

LELIA EDWINA KNOWLES



Lelia Edwina Knowles, 80, of Bryceville, affectionately known as “Granny,” passed away January 22, 2024 at the Life Care Center of Orange Park. She was born May 6, 1943 in Jacksonville, to the late Arthur Edgar Nettles and Willie Myrtle Veal Nettles. Leila and her late husband, Calvin Knowles, Sr. married on June 13, 1959, and shared 60 beautiful years together. In 2005, Leila and Calvin, Sr. moved from Jacksonville to Bryceville and loved the laid back, country atmosphere. They resided there until he passed in 2019. Leila and Calvin, Sr. were faithful members of New Beginnings Ministries and enjoyed attending services there. She also enjoyed gardening, tending to her yard work, crossword puzzles, shopping at Walmart and cooking Sunday meals for her family. More than anything, Leila loved to spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Leila was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother, who will be deeply missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Calvin Knowles, Sr.; and her daughter Annette Erwin.

Leila is survived by her children Sherry (Donnie) Simmons of Starke and Calvin Knowles, Jr. of Bryceville; brothers James (Linda) Nettles and Al (Jan) Nettles, all of Callahan; sister Velma (Marion) Carter; grandchildren Melissa (Matthew) Evans, Shawn (Candace) Knowles, Sonya Brantley, Tally (Ivan) Moon, Corey (Kim) Dube, Daniel (Jessica) Simmons, Michael (Angela) Sistrunk, Jeramie (Michele) Erwin, Neal (Lisa) Erwin, Scott (Brooke) Erwin and Joseph (Destinee) Erwin; and numerous great-grandchildren and extended family members and friends.

The family will receive friends at noon Thursday, January 25 prior to the celebration of life service at 1 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Ernest Tatum and Pastor Melvin Schemer officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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