

# ROTARY

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

support and assistance to maternal and children's health. This outreach should touch those needy children on the elementary level in all parts of the Douglas County School system."

Rotarian Ken Flick donated the 500 backpacks, and 21 local Rotarians volunteered their time to put essential hygiene products in the bags, like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary gel, shampoo and band aids.

A Gift of Love, started in 2006, provides food for more than 610 local children on a weekly basis.

"It has become our mission at A Gift of Love to reach out to as many children as possible and provide food, clothes, and their wants/needs," Founder Juanita Clay says on the organization's website. "My dream for A Gift of Love has become a reality and I couldn't feel more blessed. Knowing that we help so many children daily is a feeling we can't describe, its amazing. I birthed three children, but I'm raising thousands and I wouldn't



John Barker/Douglas County Sentinel  
John Thornton, owner of John Thornton Chevrolet and a Douglas County Rotarian, helps fill backpacks with hygiene items for local elementary students.

want it any other way. A Gift of Love wouldn't be what it is today without the generous donations of so many kind-hearted individuals that I can't thank enough."

"I was working in a school cafeteria," Clay says on the website about the days before she started A Gift of Love. "I would see children come through the lines with their shoes torn, some little girls wearing mom's shoes too big for her. The children would get on the bus in the afternoons from the cafeteria I would see them without a coat. I would encourage them to go get their coat, they would tell me they didn't

have a coat."

As a club, Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. The international clubs connect 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Douglas County, go to the club's Facebook page at RotaryClubOfDouglasCounty. The club meets nearly every Monday at the Douglasville Convention Center for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome.

# OBITUARIES

## Louis Smith

C. Louis (Lou) Smith, age 63, of Douglasville, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2014. The son of the late Hoyt and Euba Smith, he was born July 3, 1951, in Macon, Georgia.

Lou grew up in Rome, Georgia, and lived in many places throughout his life including California, Colorado, Washington and Alaska. He served in the U. S. Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a master electrician for 30 years and later worked as a certified computer technician.

Survivors include his children, Shawn Trinity Smith of Semmes, Alabama, Joshua Adam Smith of Douglasville, Georgia, and Sara

Beth Thrasher of Kingston, Georgia; sister, Peggy Jean Ivey of Rome, Georgia; grandchildren, Heather Deneice Baker of Euharlee, Georgia and Jacob Alexander Smith of Dallas, Georgia; great-grandson, Braydon Alexander Baker of Euharlee, Georgia; several nieces and nephews; loving companion, Marty Smith of Dallas, Georgia, and her children and grandchildren; and devoted friend Robbie Aue of Douglasville, Georgia.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by a son, Jeremiah Daniel Smith, and a brother and sister.

Donations in Lou's name can be made to Tranquility Hospice at Cobb Hospital.

Clark Funeral Home in Hiram, Georgia.

## Jeanette Stemme

Mrs. Jeanette Gohndrone Stemme, 74, of Douglasville, Georgia, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014.

The family will have a Celebration of Life gathering in honor of Mrs. Stemme's life on Sunday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the family home.

Messages of condolence to the family may be sent at [www.jones-wynn.com](http://www.jones-wynn.com).  
Jones-Wynn Funeral Home & Crematory of Douglasville.

## Phyllis Sanford

Phyllis McLeroy Sanford, 76, of Douglasville, Georgia, died Aug. 15, 2014. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m.

at Davis-Struempff Funeral Home Chapel, Austell.

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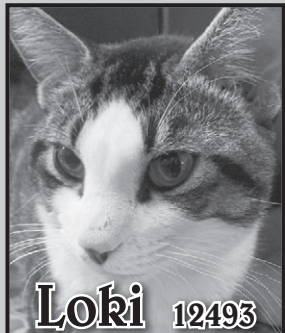
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