

## Obituaries

## Arthur Taylor Jr.



Arthur Blenn Taylor Jr., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Taylor Sr. of Fayetteville, N.C., born August 1, 1940, in High Point,

N.C., passed away peacefully in the presence of his family on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Judge Taylor attended Wake Forest University and was a graduate of Campbell University. He received his bachelor of laws degree from John Marshall University in Atlanta in 1963. As a trial attorney, Judge Taylor tried cases in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and New York. Prior to assuming the bench, Judge Taylor practiced law in Brunswick with the Hon. Anthony A. Alaimo, now Senior Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, from 1964 until December 1971, the date of Judge Alaimo's appointment to the federal bench. Blenn Taylor was senior partner in the firm of Taylor, Bishop and Lee in Brunswick until his appointment to the Superior Court bench in 1980.

Judge Taylor was appointed to the Superior Court bench by Governor George Busbee on June 9, 1980, and was elected to consecutive four year terms 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, and 1996. Judge Taylor served as the Chief Judge of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit from 1992 until assuming senior judge status in 2001. As a Senior Judge, Judge Taylor continued to handle an active caseload in the Brunswick Judicial Circuit as well as the Gainesville/Northeastern Judicial Circuit until October of 2006.

Judge Taylor was a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the American Bar Association. He was admitted to the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia, Supreme Court of the State of Georgia, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Taylor was a graduate of National Judicial College, Reno, Nev., and the National College of Advocacy.

He served as President of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and was an active member of the American Judges Association, State Trial Judges Association and Judicial Council of Georgia Executive Committee.

Judge Taylor was the charter chairman of Judicial Retirement Committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and served for many years as the Administrative Judge for the First Judicial District of Georgia and the Superior Court Sentence Review Board. He was also a member of the Gridiron Secret Society.

Among Judge Taylor's numerous other honors, activities and memberships are included Little League Coach, Committee Chairman of the United Way and past-president of Lions Club of Jekyll Island.

He was named to Who's Who in Georgia and as a trial judge, received numerous special judicial assignments to Atlanta, Gainesville, Savannah, Waycross, Douglas, Reidsville and Decatur Superior Courts as well as the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Georgia.

He was also the recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award for John Marshall University Law School.

A long-time resident of Jekyll Island, an outdoor enthusiast, golfer, sports fisherman and hunter, Judge Taylor more recently resided on St. Simons Island with his wife, Patricia West Taylor.

Anticipating the celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary, Judge Taylor is survived by his beloved wife, Pat; their three children, Kim (Buck Buchanan) and Mike (Loslyn Taylor), all of St. Simons Island, and Wendi (Frank Simpson) of Gainesville; a sister, Janice Anderson of Fayetteville, N.C.; and three grandsons, Taylor Carter Welch of St. Simons Island and Michael Nevet and Samuel Blenn Simpson, both of Gainesville.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2007, at First Baptist Church in Brunswick.

The Rev. Dr. Tom Smiley of Lakewood Baptist Church of Gainesville will be officiating.

Pallbearers will be Hon. James R. Tuten, Hon. Amanda F. Williams, Hon. Stephen G. Scarlett, Hon. E. M. Wilkes III, Hon. C. Andrew Fuller, Sheriff Wayne Bennett, Commissioner Cap Fendig, Lamar Simpson, Alan Welch, Tracy Brown and Boyce Mann.

The family will be receiving friends in Beach Hall, First Baptist, Brunswick, immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hall County YMCA, P.O. Box 443, Gainesville, GA 30503 or Safe Harbor Children's Shelter, Brunswick, GA.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Rose Dismar

Rose Catherine Stefanis Dismar died May 22 at her home.

A memorial service for Dr. Rose Catherine Stefanis Dismar will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2007, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 2801 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island.

The Rev. Paul Elbert will officiate.

Rose died at her home from the ravages of ALS (Lou Gehrigs disease).

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Dec. 8, 1928, Rose came South when she was about 10.

She attended Atlanta Elementary Schools and Girl's High School and entered college at the University of California, Berkeley. Her father died by the end of her first year in California, and she returned to Atlanta and completed her education at Georgia State University, where she earned her doctorate in 1982.

Friends and family rejoiced to acknowledge her as "Dr. Rose." In a teaching career that spanned 30 years, she taught at Ar'Lyn Worth Academy, Druid Hills, Briarcliff and St. Pius high schools, Georgia State University and DeKalb Community College, now called Georgia Perimeter College. Upon her retirement in 1990, she was honored with the title of Professor Emerita of English.

After retiring, she enjoyed world travels and cruises with her husband, Charles. Rose was extremely proud of her Greek heritage. Her parents, John Stefanis and Eleni Theofilactos, who predeceased her, came to America in the early 1920s.

Rose is survived by Charles, her husband of 57 years; daughters, Dr. Melodee Rose Davis (Tom) of Lilburn and Dr. Stefanie D. Palma (Mike) of Lawrenceville and Dahlonaga; grandchildren, Michael Charles Palma, Cassandra Rose Palma, Angela Helen Palma of Lawrenceville and Patrick John Davis and Emily Diane Davis, both of Lilburn.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 27, 2007, at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah in Decatur.

The Rev. Dale A. Sillik officiated.

Internment followed Monday, May 28, 2007, at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

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## Florida Smith

Florida "Flo" Gentile Smith quietly passed away on May 28, 2007, in Jupiter, Fla., surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Smith was born on March 6, 1921, in Jacksonville and resided for most of her life in Riviera Beach, Fla.

She was employed by The Ramada Inn as a PBX operator until her retirement. She enjoyed sewing, both personally and professionally.

Mrs. Smith will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and caring friend.

She is survived by her daughter Terri Gload of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla; and two sons, Larry Smith, of Townsend and Gary Smith of Charleston, S.C.; four grandchildren, Richard F. Gload of Loxahatchee, Fla., Christy Flowers of Odum, Buffi Smith of Savannah and Lindsay Smith Gay of Brunswick.

Florida Gentile Smith is the sister of Bennie Gentile, Frank Gentile and Doris Hall who have all been laid to rest on St. Simons Island. There will be a private memorial ceremony at St. Simons Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions are made to the STAR Foundation, 1907 Gloucester St, Brunswick GA 31520.

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## Eugene Hummings



Eugene R. Hummings died Wednesday at Hospice of the Golden Isles.

R.L. Jones and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Shakayla Dawson

Shakayla Dawson, infant, died Saturday at the Brunswick hospital of the Southeast Georgia Health System.

A graveside service was held Wednesday.

Survivors include her parents, Shemeika Johnson and Kelvin Dawson, both of Brunswick; grandparents, Jackie Green, Jimmy Lee Johnson and Willie Mae Batts, all of Brunswick, and Donell Dawson of Savannah; sisters, Shamaria Johnson and Ja'Quan Johnson and Kadijah Dawson.

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## Deaths elsewhere

LOS ANGELES — Don Herbert, who as television's "Mr. Wizard" introduced generations of young viewers to the joys of science, died Tuesday. He was 89.

— The Associated Press

## State



In this undated photo released by the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Norton, one of the original whale sharks on exhibit at the aquarium is shown. Officials at the aquarium reported that Norton died early Wednesday and is the second whale shark to die at the facility in five months.

## Second whale shark at state aquarium dies

## Officials surprised by another loss

By DANIEL YEE  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Aquarium officials say it may be months before they know what caused Wednesday's death of another whale shark, the second this year at the only facility outside Asia that displays the huge, rare fish.

Norton's death also came only a few weeks after two new whale sharks arrived at the aquarium from Taiwan. At the time, Taiwan fishery officials had said they were satisfied the aquarium provided the quality care the young whale sharks — named Yushan, which means "Jade Mountain" and Taroko, named after a national park in Taiwan — would need.

Aquarium officials planned a necropsy Wednesday afternoon for Norton. His death came five months after the death of Ralph, another whale shark that was among the aquarium's first stars after it opened in 2005.

"We were caught by surprise because he had responded to therapy," Ray Davis, the aquarium's senior vice president of zoological operations, said of Norton.

Davis said the remaining four whale sharks — Yushan, Taroko and the female whale sharks Alice and Trixie — were doing fine.

In the last few months, Norton had stopped eating and showed erratic swimming behavior.

Husbandry staff noticed a decline in Norton's swimming behavior on Tuesday and blood work confirmed a decline in his health, officials said.

Norton had been placed on a 24-hour watch. Early Wednesday morning, the whale shark stopped swimming and settled to the bottom of the aquarium's centerpiece Ocean Voyager tank, aquarium officials said.

Divers brought him to a

stretcher and "after every option had been exhausted to improve Norton's health, the team made the decision to humanely euthanize him," the aquarium said.

Before Ralph died in January, he had stomach problems that led to an inflammation of a membrane in his abdomen, according to aquarium officials. The aquarium theorized that his death may have involved a chemical used in the tank to treat parasites.

Aquarium officials said the tank's treatment routine — which has since been changed — likely contributed to Ralph's loss of appetite, but they say it's not clear that it had anything to do with the fatal peritonitis.

"Our husbandry and veterinary team are investigating multiple theories for any links between the deaths of the two animals," the aquarium said in a letter to its members.

Many attending the aquarium Wednesday had just learned of Norton's death, including Christine Objeski of Alpharetta, Ga., who brought her 3-year-old daughter, Kristen, and her 4-year-old nephew, Richard Poelvoorde.

"I told them Norton had died and they asked me why," Objeski said. "They said he might have been sad because Ralph wasn't here."

Earlier this month, two new whale sharks — Yushan, which means "Jade Mountain" and Taroko, named for a national park in Taiwan, arrived to the aquarium from Taiwan. Taiwanese fishery officials previously said they were satisfied that the aquarium provides high-quality care of the animals before sending the two new whale sharks.

Georgia Aquarium scientists say the 6-million-gallon tank should be roomy enough for the massive sharks — which can grow up to 40 feet long.

## Jean Williams

Jean Sullivan Williams, 46, of St. Marys died Tuesday at Hospice of the Golden Isles.

A native of Hattiesburg, Miss., she was a certified X-Ray technician at the Camden hospital of the Southeast Georgia Health System. She attended Woodbine United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Allison Memorial Chapel in St. Marys with the Rev. William Warnock officiating.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Williams of St. Marys.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of the Golden Isles, 1692 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, Ga. 31525.

Allison Memorial Chapel of St. Marys is in charge of arrangements.

## Luther Gardner

Luther Lee Gardner died Tuesday in Augusta.

Brunswick Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Ina Sztorc

Ina Sue Sztorc, 79, of St. Marys died Wednesday, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville.

Allison Memorial Chapel of St. Marys is in charge of the arrangements.

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Happy Birthday



*They said it would get easier  
and in some ways it has,  
You left too soon, much too fast. We had so  
many questions, there was much more to do.  
But we knew that He needed you, too.  
Still missing you.*

Always loved,  
Ms. Joyce, Mr. Robert, Pankey, Kim, Gene & Kids