Winter 2019 GMC Classics Chatter







RALLY TIME

Spring 2019 Rally May 2—5, 2019

Whistle Stop RV Park 695 East Stamford St Abilene, TX 325-704-5252

The Theme will Be "Cowboy & Indian Round-up"

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Summer Rally July 18 - 21, 2019

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October 24 - 27, 2019

Onalaska KOA Onalaska, Texas 936-646-3824

Winter Rally January 30 to February 3, 2020

Bandera, Texas 830-796-8111

Hosts, Step up to the plate! See your name in lights!

Letter from our President



Burt Doucette President

<u>CHOCTAW</u> MARDI GRAS RALLY

Some costumes were outrageous! I was not even aware that you could buy clothes like that! CAJUN CRAZY! Catered Cajun all the way.

Casino/Hotel tour by their management was very interesting! It was also lengthy at 2 1/2 hours, we walked 1.9 miles. Viewed the 4,000 seat concert hall, bowling lanes, dance halls, sauna, pool, restaurants, and received a tour of the

CHIEF'S PENTHOUSE,

a two story suite. It was 1/4 mile from one side of the casino to the other

I was hoping that one of our new members Deb and Tiago Soromenho would be attracted to our GMC Family. Looks like they jumped all the way in. Deb held hands-on art classes for Mandela creations. Meditation and stress relief were main goals. Her mom and step dad from Mineola, Texas came as guests and were a lot of fun. Mom says Tiago is, "the greatest guy I know. I wish he lived next door to me." Her step dad and I discussed Henry lever action rifles.

Tiago loves his GMC and his **Deb**. He is so supportive of her creative art works and Austin Pub Craves.

His on-line presence of the restoration of their GMC is always enlightening with good questions and photos on Facebook at (GMC CLASSICS).

Old friends Susan England and Alan Sanderson were on hand to clown around. A year since we last saw them. Alan has been flying a lot and building a home in New Mexico. Susan had grand kids all year.

Ty Hardiman, an avid GMC enthusiast and ambassador of good will for "on the road help," came in from Oklahoma. His mom and dad also attended as guests and had a great time. Ty and his dad look just alike and are a wonderfully amicable dad and son combo.

Jerry Reeves Brought his niece and her husband as guests. They travel with the Blue Bonnet Motor Home Club.

Marcell Lee is at it again! Collected a stretch GMC and a 26' from Pennsylvania. Now in Pittsburgh, the man is a legend! 16 now?

Rally fees for 2019 will be waived to lower excess club assets. (continued on p. 2)

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The Classics Chatter is published quarterly for the membership of the GMC Classics. The club is a chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association and primarily draws its membership from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The GMC Classics purpose is to promote the preservation of the GMC Motorhome and to bring its owners together for their exclusive benefit, enjoyment, and common interests.

(President Continued)
A new sound system has been obtained by Scott Nutter.

Defibulator is now current with new paddles' till 2021.

"Defibrillator Here" sign used for overnight location at the **President's coach** is ready.

Pot Luck Dinner: To my great surprise, the women who serve on the Executive Board say that the women-folk don't like to have to prepare the Pot Luck. "Sure, the men like it; they don't have to prepare it." We will test catered or store-bought dinner at the next rally.

Burt Doucette
President 2019



Those Joining since our last newsletter:

- Matt & Carley Tillman of Austin, Texas
- Roy & Kay White of San Antonio, Texas
- Donald Rogers of Durant, Oklahoma



Chuck Peck wants to acquire authentic GMC Motor Home memorabilia, especially the kind agencies used in the 1970's to market Classic GMC Motor Homes. If you have something of this kind, Contact Chuck at: cadillac.chuck75@gmail.com

If you have things you want to BUY, SELL, TRADE, GIVE, We will list them in the Chatter. Contact me and send a photo, price, and description, then send it to my email address:

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In the subject line, please put:
"Classics Buy, Sell, Trade, Give"



CHICKENFOOT







1st. Marchell Lee, Won Stanley

2nd. Judy Doucette3rd. Alan Sanderson

bra pong



Marchell Lee, throwing the Winning Ball!



Mike Kelly was <u>CAUGHT</u> putting his <u>HAND</u> in a <u>BRA</u>, in PUBLIC!!!

OH NO!!

LCR



Debbie Massey "WON \$136.00" at LCR.

BINGO



Group ready to play & Win at Bingo!

Left, Burt & Judy Doucette and Rhonda & Chuck Peck. Right, Billy Massey and Marchell & Connie Lee

The Bingo Winners Are

\$20.00 Judy Doucette \$30.00 Connie Lee \$40.00 Frances Reeves \$40.00 Delaine Brady \$50.00 Delaine Brady \$50.00 Frances Reeves \$100.00 Delaine Brady

BEAN BAG BASEBALL



John Straus pitching the bean bag.

The Winners Are"

TEAM #1

Jerry Reeves, <u>Captain</u>
Billy Massey
Alan Sanderson
Judy Doucette
Connie Lee
Wayne Brady
Charlotte Austin
Dot Phillips
Jim Jackson

Congratulations to all the Winners!



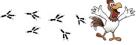
A WORD FROM STANLEY CHICKENFOOT

By Georgene Farrill

It's me again. Stanley!!!

I did make the January Rally and celebrated MARDI GRAS with the best people ____people that like to go ALL out to party.

I've asked **Charlotte Austin**, the **Editor** for **GMC Chatter**, to try and put some pictures in about what I describe so you can see just how amazing everything looked!



There were so many neat looking Mardi Gras outfits that when it came time to vote for best female and male we split our vote, it was not a couple, it was **Billie Kelley** and the male half of new members **Marchell & Connie Lee.** We had several new members in attendance and they are a partying bunch; water bottles everywhere after the party____. You know how it is with young people! Of course it was a long time member that thought she was in New Orleans and tried to remove her top in front of everyone. I am not going to give her name, privacy issues, but ALLEN S. was not there to help us stop her, he was SHOCKED!

Mike & Billie Kelley, Wayne & Delaine Brady, Reggie & Dot Phillips were our Hosts! Like all our host they went above and beyond to make a perfect rally for us. Decorations were fabulous, activities lined out to keep us busy, and just in case there was always the Casino to go visit.

Our Rally Hosts







The usual line up of games plus newer ones, Chickenfoote always starts us off, fast & furious, to get the blood and brains flowing!



New member Marchell Lee, won at Chickenfoot, and he seemed to be very Happy about it. I hope he realizes he has to tell some things Stanley did while in his custody, if he does not, Stanley will tell me__ and I will publish. Stanley does tend to exaggerate __ or lie, so I hope that Marchell has a good experience to tell if called upon.



We had a **Tour of the Casino.** About a dozen people went. Very interesting and you get to see things behind the scene that the average person does not know. **NO NO NO.** We did not get to see them **count the money!!!**





Attending the Casi-

no Tour were, Tom & Anneke Henderson, Mike Kelly, Jim Jackson, Burt Doucette, Georgene Farrill, John Strauss, Connie & Marchell Lee, Bert & Charlotte Austin, and

Wayne Brady.





The Entertainment Complex is huge, seats up to **4000**, sound system and acoustics are state of the arts. Most people see this when attending concerts (\$\$) Meeting and convention rooms that even Dallas business utilize, plus a real nice SPA with all the amenities.



All beautifully decorated with Native art, A huge swimming pool for relaxing and entertainment, looks like a Caribbean location. **Choctaw** really is a destination spot in the middle of no where, not just gambling. The men seemed to really enjoy.



Here are some photos showing the Choctaw Chief's Casino and Penthouse. We were able to tour the entire two story suite. It is usually rented out for a big price but, when we visited, no one

had reserved it. The manager told us it is very unusual for guests to get a tour of the Chief's Penthouse.

Now, I hope you take notice of this photo, when we caught our



very honorable, GMC Classics President, Mr. Burt Doucette, when he was lounging in the fine living room of the Choctaw Chief's huge Penthouse. Doesn't he look right at home sitting there?

We were all amazed at the view we saw of the Casino grounds, shown in the picture above! When you'all looked over the that tall balcony, did you get any Acrophobia?

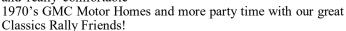




Our tour ended in the enormous master bedroom of the Chief's Penthouse.

Foot Sore and tired after our 2 1/2 hour tour, where we walked 1.9 miles, we gladly made our way back to the RV Resort, just

across the road from the Casino. We talked about all the fine things we saw at the Choctaw Casino and Penthouse, but most folks were happy to get back to their 40+ year old, efficient, compact, and really comfortable



Of course the men think a rally would not be a rally without a **swap meet.** Even if you don't need it there is always something maybe who knows.

At the same time Judy Doucette and Charlotte Austin always

set up tables to show beautiful jewelry and many other wanted items. Judy's display of jewelry is shown in the picture here on the right. Wow, sure looks nice!



On the left here Charlotte shows some of her wares to a group of lovely GMC ladies by the name of, Judy Doucette, Rhonda Peck, Redonia Harper, and Billie Kelly.

For this Rally, Delaine Brady brought beautiful hand made items like baby blankets and caps along with pens she had made to offer for sale. Shown to the right we see, Redonia Harper,

Billie Kelly, Debbie Massey, and in the far background is **Rhonda Peck.** It is nice to shop and not have to travel far for the privilege of spending your money.

As usual, the ladies have a **Classy Luncheon**, and **Classy** it was! Remember we are celebrating Mardi Gras so the luncheon



is made up of Cajun flavor, elegant and very delicious dishes of all kinds and with Sangria drinks! You know to stay with the theme.

Frankly I was thankful that **Billie Kelley** didn't find an alligator or for

sure it would of been put on our menu!!

The GMC ladies went way overboard with everything, so much food and fun we had to cancel the Bunko game, not enough time.



I bet everybody got a shocked when they stepped on their scales to weigh themselves!!!

Let me say that **Delaine** who hosted our luncheon, plus she was a host for the whole Rally, was working with only one leg!!! She had had foot surgery and was on a three-wheeled scooter the whole rally. **Hats off and 3 cheers for our Delaine!!!**

You would think that some of those nice **GMC ladies** would have thought of or remembered a certain hungry chicken who's name is **Stanley** and saved him a bite or two!



But, Noooo, they didn't save me even a crumb!!!

It is now 2:00, men are back, ladies are full, time for Bean Bag Baseball. I am sorry to say I did not make it to the game, so I have no first hand information. I did hear the captains of teams got a little heated with each other. If Charles Wearsal had of been there someone might have been thrown out of the building......this is where I really miss "Emojis," especially Smiley faces.

Charlotte Austin our **Chatter Editor** said she will list the game winners elsewhere in the Chatter Newsletter.

Boyd Mooney, shown in this photo, and a few other of the guys worked for a couple of days on a big puzzle. It was a 1000 or more pieces, but finally two or three of the ladies went over to help out.





Shown in this photo, are Carroll Shelly, Georgene Farrill, Jim Jackson, and Boyd Mooney.

After the puzzle had finally all been put together, there was

<u>one</u> — piece missing. This was a brand new, right out of the box puzzle! **UGH!**

Oh well, it was still a lot of fun working on it together. It is a scene of campers with all kinds of RVs, tents, camping gear, and S.O.Bs. One question, is this puzzle also an S.O.B?





Shown in the photo on the left is our new GMC Classics member **Deb Soromenho**, who hosted a Mandala Art Workshop. Here **Deb** is helping **Reg** and **Dot Phillips**.

Shown in the photo on the right are **Burt** and **Judy Doucette**, **Rhonda Peck**, **Susan England**, and at the table's end is **Dot Phillips**.



On the left side of the

table are **Billy Massey**, and **Deb's Mother**, **Brenda Federighi**, who was visiting the Rally. **Deb** showed us how we can draw and make our own kinds of Mandala Art.

At this table on the right, are Debbie Massey, Betty Hardiman, Deb's Mother Brenda Federighi, and Billy Massey. On the left side are Susan England, Rhonda Peck, and Judy and Burt Doucette. They are working on their Mandela designs.



Many of those in our group, with no experience, created beautiful Mandela designs for the first time.

Mandela is a geometric art which is beautiful and fun to create. There are simple and complex Mandela drawings, in black and white or in color. Some Mandela examples are shown below:











You can see more information about Mandela Art on the Web: https://www.art-is-fun.com/how-to-draw-a-mandala

AHH! The many things that can be done! I always like the crafts even thought I am terrible at it. You know how it is when you're just a "Chicken."



Guy's and even the ladies look forward to the "Tech Sessions" they have each Rally which are held early Saturday mornings.

This is really the highlight of a Rally for most of them.

Shown standing in the photo on the Left are **Bert Austin**, **John Straus**, **Chuck Peck**, and **Tiago Soromeho**, who all like to go to the Tech Sessions.

Seated at the table on the right, are Billy Massey, James Harper, Carroll Shelly, Chuck Peck, Burt Doucette, and Marchell Lee. Standing behind the table are Billie Kelly, and Bert Austin.



In the photo below, is the same group, but now we can see the Right side of the table. Sitting at the right end is **Jerry Reeves**, **Mike Kelly**, and **Tom Henderson**. Those standing behind the



table at the end and on the right are Bert Austin, John Straus, Jim Jackson, and Charlotte Austin.

I am sure new members enjoy or sometimes just go into Shock saying "what have I done." But, any Panic attack

is temporary because **Carroll Shelly** is there to help. **Carroll** has been in charge of these GMC Tech Sessions for many years, but starting in 2019 hands that job over to **Chuck Peck** to lead the **Rally Tech Session Discussions**. We are grateful that **Carroll Shelly** will still be around to help and give advice.

Most of us would agree that one of the most valuable parts of any Rally is the collaboration and sharing of knowledge!













<u> Beads, Masks, & Costumes</u>



Tom & Anneke Henderson



Gayla & Carroll **Shelly**



Dot & Reg Phillips



Redonia & James Harper



Thomas & Patricia (Schenk) Jetzer



Boyd & Sherry Mooney



Allen Sanderson & Susan England



Charlotte & Bert Austin



Deb & Tiago Soromenho



Frances Reeves with Wayne & Delaine Brady

Parades, Votes & Awards



Chuck & Rhonda Peck



Billie & Mike Kelly



Mike Kelly, Reg Phillips, & Wayne Brady



Marchell & Connie Lee



Delaine & Wayne Brady



Billy Kelly & Burt Doucette





Judy Doucette Helping Dot Phillips



Dot Phillips & Burt Doucette



Chuck Peck Won the Little Chicken



Billie Kelly & Marchell Lee Were voted Mardi Gras Queen & King



Marcell Lee Won Stanley

After the Marti Gras meal it was time for LCR. I think nearly everyone played. We had a really nice layout, so we could see most everybody and talk to people when it wasn't our time to roll those dice.

Debbie Massey was the Big Winner!!! A good feeling. They showered her in one dollar bills. What great feeling!!! Traveling Money!!!

LCR

It was a great Rally, THANK YOU to all our host and all those GMCers who helped out in so many ways!!!

Hope to see everyone at the next RALLY!!!!

See Ya SOON!

Your Rally Reporter,

Stanley Chickenfoot!



























Burt & Judy Doucette









The "Bingo Bunch"
Frances Reeves, Thomas & Patricia (Schenk) Jetzer. Jim Jackson, Reg Phillips, & Debbie Massey



"Bra Pong" Marchell Lee with Billie & Mike Kelly







"LCR" Rhonda & Chuck Peck with Charlotte Austin



Wayne Brady throwing



"Bean Bag Baseball"

Billy Massey throwing

Friends & Couples



Charlotte Austin & Debbie Massey



Betty & Rex Hardiman



Frances & Jerry Reeves



Chuck Peck & John Straus



Dot Phillips, Judy Doucette, & Reg Phillips



Charlotte Austin & Susan England



Burt & Judy Doucette



Billy Kelly, Dot Phillips, & Judy Doucette



Delaine & Wayne Brady



Marchell & Connie Lee



John & Cindy Duffey



Chuck Peck & Ty Hardiman

Friends & Couples



Casino Tour Group

Back: Burt Doucette, Jim Jackson, Marchell Lee, Bert Austin, John Strauss, Anneke Henderson, Tom Henderson, Wayne Brady Front: Connie Lee, Charlotte Austin, & Delaine Brady



Tiago Soromenho



Delaine Brady on "Wheels"



Judy Doucette



Charlotte Austin & Rhonda Peck



Alan Sanders & **Susan England**



Hostess, Dot, Delaine, & Billie



Tom & Anneke Henderson with John Straus



Friends & Couples



Thomas & Patricia (Schenk) Jetzer with Deb & Tiago Soromenho



Susan England Dances for Joy



Redonia Harper & Gayla Shelly



Georgene Ferrill



at the RV Resort



Betty & Rex Hardiman



our Rally Room



Carved Indian in



Bert & Charlotte Austin



Tiago & Deb Soromenho



Debbie & Billie Massey

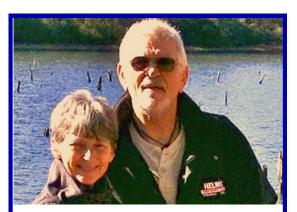
WELCOME VISITORS!



Lisa Berry, who is Georgene Farrill's Daughter, who is a teacher in Richland Hills, Texas came to visited us at the Rally.



Cindy & John Duffey of Cedar Hill, Texas who were with the Blue Bonnet Motor Home Club. Cindy is Jerry & Frances Reeves niece.



Brenda & Ken Federighi, are Deb Soromenho's Mom & Step Dad, from Meneola, TX. They hope to buy a motor home soon!



Ty Hardiman brought his Parents Rex & Betty Hardiman from Norman, OK



Welcome to all our Visitors!

We sure hope you come back to see us at our next Rally!

I'm "Stanley Chickenfoot," and I'll be there to greet you myself!

Sunday Worship

Our Rally in Durant, Oklahoma ended on Sunday morning with a very meaningful devotional provided by Billie Kelly. After that, we all headed for home with prayers that everyone involved in the Rally would arrive safely and return to Rally again!





Below is the song we sing before heading home.



Photographs for this "GMC Chatter" edition were provided by Georgene Farrill and Charlotte Austin.

Classics Members, please take time to share with me!

Send any articles of interest and/or things regarding your experience with your GMC so I can add them to the newsletter. I know there are lots of interesting/ funny/ exciting things that have happened at some time or another. Other people would enjoy reading about your experiences in our "Chatter." It does not have to be just about your GMC. It could be about your travels, a neat place to go, things you saw, fun things to do, camping spots, shopping, mistakes to avoid, etc. You may give me a note with ideas or information on it while we are at a Rally or email it to me later at:

DrWolfAustin@gmail.com Please put "Chatter Information" in the Subject Line of your email so I don't miss it.

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Appointed Officers for 2019 are Announced at the Rally.

Left to right: Billy Massey Administrator Wagon Master; Judy Doucette, Sunshine Lady; Georgene Farrill, Rally Reporter; Charlotte Austin, Newsletter Editor; Chuck Peck, Technical Coordinator; and the announcers are Redonia Harper & Burt Doucette.

To Report "Chatter Newsletter" Errors

I have made every effort to provide correct information in this Newsletter, but there may be errors. If you find mistakes, I apologize and ask for your forgiveness! Please take time to send your corrections to DrWolfAustin@gmail.com with "Chatter Error" written in the Subject Line of your email.

GMC Classics Chatter Editor, Charlotte Wolf Austin

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CLASSICS

Alton G. Al Brieger



Long time past member of "GMC Classics" Al Brieger passed away in San Marcos, TX.

Alton G. (Al) Brieger of San Marcos, Texas, beloved and cherished husband, father and grandfather passed away on Tuesday afternoon March 12, 2019 at the age of 91. He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on September 13, 1927 to Robert and Wilhelmina Brieger.

Al was preceded in death by his wife, **Ann Brieger**, who passed away May 31, 2017 at the age of 86.

Alton grew up in Orange Grove, Texas (near Corpus Christi) and earned his degree in history at Texas A&I, now Texas A&M-Kingsville. Al, who was fluent in German, spent a year at the University of Heidelberg before coming back to the U.S. to earn his master's in history and government at A&I.

Al was a key part of Texas State University for 21 years. He came to Southwest Texas State University in 1964 as registrar and dean of admissions. Several years after that, he was dean of student and academic services, and taught full-time in the history department his last five years before retiring in August 1985. He was also an integral part of RFSA (Retired Faculty and Staff Association) since its inception.

He and his beloved wife of 60+ years, Ann, loved to travel and were able to visit many destinations in Europe. They also toured all 50 states - the lower 48 and the lower provinces of Canada by motorhome.

Al was a Rotarian for over 60 years. He became a Paul Harris Fellow and served as district governor from 1976-1977. Early in his years in San Marcos, he was part of a group commissioned by the mayor to write a charter for the city. While at Southwest Texas he was active with ACT serving as the state representative for Texas. He and Ann were long time members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

The link below goes to RVfna.Org where a memorial page has been prepared for Al & Ann Brieger:

https://www.rvfrna.org/memories/in-memoriam/470-al-and-ann-brieger

Diane & Fred Dugger

On April 2th, two of our GMC Classics members, Fred and Diane Dugger of Hutchinson, Kansas were killed in an accident on their way home from the GMCMI Rally in Tallahassee, Florida.

Pictured here at the April GMCMI Conference, are Diane & Fred Dugger with their two beloved dogs Sasha & Sophie. Sasha survived, but Sophie died alongside Fred and Diane.



Kimberly Weeks of GMCMI sent the note below to tell the classics about Diane & Fred:

"In remembrance of our Sunshine Lady, Diane Dugger, and her husband Fred.

Tragically, we lost Diane and Fred when they perished in an accident on their way home from the Spring GMCMI Convention. At the Conventions they both participated in the setup team for the Convention lending a hand in anyway possible to make it a success. They worked diligently to meet and greet everyone, and get the first-timers' bio and photo on the bulletin boards along with the other attendees.

Between Conventions Diane sent emails, cards, and made phone calls to welcome new and returning members and check on those not feeling well."

Fred and Diane enjoyed over 48 years of friendship and marriage, traveling thousands of miles together in their RV, along with their dogs, Sasha and Sophie.

At the Dugger's memorial service on April 27, at the Fox Theater, the GMC Community provided a Procession of GMC Motorhomes to escort Fred and Diane on their last ride.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dugger family during this difficult time of the loss of Diane and Fred.

- 1. Description of how the accident occurred: https://www.ktlo.com/2019/04/05/identities-of-motor-home-crash-victims-released/
- 2. Link to the Dugger's obituary.

https://www.elliottmortuary.com/obituary/fred-d-and-diane-k-dugger? lud=44B57992B210BFF36E50198A1FB886E3&fbclid=lwAR0FqlhjX0fvMaBbhdlRtAgAJHGlhkIoOEg4hl5CGRps A2y7aZdynGe8c

IN REMEMBRANCE OF A GMC LEGEND

Alexander "Alex" Frederick Sirum



Well known GMCer Alex Sirum of Sirum GMC in Okeechobee, Florida passed away suddenly.

Alexander "Alex" Frederick Sirum, 84 Okeechobee – Alexander "Alex" Frederick Sirum died April 1, 2019.

He was born March 5, 1935 in Montague, Massachusetts to the late Adam and Mary (Semaski) Sirum. A resident of Okeechobee since 1981, he was of the Catholic faith. He was a member of the Elks, Moose Lodge, and numerous motor home clubs, including GMC Motorhomes International.

Mr. Sirum was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Gene Webb.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Romona Sirum; sons, David Sirum (Reynell), of Marianna, and Jeff Sirum (Sally), of Okeechobee; daughters, Cheryl Allen (Archie), of Old Town, and Joanne Webb, of Jupiter; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and brothers, Henry Sirum, of Juno, and Francis Sirum, of Greenfield, Massachusetts.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until services at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to The American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Dr., Ste. 1150, Chicago, IL 60601.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

Alex Sirum Obituary Link:

https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newszapfl/obituary.aspx?n=alexander-frederick-sirum-alex&pid=192067033&fhid=10609