

NIXONNotes *for a better community...*

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Over Three Generations of Service

The Frank and Solomon Nixon Funeral home was established in 1925 as Nixon, Parson and Wilson Undertaking Company. Frank Nixon, Reverend Jake Parson and Matt Wilson partnered in this venture. Frank eventually bought his partners out of the business.

Frank, affectionately known as "Pa Frank" was born in Albany, Georgia, and found himself in Tifton by his job as the driver for Willingham Tift.

Pa Frank's son, Solomon, joined him in the business, and it became Nixon and Son. Frank and Solomon eventually purchased the P. J. Fowler Funeral Home from Mr. Fowler's Family after his death. For a short time, Frank operated a funeral home in Tifton and Solomon operated another until they merged the funeral homes in 1970. The current facility, built in 1969, is the third location of the funeral home. The funeral home was designed and built with the contemporary foresight that still handles the needs of modern day funeral industry.

In 1974, Solomon's son, Ronald, joined the funeral home staff. He became a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer after attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) and Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science.

In 1977, Solomon decided to purchase the Lee Funeral Home in partnership with Benjamin Hatcher of Thomasville. The funeral home was torn down and completely rebuilt; it was renamed Lee-Nixon Funeral Home.

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NIXONNotes is a quarterly publication for the extended family and community of Frank & Solomon Nixon Funeral Home as an opportunity to share community happenings. Feel free to contact us for ideas of community news.

Grief 101

Do's and Don't's of surviving your loss:

Do —

- Get rest
- Know that grief affects all parts of your life (mind, body, spirit)
- Take time to find support from friends and family
- Take care of yourself (sleep, eat, exercise)

Don't —

- Think you can do everything
- Pressure yourself to "get over it"
- Expect all of your friends and family to know what to say
- Don't Give Up... things will get better

Pastor's Corner

A quarterly commentary from community pastors...

Rev. J.D. Harris

Pastor, Allen Temple AME Church

The Treasure is God

2 Corinthians 4:7 "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the Excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us". King James Version

Some years ago, my cousin saw a candy jar filled with tootsie rolls on my mother 's kitchen table. She was not worried about the jar, but she wanted the tootsie rolls out of the jar. However, when she got to the candy jar, she could not open it. Therefore she threw the jar against the floor and broke the candy jar in order to get the tootsie rolls. The jars meant nothing but she wanted the treasure in the jar. The jar was perishable and no longer had a purpose.

Paul's letter to the church at Corinth should help us to realize the accomplishments of our lives are not of our own. It's the power of the living God in us that we are able to accomplish our goals and achievements in life. Michael Jordan and Michael Jackson both were the best at their craft in their time, but their time was limited due to aging. Therefore the treasure is God that allows us to have the gifts and blessings. Paul understood that what he was doing was not his to claim, but the treasure of God that was inside of him. As Believers we must not forget about the treasure in our earthen vessels. The treasure is God and God has provided for us over and over again. So do not forget to give God praise for being the treasure in your life. As a famous singer/ writer states "We never would have made without God in our lives".

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May is Older Americans Month – For a complete schedule of events, contact Fran Kinchen at the Leroy Rogers Senior Center at (229) 391-3956 or fkinchen@tifton.net.

Alzheimers Support Group – 2nd Thursday of Month

May 13 - Mother's Day

May 24 - Last Day of School

May 26 - TCHS Graduation

May 25 - My Time to Shine Talent Competition

Tift Theatre

June 17 - Fathers Day

HARRISON FORD MOVIE NEEDS EXTRAS – *As many as 1,000 people are needed in mid-June at Macon's Luther Williams Field to be extras in "42," a movie about Jackie Robinson, who once played on the field. The extras, 500 each day, are needed June 12 - 13. Participants get free food, free prizes and a chance to see the stars of the movie "42." More details on styling and dress, as well as applications to be extras, are available online at www.BeInTheMovie42.com.*

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Lee-Nixon Funeral Home was in operation until it was closed in 2000.

While Frank and Solomon were funeral directors, they were the quintessential businessmen. These entrepreneurs were "the community"— during their tenure, they owned and operated, the Nixon Motel, numerous rental properties, a pool hall, a nightclub and an ambulance service.

While both Frank and Solomon have left this earthly realm, the memories of them, the passion that they had in caring for the families that they served and the lessons taught by them continue to live on in the current generations of the Nixon family.

RECIPE of the SEASON

Gullah Seasoning for Fried Foods

Gullah is the native African-American cuisine and culture of the Carolina Low Country — the region in and around the coastal islands.

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup(s) granulated garlic or garlic powder

1/4 cup(s) granulated onion or onion powder

1/4 cup(s) salt

1/4 cup(s) ground black pepper

1 tablespoon(s) paprika

1 teaspoon(s) paprika, combined with above

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients. Store in a tightly closed container. Will keep for 3 months in a dark cool place, or in the freezer for up to a year.

A Signature Service

State-of-the-Art Personalization for your Loved One

Nixon Funeral Home is proud to introduce a state-of-the-art process of personalization for the families that we serve. Families can now customize their loved ones' casket or urn to best reflect them. Now you can incorporate your loved one's portrait, favorite scripture or poem or even a collage of family photos. We also have a vast amount of artwork that you can select. This service is exclusive to Nixon Funeral Home in this area. Stop by to see to see what all Nixon Funeral Home has to offer.

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