

Bulldogs Suddenly Struggling

Coach Likely To Shake Up Lineup For Some Punch

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

Rusty Guynn is a baseball coach who is never content. In fact, the Zephyrhills High skipper is worried.

Most coaches would be pleased with a 6-2 record this season, but not Guynn. He watched his team drop a pair of games after a 6-0 start and just shakes his head.

"We are in a very tough part of our schedule," Guynn said following Thursday's 8-3 home loss to Bishop McLaughlin. "These next three weeks coming up are big. We could lose seven in a row. They don't care. They are just glad to be here. This is what happens

when you're just glad to be here."

The Bulldogs are currently playing in the Spring Break Farm Bureau Classic Tournament at Hernando High School, but when they return, the schedule will be a huge test.

Guynn will use the tournament to evaluate players and possibly make changes when the Bulldogs hit the heart of the district schedule.

"This gives me three or four games to look at everybody and change the lineup around," Guynn said. "We need to see what works for us. I need to find

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Bulldog first baseman Drew Brown holds a Bishop McLaughlin runner close during last Thursday night's 8-3 loss to the Hurricanes.



Bob Perkins, Glenda Brake, Linda Marshman and Glenna Earle

Shufflers Inducted Into The Hall Of Fame

Four Zephyrhills Shufflers were inducted into the Florida Shuffleboard Central District Hall of Fame on March 9 in Winter Haven. Bob Perkins lead the way being inducted into the Special Award Category. Bob rescued the Zephyrhills Courts when the Tourist Club wanted to sell the lot to cover unexpected expenses. He later gave the Courts to the local shufflers and that led to the Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club becoming one of the most successful clubs in the world. ZSC has helped other clubs in the Central District survive and thrive all because of his generosity. Glenda

Brake was also inducted and next year will be inducted into the State Hall of Fame. Linda Marshman and Glenna Earle inducted each other for the second time this year. They entered the state Hall of Fame in January.

Zephyrhills Sweeps State Championships

Zephyrhills players won both the women's and men's titles at the Betmar State Spring Championships on March 7. Mary McLin (Betmar) teamed with Hall of Famer Glenna Earle (ZSC). The men's

championship was won by DeLane Ruess (Betmar) and Ernie Waldron (ZSC). It was the first State Championship for Ruess. Waldron has won three and is a very tough competitor. They escaped the first match of the tournament after getting blown out in the first game but gathered themselves to win the match in three games. Waldron made a fabulous shot to win the third game of the championship match. He was in the kitchen, 10 off, and the opponent had two eights and Waldron didn't quite have room to score. He shot firmly and

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Leadoff hitter Trey Owen attempts to lay down a bunt against Bishop McLaughlin.

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somebody to do the stuff we need.”

When they return, they travel to face rival Pasco followed by games against Land O’ Lakes, River Ridge, Lakeland, Anclote and Wesley Chapel.

“We have to compete,” Guynn said. “We don’t hit either. (Kolbe) Lupinek is the only one swinging anyway. We get a hit here and there, but every time we get into a big spot with runners at second and third, we strikeout. We’re in trouble unless they walk us 12 times.”

Against Bishop McLaughlin, the Bulldogs struck out seven times while scattering eight hits. Trey Owens led the Bulldogs at the plate going 3-for-4 scoring twice.

The Hurricanes collected seven of their runs from three home runs hit off of Bulldog pitching. Junior Tyreese Wigfall gave up a solo homer and a three-run blast, and junior Ricky Dunn gave up a three-run shot.

Four of the runs were unearned.

“Then we’re looking at a 4-3 ballgame,” Guynn said. “We have to be better.”



Junior pitcher Tyreese Wigfall struggled in his first start of the season, giving up a pair of home runs in a loss to Bishop McLaughlin.

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DeLane Ruess and Ernie Waldron moved both good eight’s forward taking himself out of the kitchen and moved his eight forward with the momentum from

the firm shot to score the winner.

Local Shufflers Win ‘Masters’ Championships

Pauline Murphy (ZSC) won the Women’s Florida Shuffleboard Association Central District “Masters” Championship on Saturday. She went into the final match ahead in the tournament by one game and playing the No. 2 seed, Glenda Brake, also of ZSC. Brake won the first game to set up the winner take all final game and don’t you know the game was tied at the end of regulation. Murphy scored an



Pauline Murphy



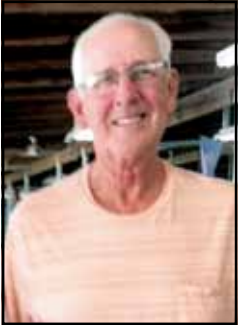
Earl Ball and Gary McGaffey

eight with the first hammer in overtime putting the pressure on Brake to match her score but Brake’s hammer stopped on a line and Murphy claimed the championship. Both got a rousing round

of applause for a great battle.

Zephyrhills also won two of the other five division championships giving them half of the “Masters Championships. Earl Ball (Betmar) and Gary McGaffey (ZSC) won the Men’s Pro Championship as Co-Champions. McGaffey pulled out a miracle by winning the last three District Championships to qualify for the “Masters” and then went on to play a great tournament. This was Ball’s seventh “Masters” Championship.

Dick Lightner of Forest Lakes RV Park was clearly the class of the Men’s Amateur field and won the Men’s Amateur Championship.



Dick Lightner

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A Big Learning Curve For ZCA

Baseball Team Takes Its Lumps In Stride

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

When Ethan Keys took his position at second base for Zephyrhills Christian Academy against Cypress Creek, he looked like he would have been more comfortable playing on a Little League field instead of a varsity diamond against Cypress Creek.

Keys is one of two ZCA varsity starters who are just 12-years-old on a team with only four players who are high school age. Ithan Pujols, who is listed on the roster at 4-foot-10 and 90 pounds, is the other sixth grader on the squad.

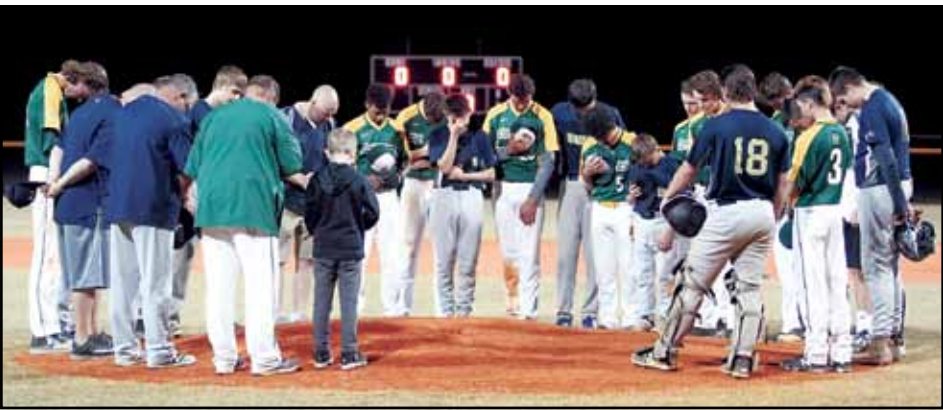
ZCA's baseball program is in its third season. In the first two seasons, the

Warriors played against opposing junior varsity teams. This year, they are playing against varsity competition.

Despite the Warriors 15-0 loss to first-year team Cypress Creek, head coach Jason Fladd makes sure his young squad leaves the field with their head held high. So far, ZCA has been outscored 111-15.

"It's tough. I have 10 kids and two of them are 12 years old," Fladd said. "These real young kids are going to get better. They are going to have seven years of varsity experience."

ZCA's program started from scratch and Fladd looks at the football and basketball teams as motivation as to what the future can hold for his Warriors.



Players from Zephyrhills Christian Academy and Cypress Creek meet at the pitcher's mound for a prayer following Friday night's game.

"We wanted to try to get a baseball program going and we have one kid who played competitive baseball and got a bunch of kids who played football to come out," Fladd said. "We are a school of 250 kids from Kindergarten to 12th [and] there's not a lot to pick from.

"It's a lot of work. We're trying to be build these men up," Fladd said. "What happens with a lot of these small Christian programs [is that] kids start coming. Our football and basketball programs started out that way. We help these guys get better every day."



Zephyrhills Christian Academy sixth-grader Ethan Keys joins his varsity teammates between innings in Friday's game against Cypress Creek.



Warrior hurler Beau Fladd fires a pitch during warmups before Friday's loss to Cypress Creek.

Korean War Veteran Seeking Fellow Veterans

Chet Cutshall of Zephyrhills would like to know if there are any Korean War veterans in the Zephyrhills area who were in the First Division, Seventh Calvary, Company G – the same company General George Custer of Michigan served in and was killed at the Battle of Little Bighorn.

He would like to know if they were in Korea from 1951-1953, wore the Sabers of Gary Owens and fought during the Battle of Hill 418, where he was injured by a mortar round and treated in a field hospital. During that time, he also had

to be treated for frostbite of the hands, feet and face.

Cutshall was sent to Japan. While there he was notified of his brother's death during combat in another division in Korea. He accompanied his brother's remains to Oakland, Calif., and then home to Marshall, N.C where their family met them at the train station.

He would enjoy reminiscing with them. So far, he has only found one, Wayne Boone, who was also injured. They're both nearing 89 years of age.

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Bands In Tune At Palooza

Sixth Year Of Fundraiser Helps Hospice

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

Paul Correia sat on stage Saturday with his buddies like it was just a fun jam session. He couldn't help but smile as he looked out onto a crowd of a few hundred people.

He wasn't smiling so much about how many people came to hear his band play at the community event venue near the municipal airport, but he was elated that crowd was there to enjoy music at Paulie Palooza and help his favorite charitable organization, Gulfside Regional Hospice.

Paulie Palooza, now in its sixth year, hosted a dozen vendors, five bands, a pop-up thrift store and a car show with all the proceeds going to Gulfside Regional Hospice and Pasco Palliative Care.

"Paulie has done so much and has done such an incredible job," said Kirsty

Churchill of Gulfside. "It's so nice to have him so involved. It's exciting to see how this event has grown."

The event has evolved, according to Correia, and this year's edition of the palooza was a two-part affair with the outdoor event at the community venue and an indoor event at Zephyrhills Brewing Company.

Correia's father went through hospice care in 2011 and at that moment, he decided he was going to do something every year to help the organization that helped his father. He has been part of a walkathon, a horse ride and now the large-scale event at the community venue.

"Zephyrhills is so supportive," said Correia, who secured enough sponsors to make sure every dollar generated goes to Gulfside. "The event is turning out to be something special."



Backwaters Own band members were picking and grinning during Saturday's country and bluegrass music festival at Paulie Palooza at the community venue near the airport.



Paul Correia started Paulie Palooza six years ago to benefit Gulfside Regional Hospice and it gets bigger and better every year.



The Majestics, a band from Majestic Oaks RV Park, perform Saturday at Paulie Palooza.



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Vine Church – A Resurrection Day Treasure Hunt will be held on March 31 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a kid’s fun zone, food and refreshments, a treasure hunt and prizes. The powerful story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ will be told on April 1 at 10 a.m. If you’re curious about the evidence for Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, then join us to learn more.

Worship services are held Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 4743 Allen Road. Come as you are; everyone is welcome. Meals are provided for the community on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30 p.m. by the park pavilion next to the Water Park at Zephyr Park. A mobile medical unit provides healthcare services for those with no medical insurance at Vine Church on the fourth Thursday of each month. A mobile shower unit provides hot showers at Vine Church from 7-9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Call (813) 446-3821 or (813) 298-3232 for information.

First Baptist Church – Pastor Rob McKinney invites everyone to visit a going church with a coming Savior. The Crimson Gospel, featuring the Robertson Family’s testimony, will be presented on Easter Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Our teen ministry (TRUTH Ministries) is held on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. with director Jason Hicks and youth leader Barbara Hicks. Bus transportation is available.

Church visitation is every Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekdays from 6-7 a.m. in the church conference room. Everyone is welcome.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday mid-week service, 6 p.m. Children’s activities and choir practice are at 6 p.m. Call the church at (813) 782-5574. First Baptist Church is located at 38231 Fifth Ave. in Zephyrhills.

Joy Fellowship – This Christ-centered gathering for women will meet on March 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The March speaker will be Janice Watkins. A light supper will be served. There is no charge for this event, but a free-will offering or donation will be taken. Bring a friend and enjoy your Christ-centered sisters and the Lord.

Community of Christ – Pastor Mary Martin welcomes you to Sunday services with Sunday school at 9:45 am and worship at 11 am located at 7334 16th St. Call (941) 896-1838 for information.

Our social group “Sew & So” for men and women meets on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. for quilting, knitting and other crafts. Bring a friend and meet others.

One of our outreach programs is helping the Thomas Promise Foundation on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to pack weekend food bags at 4424 Gall Blvd., in the last building south in Thomas and Son lot. Join us to help those in need.

Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene – Loving Hands Ministries will be joining us for the 10:45 a.m. service on March 25. The children’s ministry will have a Fiesta Fundraiser dinner following the service.

Join us as we participate in the community Walk of the Cross on March 30 at 5:30 p.m. The walk begins at St. Joseph Chatholic Church, located on Fifth Avenue.

Men’s breakfast is held on the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Errickson Auditorium. Women’s study group meets at Creative Souls Caré on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Women’s prayer meetings are held Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and contemporary worship is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening services start at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays midweek classes for all ages begin at 6 p.m.

ZFN is located at 6151 12th St. in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 782-7032 or visit zfnfamily.org for information.

First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills – Pastor Jim Thomas invites everyone to visit our growing church. Sunday worship includes: traditional worship service at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; and contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship is held in Cooper Hall behind the sanctuary from 9-10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Adult Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children’s church is held at 10:45 a.m.

The church is located in downtown Zephyrhills at 38635 Fifth Ave. Visit www.fumczhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-5645 for more information about our programs.

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills – Participate in First Presbyterian’s congregational worship life as well as other activities leading up to Easter. Holy Week services include: 10 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday, March 25; 6 p.m. meal and 6:30 p.m. worship service on Maundy Thursday, March 29; 7 p.m. cantata-tenebrae on Good Friday, March 30; and on Easter Sunday, April 1, there will be an 8:30 a.m. Easter breakfast followed by Easter worship at 10 a.m.

The church invites everyone to attend Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at 5510 19th St. Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school for adults is at 8:30 a.m. Children and youth are dismissed to classes during the 10 a.m. worship service. A nursery is provided for your convenience during the service. After worship, stop by the fellowship hall for conversation and a snack.

REFRESH Wednesdays begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and then we will break into separate classes as follows: Kindergarten through first grade; second through fifth grade; F.R.E.S.H. youth group; and adult Bible class at 6 p.m. Choir practice is Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Visit www.firstpcz.org or call (813) 782-7412 for information.

Faith Baptist Church – Sunday morning worship service is held at 10:15 a.m. Growth groups for children, teens and adults are held Sundays at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. children ages 4-11 meet as well as adult Bible study and prayer meeting. Friday is teen night – call the church for further information.

The church is located at 38634 C.R. 54 East in Zephyrhills. Faith Baptist Church has been loving the Zephyrhills community for 44 years, providing answers for a changing world, strengthening marriages, and giving practical help in times of trouble. Visit fbczephyrhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-0880 for information.

Cornerstone Community Church – Service times are Sunday school at 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; children’s church at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Saturday Night Life at 6 p.m.

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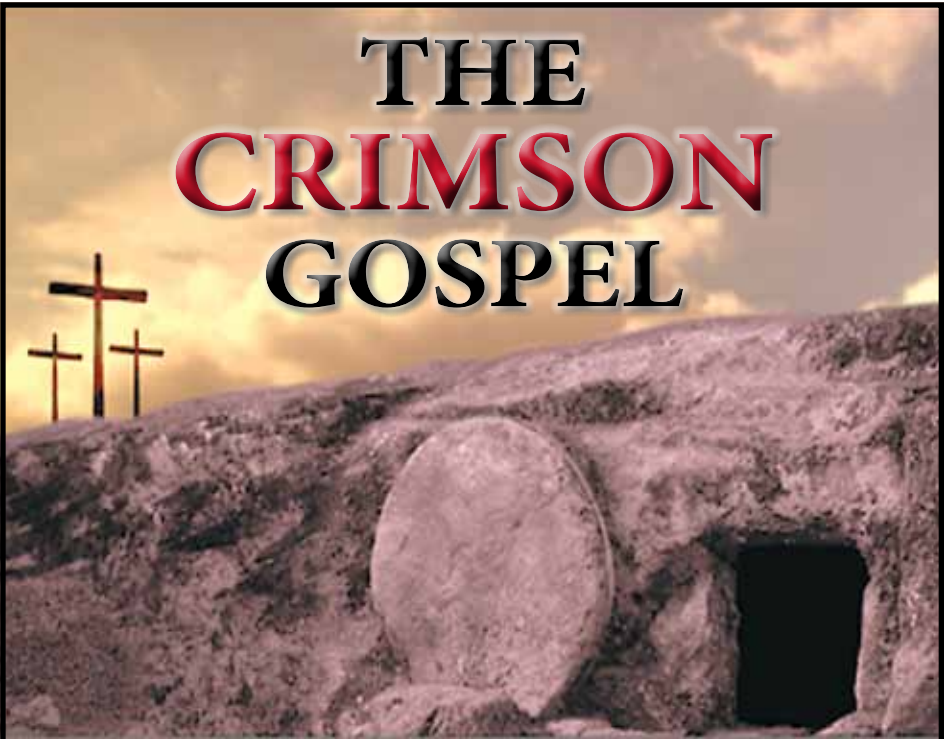
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Maurice R. Humphries Sr.
HUMPHRIES, Maurice R. Sr., 72, passed away on March 17, 2018, in Zephyrhills. He was born on Dec. 5, 1945, in Dade City. His parents, Maurice S. Humphries and Mary Hancock, preceded him in death. His loving partner, Julie Morris, survives along with children, Patsy (Tommy) Patterson, Maurice R. Humphries Jr., Thomas Hale, Evelyn (Peanut) Humphries, Buddy Humphries and Alexis Humphries; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Services were held March 20 at Hodges Family Funeral Home, 36327 S.R. 54.

Philip Ray Scott
SCOTT, Philip Ray, 75, passed away March 16, 2018, in Zephyrhills. He was born to William and Stanley Elizabeth in Lexington, Ky., on May 12, 1942. His parents, three brothers, four sisters and one daughter: Teresa Suttner, preceded him in death. His loving wife, Jo Carol, survives along with sons, Philip Randy, Timothy Dwayne and Eric Nimon and daughters, Tonya (Skip) Campbell, Jana Scot and Lisa Nimon; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on March 24 from 4-6 p.m. with a service immediately following at Hodges Family Funeral Home, 36327 S.R. 54.


John Joseph Szatyari
SZATYARI, John Joseph, 66, of Zephyrhills, passed away at Florida Hospital Tampa on March 6, 2018. John was born on Feb. 3, 1952, in Kankakee, Ill., to Joseph C. Szatyari and Audrey Fay (Loyce) Szatyari. John married the love of his life, Patricia (Lawson) Szatyari, on May 23, 1981. They moved to Florida from Peachtree, Ga., almost 15 years ago. John was strong in his faith and incredibly hardworking. He loved his job at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, where he had worked as a catheterization laboratory assistant for the last 12 years. Those who knew him best describe John as a fun-loving jokester. Some of his favorite things were gardening, motorcycles and scooters, and Bob Dylan. Along with his loving wife, John is survived by one daughter, Kelly Szatyari; one son, Chris (Leigh) Whitfield two brothers, Mike (Dee) Dimitri and Jay (Roxanne) Szatyari; and two sisters, Vida (Kenny)





James and Diann (Roger) Pierce A visitation was held March 10 at Hodges Family Funeral Home and the funeral service took place March 12 at Faith Baptist Church in Zephyrhills. Burial followed at Chapel Hill Gardens. A memorial service was also held at Zephyrhills Hospital Chapel on March 13.



Ronald K. Vogel
VOGEL, Ronald K., 89, a former resident of Zephyrhills and most recently of the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home in Land O’ Lakes, peacefully passed away on March 2, 2018, after a long illness. He was born on Aug. 30, 1928, in Callicoon, N.Y., to John and Mae (Spielmann) Vogel. He spent his childhood on a farm in Youngsville N.Y. His family moved to Manchester, Conn., while he was still in school and he completed his educational years at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational-Technical School. He enlisted in the U.S. Air National Guard in 1948 and served during the Korean Conflict at the Suffolk County Air Force Base in Long Island, N.Y., while also employed with the Southern New England Telephone Co. (SNET). He eventually transferred to Enfield, Conn. and continued working as a cable splicer and phone installer with SNET for a total of 35 years. He opted to take an early retirement to travel the nation in his RV, with his wife, Evelyn (Flynn) Vogel, who preceded him in death. They enjoyed traveling the country meeting many new people, and making friends that would stay in touch with them, for the remainder of their lives. Two sons, Ronald M. and wife Eleanor (Stannard) of Texas and Robert S. and wife Jane (Golden) of Massachusetts survive along with two grandchildren, Stacy (Richard) Geades of Texas and Marc Vogel of Texas; and one great-grandson, Tyler. A sister-in-law Edna Vogel, from Connecticut, also survives him. His sister, Marion (Bernard) Humiston, and his brother, Herbert Vogel, both of Connecticut, preceded him in death. The family wishes to thank Dr. B. Bedi and his staff of Zephyrhills; the staff of Assisting Hands Home Care of Zephyrhills and the staff of Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home of Land O’ Lakes for the excellent care they all gave him during his later years of his life. The family will hold a private funeral and burial service in New York later in the year. Hodges Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Alfred L. ‘Mike’ Viner
VINER, Alfred L. “Mike”, 77, passed away March 1, 2018. He was born in Hinsdale, Mass., on April 13, 1940. He had lived at Southport Springs for the past 13 years. Al was a United States Army veteran and a loyal Teamsters Union trucker for 32 years for N&B Express. He worked for Bahr’s Propane for 10 years after moving to Zephyrhills. Al was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was an altar server. Friends and neighbors looked to Al for his expertise as a handyman. He had many interests and hobbies, including playing horseshoes, shuffleboard and cards, bowling, dancing and going on cruise with his many friends and neighbors. His wife of 46 years, Marilyn Hill Viner, survives. A sister, Ann Marie (Topsy) Gravel of Hinsdale, Mass., also survives, along with a brother, Fred “Butch” Viner and sister-in-law, Judi Viner of Hinsdale, Mass.; children, Michelle (Orlando Blair) of Hinsdale, Mass., Debbie (Tim) Chouhan of Plainfield, N.H., Michael (Sharon) Viner and Greg Viner of Hinsdale, Mass., Ann Marie Garland of Hinsdale, Mass., Alfred L. (Angie) Viner Jr. of Wesley Chapel, Michelle (Chris) Streeter of Lakeland, Shawn (Peggy) Mazzer of Greenfield, Mass. and daughter-in-law, Colleen Viner of Zephyrhills; grandchildren, Erica, Nate, James, Catherine, Elizabeth, Josephine, John, Mary, Claire, Gabby, Dani, Isabelle, Alfred Viner III (Tre), Patience Viner and Tayah Meattie; nieces and nephews, Jenny and Jim Hewitt, Jeff and Laura Viner, Chris and Melissa Gravel and Alexandra and Ian Hall. Several cousins and a brother-in-law, Richard (Gina) Hill, also survive. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on April 13 at 9:30 a.m. and burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, in care of Jean Taylor; or to the Southport Springs Horseshoe League, in care of Donald Wheeler, 3852 Ranger Parkway, Zephyrhills, FL 33541. Hodges Family Funeral Home, 36327 S.R. 54, Zephyrhills, is handling arrangements.





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