

Obituaries

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Retired nurse leaves legacy of honesty, hard work and love of family

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MIAMI, Fla. — Because his mother, was a “pretty industrious person,” Jeffrey Swain became the first person in his family to go to college. Swain said that her inspiration was also instrumental in his completion of law school, earning a PhD and becoming the author of six books. But it was her love of family that had the greatest impact. Francis Blue Swain, 86, died on Sept. 14 due to complications from several strokes.

Her son said that her home going celebration for a life well-lived and that touched so many was well-attended and a reflection of her life. As the Dean of Campus Ministry (Chaplain) at Florida Memorial University, Swain had the honor of preaching his mother's eulogy, an honor that he said, “was harder than I expected, but worth the sacrifice.” She had a great outpouring of love and support, he said of the funeral, which was held at the FMU Susie C. Holley Religious Center on Saturday. Swain said the theme for his mother's funeral, “Why We Celebrate,” from 2 Corinthians 5:1 was because hers was a life worth celebrating.

Frances Blue Swain was born on January 28, 1929 in Archer, Florida near Gainesville. She was the youngest daughter of Frances Spann Blue, after whom she was named. After graduating from Williston High School, Swain became a licensed practical nurse, subsequently working at Mt. Sinai Hospital of Miami Beach and Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. In her spare time, she also worked for the Miami Jewish Nursing Home. She was an LPN for 25 years.

She married Reverend Prince Albert Swain, Sr. founder of the New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church on May 13, 1950. They remained married until his death in August 1988. Along with her duties as First Lady of New Mt. Zion FWB Church, Miami, she also served as recording secretary for the United American Free Will Baptist, the oldest national body of predominantly black Free Will Baptists in the country. She was devoted to the church, where she fulfilled several duties.

Her love of her family, however, was supreme. “She loved her family, a lot,” Jeffrey said. That love, according to her niece, Marie Wooden, prompted “Aunt Dimple,” as she was affectionately called by everyone, to bring several family members from

various parts of Florida to reside in Miami. Wooden said that as a child, because she suffered from asthma, “Aunt Dimple” and “Uncle Albert” brought her and her family from Belle Glade to Miami so that she could be treated at Jackson Memorial, where Frances Swain worked as a nurse.

In addition to her work as an LPN, Swain was also a daycare director, a seamstress and with her husband, a restaurant owner. “She loved to sew,” said Jeffrey. She also knew her way around the kitchen, where she was known for her delectable cooking and baking, particularly banana pudding. Her culinary prowess led her and her husband to own a few restaurants, the last of which was called ‘Swains’ and was located in Miami's Overtown community during the 1960s, according to Wooden. Wooden said that her aunt would do the “heavy cooking” at night and work as a nurse during the day. Wooden worked at the restaurant during the day.

“There was nothing that she wouldn't do for me,” Wooden said about her “favorite aunt.”

Jeffrey said that his mother's love for her family was strong and pervasive and not limited to her immediate family. “Her love of family had a broad reach which

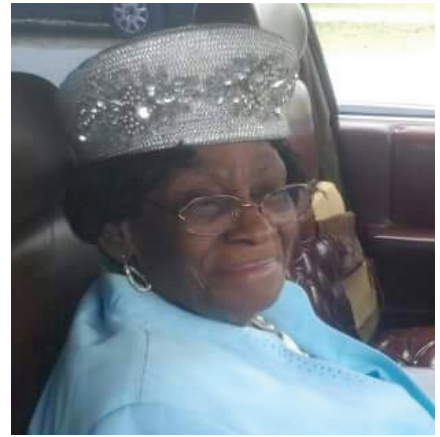


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Francis Blue Swain

included nieces, nephews and other extended family members.” Frances Swain is survived by six children, Albert Swain Jr., Franchel Swain, Mattie Chatfield Swain, Danny Swain, Jeffrey Dean Swain (Joe Ann) and Judy A. Swain-Welch; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Wooden said that her aunt also shared a close relationship with niece Inell Hicks.

ROY MIZELL & KURTZ FUNERAL HOME



MARY HELEN DELCINE, 54, died September 15. Funeral will be held Saturday, October 3.

ALPHONSO GILES, died September 11. Funeral will be held Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Mount Hermon A.M.E. Church.



RUTH JONES-WILSON, 90, died September 20. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at Saint Paul A.M.E. Church in Leesburg, FL.

CLARA MAE LONDON, 78, died September 14. Funeral will be held 12 pm Saturday, September 26 at Bible Church of God in Boynton Beach, FL.

WALTER MANN SR., 71, died September 19. Funeral will be held 11 am Friday, September 25 at The New Mount Olive Baptist Church.

DORIS K. PORTER, 80, died September 20. Funeral will be held 3 pm Saturday, September 26 at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.

BERTHA RICE, 88, died September 22, 2015. Funeral arrangements are pending.

BEN THOMAS, died September 21. Funeral arrangements are pending.

LAKESIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL



SOMDATH "MICKY" SIDIAL, 59, died September 21. Funeral will be held 12:30 pm Friday, September 25 at Calvary Church, Greenacres.

ERIC S. GEORGE FUNERAL HOME



IRIS JOHNSON, 52, died September 15. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday, September 26 at Koinonia Worship Center - Pembroke Park, Fl.

LUCILLE SHAW, 71, died September 12. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 in the chapel.

M.A. HALL FUNERAL SERVICES



CHARLES C DEMONTEGNAC, 68, Chauffeur, died September 14 at Jackson North Medical Center. Viewing will be held 4 pm - 8 pm on Thursday, September 24 at the funeral home. Funeral will be held 1 pm Friday, September 25 at New Way Fellowship Baptist Church. Burial at Forrest Lawn Central.

MAURICE MOUNTAIN, died September 20. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



ROSLYN YVONNE NELSON, 54, Secretary, died September 17 at North Shore Hospital. Viewing will be held 3 pm - 8 pm Friday, September 25 at the funeral home. Funeral will be held 2 pm Saturday, September 26 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Miami Gardens. Burial at Forrest Lawn Central.

MANKER FUNERAL HOME



STEPHAN LANARD HERRING, 51, Poet, died September 16. Funeral service was held Monday, September 21.

WRIGHT & YOUNG FUNERAL HOME



HARRISON LEE BELL, 45, Bus Operator, died September 12. Funeral was held.

RANDALL DWAIN ROBINSON III, Student, died September 10. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at Peaceful Zion M.B. Church.

PAX VILLA FUNERAL HOME - Orlando



FLOSSIE PAUL, 44 Home Health Aide, died September 13. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, September 26 at Pax-Villa Funeral Home Chapel - Orlando.

JAY'S FUNERAL HOME



THELMA JOHNSON, 65, Cafeteria Manager died September 14. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday, September 26 at National Church of God.

DOROTHY GORDON, 75, Nurse, died September 17. Funeral will be held 12 pm Saturday, September 26 at National Church of God.



HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME - Miami Gardens



MARY CHRISTIE, 93, retired Professor, died September 20. Funeral will be held 12 pm Saturday, September 26 in the chapel.

WILLIE MAE JACKSON, 82, Retired Nurse, died September 17. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Miami Gardens.

EARL RAYMOND NILES, 68, Law Professor, died September 14. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday, September 26 in the chapel.

ROSA LEE QUICK, 76, Retired Teacher's Aide, died September 15. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at House of God New Liberty City.

HAZEL LOUISE RICHARDS, 81, Housewife, died September 16. Funeral will be held 11 am (today) Thursday, September 24 in the chapel.

KENNETH G. WEST, 52, Tractor Driver, died September 21. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at 1st Baptist of Bunche Park.

CHRISTINE D. WILSON, 61, Bus Driver, died September 19. Funeral will be held 2 pm Saturday, September 26 at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

JAMES TEDDY WIMBERLY Sr., 61, Laborer, died September 15. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries Center.

MEMORIES FUNERAL HOME



ANEL VILDOR, 61, Construction Worker, died September 9. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday, September 26 at Berean Baptist Church.

HALL-FERGUSON-HEWITT MORTUARY



RODNEY JONES, 72 died September 15. Viewing will be held 4 pm Friday, September 25 at Hall-Ferguson-Hewitt Mortuary.

LORESTER MCDONALD, 75, died September 18. Viewing will be held 4 pm Friday, September 25 at Hall-Ferguson-Hewitt.

ALPHONSON ROBINSON, 62, died September 5. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday, September 26 at Hall-Ferguson-Hewitt Mortuary Chapel.

HELEN C. WILLIAMS, 84, died September 19. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday, September 26 at Hall-Ferguson-Hewitt Mortuary Chapel.

RANGE GROVE CHAPEL



HAZEL MAYS, Homemaker, 89 died September 14. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at St. Matthew Community Baptist Church.

JAMES C. BOYD FUNERAL HOME



STANLEY CURTIS LEMON, 59. Funeral was held on Saturday, September 19 at James C. Boyd Funeral Home.

PAULETTE SMITH, 50. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday, September 26 at James C. Boyd Funeral Home.

Death Notice

DIGNITY MEMORIAL



AYLENE R. (CHERENSON) - RUDOMEN, of Billerica and formerly of Florida on September 10, 2015. Loving daughter of the late Benjamin and Charlotte (Lowenstein) Cherson. Beloved wife of the late Irving R. Rudomen. Loving mother of Phyllis Preston and her husband Ken of Clayton, NJ and Bennett Rudomen and his wife Sonia of Billerica. Cherished grandmother of Cari Klempner of Blackwood, NJ, Chelsea Rudomen of Austin, TX, Suzanne Pustell and her husband Ross of Oakland, CA, Evan Rudomen of Nashua, NH and Julia Rudomen of Billerica. Cherished great-grandmother of Carly Wildermuth of Blackwood, NJ. Dear sister of the late Marcia Fleischman. Funeral Service on Friday, October 2nd at 3:00 PM in the Eternal Light Memorial Gardens, 11520 State Road 7, Boynton Beach, FL 33473



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