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# PRESS RELEASE

## Port of Pascagoula Mourns Death of Finance Manager

**Pascagoula, MS, August 16, 2021:** Joseph T. Abston, Jr., Manager of Finance for the Jackson County Port Authority/Port of Pascagoula has succumbed due to complications from COVID Pneumonia. Joe, 51 years old, passed away Sunday, August 15. He joined the Port in 1994 and has been an integral part of the Port administration team.

A leader in the community, he touched many lives. Joe was a former Pascagoula City Councilman, served on the board of directors for several organizations and was currently the co-chairman of the American Association of Port Authorities Finance Committee of which he was very proud. He was very involved with the Mississippi State University Alumni Association from where he received his B.S and Master of Accounting degrees. He was also very active in Arlington Baptist Church, serving as treasurer for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Missy, daughters Brianna and Maggie. Survivors also include his parents, sister, in-laws and numerous other relatives and friends.

Port Director, Mark McAndrews said, "Joe did an excellent job and was a true professional. This is a tragic loss for all of us. Joe's illness was brief, and he had no time to prepare. He will be sadly missed by many. Our sincere condolences to his wife Missy, and all of his family."

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