephyrhills. died on March 4,

2017, at her residence. Faith was born in Mayfield, Mich., on Aug. 31, 1946, to Truman and Ernestine (Wardell) Smith. Faith was a faithful and dedicated caregiver to many elderly friends and was a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church in Zephyrhills. She was preceded in death by her parents and ciblings Lavae Currier Sandy Children



Giuliano and Renee Goodell; grandchildren, Eva, Pj and Kathleen Seekins, Katie and Brandon Lang, Leigh and Bobby Greer and Kenny and Meghan Billings; great-grandchildren, Heaven, Elijah and, Kenneth Billings. Services were held March 11 at Fair Haven Baptist Church in Zephyrhills. Flowers will be accepted or donation may be made to Fair Haven Baptist Church. Faith was laid to rest at Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery in Dade City. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.



Donald Eugene Turnage

TURNAGE, Donald Eugene, 79, of Dade

City, died peacefully on March 18, 2017, in Tampa. Mr. Turnage was born on Aug. 16, 1937, in Lacoochee, a small town he said had wooden sidewalks. He lived at various places throughout the United States. He met his high school sweetheart and love of his life at Pasco High, Annette Fay Turnage, who survives him after



57 years of marriage. He graduated from Pasco High School in 1955. He was an offensive lineman on a football team that made a deep state playoff run that year and he was voted most intelligent in his senior year. Mr. Turnage served his country for 20 years in the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer. During his military career, Mr. Turnage and his family, enjoyed some of the most wonderful times of their lives living in Italy, Japan, Morocco and throughout the United States. During his travels, Mr. Turnage experienced life to the fullest. He drove his jet-black MGA Roadster on the Appian Way; he climbed Mt. Fuji multiple times; he journeyed through the Sahara Desert; he saw the Arctic Circle and he cut ice in the Great Lakes with the greatest Navy in the world. Following his military career, Mr. Turnage, who loved books and learning his entire life, earned bachelor and master's degrees at The University of Florida and taught high school math and history following graduation. After retiring from teaching in the public schools, Mr. Turnage taught in a Florida Department of Corrections boot camp and was named Teacher of the Year in 1996. Later in life, Mr. Turnage became associate pastor at the First Community Church in Dade City, where he tended the needs of the congregation and others in the community. Mr. Turnage is also survived by a son, Steven Donald Turnage, a lawyer in Gainesville; a daughter, Susanne Myra Sessoms, a nurse in Zephyrhills; her husband, Byron Sessoms; and his three grandchildren, Katie Sandy (Turnage), an interior designer in Atlanta, Ga., Gregory Drew Turnage, a student and offensive lineman at Florida State University and Joseph Cohen Sessoms of Dade City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emma and Marion Turnage, and his sister, Ginger. Mr. Turnage was a special husband, father, grandfather and mentor for many people. Learning from a hard childhood and many life experiences, Mr. Turnage could craft a meaningful sermon, but his greatest lesson came not from the pulpit, but from the thoughtful, tolerant and loving way he lived his life. A service for Mr. Turnage will be held at the church on March 24 at 11 a.m. with a viewing starting at 10 a.m. Mr. Turnage will be buried in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Hodges Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



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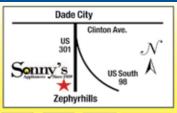
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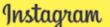














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