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**Gulf Winds Remembers Longtime Board Member Nelson Whaley**

**Pensacola, Florida (June 30, 2023) —** Gulf Winds Credit Union remembers Nelson Whaley, board member for 33 years, who passed away on June 28, 2023.

Nelson devoted more than 33 years of his life as a dedicated board official for our credit union and spent many more years sharing his support of the credit union movement. “Nelson was a passionate supporter of the *people helping people* credit union philosophy,” said Daniel Souers, Gulf Winds Credit Union President and CEO. “Countless member lives were improved for the better thanks to his leadership and heart for the community we serve.”

Nelson was born and raised in Jay, Florida. In his teen years he worked on farms and then when he turned 18, he decided to trade in farm life and began working at the Chemstrand Corporation. Nelson started in the yarn department then transferred to the metal shop, where he stayed for the rest of his working years. And although it wasn’t part of his plan, the Chemstrand Employees Credit Union, now known as Gulf Winds, was about to become a very important aspect of his life.

Nelson became involved with the credit union quickly after starting to work at the Chemstrand plant. He supported the credit union as a proud member and eventually decided to campaign to become a board official. He saw how the credit union was helping employees and wanted to give back after receiving loans that helped his family when they needed it most. Nelson gave of his time and embraced challenges with integrity and leadership. His time on the board included roles such as Director, First Vice Chairman and Secretary. In June 2021, he was named Board Emeritus and continued to help drive organizational growth by supporting the board with guidance and expertise.

His contributions to Gulf Winds Credit Union are immeasurable and he will be dearly missed.

**About Gulf Winds:**

Since 1954, Gulf Winds Credit Union has offered products and services that *Move Members Forward*. Gulf Winds provides 81,000+ members with the convenience of 13 branch locations, digital banking, nationwide surcharge-free ATMs and the support of more than 200 knowledgeable employees committed to providing excellent service. Membership is open to anyone that lives, works, worships or attends school in North Florida, Southern Alabama and Southern Georgia. Visit [GoGulfWinds.com](file:///\\gwfcu-fileserve\secure_gwfcu\Marketing\Marketing\Gulf%20Winds%20Marketing\-%202019\News%20Releases\GoGulfWinds.com) for more information.

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