

A {Garden} of Friends



*Don't cry because
it's over.*

*Smile because it
happened.*

Dr. Suess



*Memorial
Service
August 27, 2013*



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Florida Extension Colleagues Deceased 2012 - 2013

*When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have a single bit
of talent left and could say, I used everything
that you gave me.*

Erma Bombeck



Mr. Steven A. Gaul

August 31, 2012

*Agriculture and Natural Resources
Extension Agent, Nassau County*

*Whoever {loves} much, performs
much, and can accomplish
much, and what is done in
{love} is done well.*

*Vincent
Van
Gogh*



Steven Andrew Gaul, 42, passed away on Friday, August 31, 2012. He was born on December 10, 1969 in Fort Walton Beach and has lived in Nassau County for the past 16 years. Mr. Gaul was employed with Nassau County as an Extension Agent. He was a member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church of Callahan. He was active in the community and his church. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a loving husband, father, son, and friend and will be dearly missed by all. Survivors include Marie, his wife of 8 Years; daughter, Leyni; sister, Julie (Kevin) Allemagne of Madison, Wisconsin; parents, Robert and Joan Gaul; grandmother, Margaret Feldman; several nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Dr. Damon Miller, Sr.

November 24, 2012

State 4-H Director and FAMU Faculty

*How wonderful it is that nobody
need wait a single moment before
starting to {improve} the world.*

Anne Frank



Minister Damon Miller, Sr., 66, of Tallahassee heeded his Savior's call on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare. A Quitman, GA native, he had served as minister for several area Church of Christ congregations, most recently at the Paul Russell Road Church of Christ. He was a graduate of Ft. Valley State College (now University) and Iowa State University. A U.S.Navy Reserves veteran, he had recently retired and was working as a consultant at Florida A&M University. He was the Director of FAMU's Children, Youth & Families At-Risk Red Clay Vegetable Garden Project. He had been a Cooperative Extension Agent, Associate Professor/Assistant Dean and Acting State 4-H Director with the University of Florida's Extension Administration, Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences. Minister Miller was a man of great faith and wisdom and was anchored in the Lord. Treasuring his love and legacy are his devoted wife, Baby Doll Ardis Miller; sons, Damon (Kelley) Miller, Jr., and Ardis D. Miller; granddaughter, Bailey Marie Miller; sisters, Sherry (Earnest) Hamilton, Ella Mae (Ellis) Dowdell, Vera Mae (Ozell) Carter, Earnestine (Tommy) Lattimore, Mabel Williams; sisters-in-law, Mae Frances (Eddie) Lynum; Mae Dell Cainion; brothers-in-law, Arthur Lee (Frances) Davis, Charles Ardis and Henry (Mary) Ardis; college adopted student, Kimberly (Darryl) Richardson Booker; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

Dr. Barbara Ellis Taylor

December 7, 2012

Professor Emeritus, UF | IFAS

*Department of Family, Youth and
Consumer Sciences*

*It is not what you do for your
children. but what you have
{taught} them to do for
themselves. that will make
them successful human beings.*

Ann Landers



Dr. Barbara Ellis Taylor, age 80, of Alachua, Florida passed away on December 7, 2012 after an extended illness. She was born on March 23, 1932 in Marion County, Kentucky to parents Cecil Tilden Ellis and Alma Whitehouse Ellis. She is survived by her devoted husband of 56 years, Dr. Clifton L. Taylor of Alachua, Florida; her son Brian Scott Taylor and his wife Marie Gianelloni Taylor, of Alachua, Florida; her son Dr. Steven Ellis Taylor and his wife Martha McAlpine Taylor, of Auburn, Alabama; and grandchildren Joshua Taylor, Amie Taylor Imler, and Brandon Imler of Alachua, Florida and Travis McAlpine Taylor and Shelby Ellis Taylor, of Auburn, Alabama. She is survived by sisters Jewell Deene Ellis, Shirley Ellis Sheperson, Wilma Ellis Ewbank, Kaye Ellis Thurman, Karen Ellis Marsee, and Marlana Ellis. Also, she is survived by brothers Dale Keith Ellis, Darrell Ellis, and Barry Ellis. She was preceded in death by her brother Cecil Ellis, Jr.

Dr. Taylor was Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida (UF) in the Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. After graduating in 1950 from Forkland High School in Boyle County, KY, Dr. Taylor received the B.S. degree in Home Economics from the University of Kentucky in 1954, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Textiles and Clothing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1974 and 1977, respectively.

Throughout her life, Dr. Taylor was driven by an interest in education for women and children. In Kentucky, Dr. Taylor served as a county home economics extension agent and also taught home economics at the high school level. During her nineteen-year career at UF, she developed extension programs that addressed critical problems of Florida residents and she spearheaded efforts to establish the Human Resource Development major at UF. Internationally, Dr. Taylor worked with educational programs in Cameroon and Jamaica.

In her profession, Dr. Taylor was elected President of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and she served as Chair of its Board of Directors. Professional awards bestowed on

Dr. Taylor include the American Home Economics Association Outstanding Leader Award; Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Wisconsin School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences; and election to the Hall of Fame of the School of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Kentucky. She also received numerous commendations in honor societies including Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Nu, Gamma Sigma Delta, Epsilon Sigma Phi, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Charles Richard Semer IV

December 18, 2012

UF | IFAS Plant Pathology



*I've learned that
people will forget what
you said. people will
forget what you did.
but people will never
forget how you made
them {feel}.*

Maya Angelou



Charles Richard Semer IV, 68, passed away on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at North Florida Regional Medical Center.

Chuck (Rick) was born November 18, 1944 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Charles R. Semer and Mary Lee (Roberts) Semer. He spent most of his youth in California.

He graduated from Alhambra High School, Martinez, California in 1962 and served 4 years in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam era. He received his Bachelors degree from Akron University and his Masters Degree from the Ohio State University in Plant Pathology. He retired from the University of Florida – IFAS in July of 2011 where he helped to establish and coordinate the Plant Medicine Program Clinical Trials. He found it most fulfilling to work with students. He also worked several years at Yoder Brothers in southern Florida.

He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, where he sang in the choir, and the Florida Track Club. He had just completed his 2nd Half Marathon and was training for the Five Points of Life Marathon in February of 2013. He was an avid reader. He loved to travel and he loved being with his family.

Chuck spent his retirement time learning wood working skills. He had just completed gifts for his family.

Chuck married Lois Franks on January 31, 1970. She survives him. They have two surviving children, Angela (Robbie) Monk of Gainesville and Ben (Nancy Peterson) Semer of Seattle, Washington; granddaughters Ashley and Amber Monk of Gainesville; brothers, George Craig (Marilyn) Semer Pollock of Pines, California, John Christoph (Melodye) Semer of Hay Fork, California, Mark Semer of Beaverton, Michigan, Steve (Lynn) Semer of Wooster, Ohio; sisters, Susan Buss of Worcester, Anne (Ross) Murphy of St. Joseph, MN, Judith (Jim) Gillick of Akron, Ohio; Aunts, Marianne Gebhardt of Paris, KY and Liz Shumway of San Francisco, CA; mother-in-law, Nancy Irving of Millersburg, Ohio; brother-in-law, Brad Franks of Bradenton, Florida;

sister-in-law, Edalynn (Tim) Weiss of Marion, Ohio and many beloved nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Dr. Marion L. Clarke

April 2, 2013

*Assistant Director, Florida Sea
Grant Extension Program*

*Remember that the
happiest people are
not those getting
more, but those
{giving} more.*

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Marion L. Clarke, age 77, passed away on April 2, 2013, in North Florida Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

He was born December 22, 1935, in Sioux City, Iowa. In 1958 he received his BA in Education at Morningside College (Sioux City, Iowa) and was a high school teacher, Coach and Principal. He then completed his Masters Degree from the University of South Dakota.

In 1970 Marion earned his Ph.D at Texas A&M University in Recreation and Resource Development. He was a Professor at Texas A&M University from 1970-1972.

From 1972-1976 he worked for the National Park Service in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia where he was the Director of the National Park Service Training Institute.

In 1976 he moved to the Navajo Indian Reservation in Window Rock, Arizona, to work for the National Park Service in helping the Bureau of Indian Affairs to better utilize their natural resources.

In 1977 Marion moved to Gainesville to work at the University of Florida, as the Director of Florida Sea Grant and as Professor and Assistant Dean for Marine and Coastal Programs.

Marion was an avid Gator fan and member of the Gator Tip-Off Club. He loved spending summers in his mountain home near Cullowhee, North Carolina and spending time with his 7 grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judith Clarke of Gainesville. His sister Doris Riley and mother-in-law both of Gainesville. His daughters Kim Feigum of Gainesville, Teri (Jim) Rooney of Knoxville, TN. His son Kevin (Karen) Clarke of Gainesville and his 7

grandchildren Drew, Jenny, Brooke, Brittany, Weston, Will, and Wyatt.

Bernard H. Clark

May 7, 2013

Livestock & 4-H Extension Agent,
Gadsden County

*For myself. I am an
{optimist} – it does
not seem to be much
use being anything
else.*

*Sir Winston
Churchill*



Bernard H. Clark, age 90, was a lifelong resident of Greensboro, Florida until he passed away on May 7, 2013. Bernard was born on November 1, 1922. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Effie Truluck Clark, daughter, Susan Hinson and husband James of Orlando, FL and son, Stephen Clark and wife Billie June of Tallahassee, Florida and three grandchildren.

Bernard Clark's career as a County Agent span the time of 1947 to 1979. His military service during World War II no doubt laid the framework for the occupation he chose. He loved agriculture and people. He had a career of service and spent many years serving as an agent in charge of catalyzing, planning and taking action on public concerns, and assisting groups in establishing programs and policies to meet their common goals.

Bernard Clark distinguished himself through service to people, youth and adults alike. Highlights of the nominee's career includes winning a spot with the Dow Study Tour that included studying agriculture and 4-H program in 7 states; Receiving the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award and the Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award. The West Florida Livestock Association, Inc. named an award for him: The Bernard Clark Herdsman Award. He had 4-H clubs in every school in the county and was known as Mr. 4-H. Bernard also had one of the largest 4-H camping programs in the area. Bernard was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame in 2005.

Annemarie Post

May 31, 2013

Environmental Horticulture

Extension Agent, Sarasota County



*When I was 5 years old,
my mother always told me
that {happiness} was the key to life. When I went to
school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew
up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't
understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't
understand life.*

John Lennon

Annemarie Post, 60, passed away at home on May 31, 2013. Annemarie was born and raised in the Netherlands, coming to Sarasota in 1987. She is survived by her husband, Alan Levin, and his and her family and friends here and in the Netherlands. Annemarie dedicated her life to her adopted country by promoting conservation and encouraging appreciation of the natural world. She was a conservationist, horticulturist, native plant enthusiast and teacher. In her early career as a consultant, she worked on the preservation of coastal areas. She was employed by the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens from 1993 to 1998, the last three years as Director of Horticulture. At Selby Gardens, she executed a major shoreline restoration project demonstrating her commitment to improving the water quality of Sarasota Bay and providing a beautiful, natural, scenic landscape. She was active in the American Horticultural Therapy Association and promoted horticultural therapy programs at the Gardens.

She continued conservation and horticultural work through the auspices of the UF/IFAS Extension of Sarasota County as the coordinator of the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program beginning in 2000. She became Extension Agent of Environmental Horticulture in 2006. While working full time, she continued her education, receiving her Master's Degree in adult education. She was accepted into the doctoral program at the University of South Florida.

Annemarie will be missed by the conservation community, by her family and by her friends. Through her efforts and dedication, she has left the world a better place for all.

**Jeanette (Jan) Barthle
Dillard**

June 3, 2013
*4-H Extension Agent,
Pasco County*

*Certain things catch
your eye, but pursue
only those that capture
the {heart}.*

*Ancient Indian
Proverb*



Jeanette (Jan) Barthle Dillard, 60, died June 3, 2013. She was born March 21, 1953, to Joe and Jeanette Barthle of San Antonio, FL. She was raised on Barthle Brothers Ranch and, with the exception of college, lived her life there. Her passion for family, agriculture, and the land was surpassed only by her faith. While at Auburn University, Jan earned a B.S. degree and met her husband, Ed Dillard, from Hartford, AL. They married in 1975 and moved to her family's ranch where they raised Nick, Brian and Lauren. Jan was a devoted wife and mother, always putting her faith and family first. Jan began her career as a 4-H Youth Development Agent for the University of Florida. As an integral part of Barthle Brothers Ranch, Jan ran a successful horticulture operation for 15 years and served as Secretary and Treasurer until 2013. After closing the nursery, she decided to go back to school to obtain a degree in accounting from St. Leo University, earned her CPA designation and was a successful accountant with Lynch, Gregg and Lynch.

As an advocate for Florida agriculture, Jan was elected 1998 Cattlewoman of the Year, led Florida Cattlewomen as president in 2010, served on the Pasco County Farm Bureau Board and on the Pasco County Extension Office Advisory Committee. She was avid supporter of environmental stewardship and preservation of agriculture as a way of life.

Her personal interests included the Day-Z FlowerGardening Club, horticulture, sewing and cooking. She participated in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk for breast cancer in memory of her friend, Susan Kelly.

Mitchell May

July 16, 2013

*Agriculture and Natural Resources
Extension Agent, Madison County*

*When everything seems
to be going against
you, remember that the
airplane takes off
{against the wind},
not with it.*

Henry Ford



Mitchell May, coordinator of the Decatur County office of the University of Georgia's Cooperative Extension, died Tuesday morning at the age of 60, at his home in Quincy, Fla.

May was an expert in pond and fisheries management and had focused on that area after being hired at the county extension office in 2000. May received a bachelor's degree in agronomy/plant sciences and a master's degree in fisheries/aquatic science, both from the University of Florida. He also collaborated with UF to conduct wildlife educational programming.

May is survived by his wife, Barbara, and a stepson, Stephen Fruzan, who serves in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. {Explore. Dream. Discover}.

Mark Twain



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