

ELLAREE GRIFFIN BARASHES



Ellaree Griffin Barashes, 84, of Callahan, passed away peacefully January 1, 2024, finding comfort with the Lord after a long, hard battle with Alzheimer's. She was born August 13, 1939 in Avondale, North Carolina and moved to Jacksonville at the age of 14 and fell in love with the beaches. There, she met the love of her life, Donnie Griffin, with whom she had four children Stevie, Susan, Carey, and Shelli. Later in life, Ellaree embarked on a career with the Duval County School Board, and remarried, welcoming another son, Dale Joseph Barashes, into her life, along with two stepsons, Mike and Scott.

During this period, she also became a Sunday school teacher and worked with the youth groups at 103rd Street Baptist Church. Teaching Sunday school became her passion. She taught for over 25 years at several churches including Murray Hill and Westside Baptist. Whether teaching preschoolers, caring for infants in the nursery, working with youth groups, or teaching adult Sunday School, she was devoted to spreading the love of Jesus to as many people as possible. She wanted everyone to know Jesus like she did! After her fifth child was old enough, she went back to school and earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology and started a career with the Department of Children and Families. She took great pride in helping others through this job. Ellaree Griffin Barashes will be remembered not only for dedication to her church but, most importantly, for her giving heart, unwavering faith, and endless love for her family and community. May she rest in eternal peace, reunited with loved ones and in the embrace of the Lord she so cherished.

She is preceded in death by her mother and stepfather Mable Buela and Albert Gilder; father Romeo Price; brothers Donald Wayne Price, Harold Dink Price and Donnie Gilder; the fathers of her children Donald Eugene Griffin and Eugene Barashes; her two children Donald Stevie Griffin and Susan Renee Hurst; stepsons Scott Barashes and Michael Barashes; and niece Casey Marie Tapley.

She is survived by her sons Carey Griffin and Dale Barashes; and daughter Shelli (Darrell) Denmark; grandchildren Jessica (Matt) Rebstock, Joshua (Sarah) Tapley and Allen (Nicole) Rouse and many great-grandchildren and great nieces and great nephews.

The family received friends Thursday, January 4 at Fraser Funeral Home, 8168 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville. The funeral service was held Friday January 5 also at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.fraserfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Fraser Funeral Home, Jacksonville.