

Cem-Obit index notes and abbreviations:

Last name column

This has been written as it appears in the newspaper or the record cited. We know these are not always correct but we give what our source provides. If we question the spelling we put a comment in the Notes field.

First name column

If the wife's first name was not given, we entered it under the husband's first name, Mrs., for example: John, Mrs.

Nicknames are in quotation marks “ ”, for example: Elizabeth “Liz” or Andrew Clyde “A.C.”

Dates are in a month-day-year format: 09-07-1898 is September 7, not July 9. An * indicates an unknown number, for example 09-*-1898 means the event occurred in September of 1898 but the day is unknown. **-*-1898 means the event occurred in 1898 but the month and day are unknown.

Age column

d – day(s)

h – hour(s)

m – month(s)

st - stillborn

w – week(s)

y – year(s)

Source

This tells you the original source we used for the information. They include:

C – Cemetery record

F – Funeral home record

M – Marriage records

N – Newspaper

O – The 1969 cemetery index compiled by the DAR

W – Staff walked all cemeteries from 1990 through 2000

S/H will let you know if we have a scanned (S) or hard (H) copy of this obit already in our collection. If not, then the newspaper will need to be searched.

Paper column

BB- Bluffton Banner	BC – Bluffton Chronicle
BEN - Bluffton Evening News	BNB - Bluffton News Banner
EB - Evening Banner	EN - Evening News
ENB – Evening News Banner	G – the Gem
LL – Little Lively	NB - News Banner
OJ – Ossian Journal	

Pg#/Col# indicates the page number of the cited newspaper and column number on that page. This is included to assist you in locating the original source if necessary and citing that source.

Cemetery & Place of Death/Former Residence are self-explanatory. Abbreviations found in this section might include

Co – County	twp - Township
rel – relatives	WC – Wells County

Funeral Home

These are given where we had access to them. Also given for some will be a Register # and/or a page #.

Father/Mother/Spouse are given where found. Sometimes this may be a compilation of several sources and a date will be added for spouse if a marriage record had the date.

Notes

Any information we had that was not within the scope of the original record(s) is entered in this field. Examples are tombstone inscriptions, cemetery plot locations, military service information, etc.

General Abbreviations:

bro – brother	c – child / children
da – daughter	f – father
h – husband	inf – infant
m – mother	s – son
sis – sister	w – wife
ss w/ -- shares stone with	

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