

## OBITUARIES

## CHARLOTTE PATRICIA SMITH

Charlotte Patricia Smith, was born in Crisp County on June 28, 1952 to Charles Alexander Smith and Annie Ruth Johnson Smith. She graduated from Crisp County High in 1970 and moved to Byron. She attended Macon Junior College and met her husband Steven Leroy Smith. They were married Aug 27, 1971 and lived in Byron for the next 47 years. Charlotte faithfully attended Hardison Baptist Church where she worked in the nursery and other ministries in the church.

Along with working at Robins Air Force Base for thirty years, she raised a family and helped teach many children the joys of dance and gymnastics at Ms. Patricia's School of Dance. She helped with scout events, field days, and performed volunteer service at Byron Elementary School. She loved to see children grow, learn, and have fun and will live on in the hearts and minds of her family and the many children whose lives she touched.

Charlotte is survived by her devoted husband of 47 years, Steve. They raised two children, Patricia Lynn Smith Hodges (Scott) and Steven Leroy Smith Jr (Janet), and have three grandchildren, Logan Smith, Stephanie Smith and Ross Hodges. She also is survived by her sisters, Beverly Smith (Ricky) of Byron and Sandra Duckworth (Tommy) of Cordele, a brother, Rex Smith (Kathy) of Byron, and



## numerous nieces and nephews.

A viewing was held at Rooks Funeral Home, 109 West White Road in Byron, on Tuesday, August 28th from 6 pm to 8 pm, with funeral services to be held at Hardison Baptist Church, 13845 Ga Hwy 42, Byron, on Wednesday, August 29th at 10:00 am with a graveside to follow. She will be laid to rest at Byron City Cemetery. The family will be gathering at the Smith home at 374 Ross Road, Byron.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Hardison Baptist Church Children's Ministry. Rooks Funeral Home in Byron is in charge of arrangements.

## BONNIE PEARCE ALLEN

Bonnie Pearce Allen, 94, of Lehigh, Florida, formerly of Cordele, Georgia, passed away on August 27, 2018. Born on October 15, 1923, in Wilcox County, Georgia, she was the oldest of eight children of the late Albert and Stella Pearce. She married Myron Herbert Allen, her husband of 64 wonderful years. They raised their four children in Cordele, Georgia.

Bonnie was an active, faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Cordele for over 40 years. She enjoyed her work at the Cordele Banking Company, where her colleagues became her life-long friends. In 1980, the couple retired to Florida. Her retirement was short lived as she continued her banking career at the First National Bank of Port Myers. She was committed to her banking classes and enjoyed continuing education courses through the years. Bonnie was an avid reader and bridge player. The Allen home was always filled with family and friends and a backyard baseball or basketball game most afternoons. She showed a great interest in those around her, had a gift for making people feel special, and enjoyed a large circle of friends throughout her life. Known for her patience and tenacity, Bonnie was a strong and goal-oriented person. Above all, she was a loyal and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Survivors include her daughters, Wanda Allen Poole Tamer of Lehigh, FL., Brenda Allen Davenport (Ferrell) of Lehigh, FL., Marie Allen Miller Tripp (Robert Ashley Gray) of Bethlehem, GA., and son MH Allen, Jr. (Kathy) of Thomas-

ville, GA; grandchildren Donna Gunn (Chris) of Augusta, GA., Davis Poole (Laure) of White, GA., Lisa Troxell of Perry, GA., Steve Davenport of Montrose, GA., Lee Miller III (Jennifer) of Tallahassee, FL., Bryan Miller (Gay) of Cartersville, GA., Bonnie Miller of Athens, GA., Abbey Watt (Wylie) of Thomasville, GA., and Megan Maner (Gordon) of Charleston, SC. Also surviving are numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Other survivors are brothers Ashford Pearce (Tina), Wayne Pearce, sister Bobbie Wilson (Ron) and sister-in-law Ida Pearce, all of St. Simons Island, GA. Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Stella Pearce; her husband Myron Allen, Sr.; her grandsons Ferrell Hollis Davenport and Allen Myron Davenport; brothers Thorwald Pearce, Austin Pearce, Elvin Pearce, and sister Mardria Pearce Blanton. Also predeceased are sons-in-law Davis Poole, Sr. and Thomas S. Tamer, Jr. Visitation will be Thursday, August 30, from 1:30 PM until time for the Funeral Service in the chapel at Rainey Family Funeral Services. The service will be held at 3:00 PM in the chapel. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Cordele, GA. Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church, 137 Kelly Road, Cordele, GA 31015 or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001:00. Arrangements are by Rainey Family Funeral Services. Family and friends may go online to [www.rainey-funeral.com](http://www.rainey-funeral.com) to sign an online guest registry.

# CCSO makes arrest in theft of \$200,000 in gas cards from Cordele Intermodal

David Turner Jr., 26-year-old male from Warner Robins, Georgia was arrested August 28, 2018. Turner is charged with one count of criminal trespass, seven counts of entering auto, 20 counts of financial transaction card theft, 20 counts of identity fraud, 572 counts of financial transaction card fraud and 572 counts of receiving goods from fraudulent charges.

On Wednesday August 22, 2018, the Crisp County Sheriff's Office was requested by Cordele Intermodal Service to investigate a theft.

Investigator B. Bray was assigned to investigate. Investigator Bray was able to determine that from January 2018 to August 2018 an ex-employee David Turner Jr. trespassed on the property and stole gas cards located inside

the company trucks.

Turner then used the stolen gas cards and sold fuel to truckers for half price that was then charged to the Cordele Intermodal Service gas cards. Cordele Intermodal has audited their records and has determined a loss over \$200,000.00. Warrants were taken and the Houston County Sheriff's Office assisted in executing the warrants. Sheriff Billy Hancock would like to thank the Houston County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this case.

## Rotary donates to Mobile Family Learning Center



Submitted

Grant Buckley, Executive Director of Crisp IDC and Cordele Rotary President presents over \$2000 worth of educational resources for Crisp's Mobile Family Learning Center to Monica Warren, Crisp Schools' Director of Early Learning.

## GSW announces academic list

Georgia Southwestern Cordele  
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610 East 16th Avenue  
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