



## Claxton Vause Jr.

April 30, 1933 - May 15, 2024

Claxton Vause, Jr., 91, of Sopchoppy, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving family on May 15, 2024. Claxton was born April 30, 1933, in Arran, Florida, and grew up most of his life in Sopchoppy. He graduated from Sopchoppy High School in 1952. He was a Paratrooper in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division. Claxton was the Chief of Police in Sopchoppy for 19 years and also was a Wakulla County Sheriff's Deputy for 9 years, where he served as a Bailiff for the Wakulla County Court. He was a member of Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church and previously served as a Deacon at Sopchoppy First Baptist Church. Claxton taught a Bible Study for 53 years and ministered at the nursing homes & hospitals. Claxton enjoyed bass fishing, attending the Sopchoppy Opry and traveling with his wife in their motor home. He was a true Florida Gator Football fan, but his greatest passion was reading and studying his Bible.

He will be remembered by his wife of 69 years Vonita Vause, daughters Arlene Vause, Danita Pope and husband Jesse & Myra Rogers and husband Richard, 4 step grandchildren Douglas Rogers, Karen Rogers Trumbull (Ethan), Shelly Baksh & Ruben Pope, 9 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Diane Vause and very special friends Tom & Sandy Sheets, who have become part of our family.

Predeceased by his parents Claxton & Marcia Vause, sisters Almyra Mathis &

Betsy Vause and brother Pleasant Vause.

The family will receive friends Friday, May 17, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church and the Funeral Service will be Saturday, May 18, 2024, 2:00 pm at the Church, followed by burial at West Sopchoppy Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church, P.O. Box 128, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358; 850-962-7822 and/or Sopchoppy High School Restoration Fund-Make checks payable to WCSB-SHS Restoration Fund and mail to 859 Oak Park Rd. Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are caring for the family.  
850-926-5919 [Familyfhc.com](http://Familyfhc.com)

# Cemetery Details

## West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Curtis Mill Rd.  
Sopchoppy, FL 32355

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church  
117 Curtis Mills Rd.  
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Claxton Vause Jr.



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**Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services** - May 16, 2024 at 03:49 PM

SB

“ I read this in his voice. He had such a great cadence to the way he spoke: slow and gentle and with precision. He paused just long enough to make his points more powerful. His daughters talk a lot and over each other in a braid of conversation, one then the next it's tough to each who is speaking and then his gentle but clear voice just carried over them and you could always hear it out even though he wasn't loud. I wish I had recorded him speaking.

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**Shelly Baksh** - July 17, 2024 at 08:55 PM

LB

“ Claxton will be missed by all who knew him. He was an historian who knew history of Sopchoppy and Wakulla County. Hopefully, he recorded the history for future Sopchoppy residents.

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**Linda and Kent Brown** - May 19, 2024 at 09:31 AM

CP

“ Charlotte and Ronald Paul purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Claxton Vause Jr..



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Charlotte and Ronald Paul - May 18, 2024 at 06:58 AM

CP

“ Charlotte and Ronald Paul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claxton Vause Jr..

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Charlotte and Ronald Paul - May 18, 2024 at 06:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claxton Vause Jr..



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May 17, 2024 at 03:17 PM

MC

“ Marshall Catoe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Claxton Vause Jr..



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Marshall Catoe - May 16, 2024 at 05:02 PM

TS

“ The Wakulla County Historical Society purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Claxton Vause Jr..



The Wakulla County Historical Society - May 16, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LN

“ Love, Ellie Nelson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Claxton Vause Jr..



Love, Ellie Nelson - May 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM

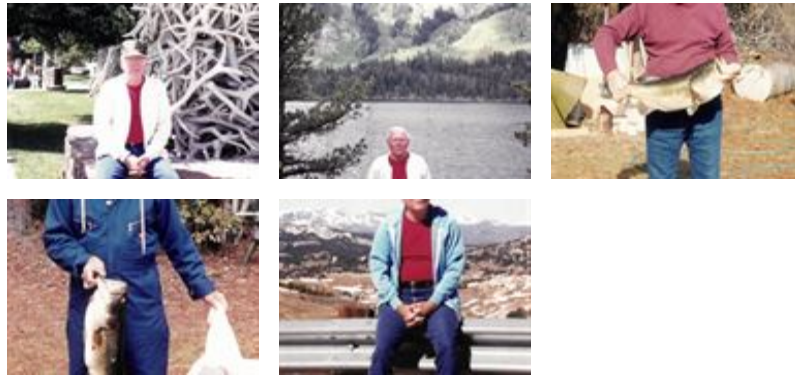
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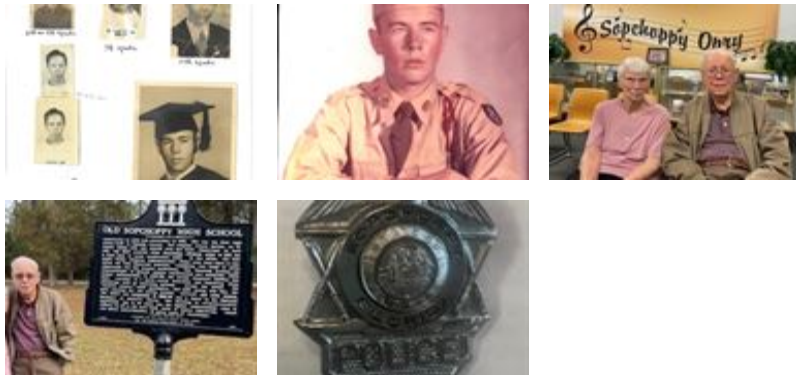
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Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - May 16, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - May 16, 2024 at 09:39 AM

JT

*Was a great man.always willing to help anyone.*

**John Taylor** - May 16, 2024 at 09:46 AM

HR

*A Godly man; always had a smile and a handshake or a hug for you.*

**Helen and Alan Reese** - May 16, 2024 at 10:41 AM