

LOIS THOMPSON ROBERSON



Lois Thompson Roberson, 90, went home to be with her Lord on November 21 after a lengthy illness. She was born on September 11, 1927 in St. George, Georgia to Fred and Lettie (Stokes) Thompson.

Lois was always faithful to serve her Lord in whatever church she attended. Buford Grove Baptist Church in Hilliard is where she was introduced to Jesus Christ. After marrying and moving to Jacksonville, she and her husband Jack, and then children, served at Franklin Street Baptist Church. Later when a job transfer sent the family to south Florida, they became members of Taft Street Baptist Church.

Following retirement they moved to Callahan where she and Jack joined River Road Baptist Church, where they are still members. Lois was always an active member where ever she attended and served in many ways such as: Kitchen Committee, WMU, Senior Activities Director, Flower Committee, just to name a few!

In her early retirement, she and Jack would visit the shut-ins and sick. Lois would take (with permission) the flowers left from the Sunday service and redo them into smaller arrangements to share when visiting. She enjoyed singing in the choir. She served as a 'choir angel' along with several other ladies, while at River Road Baptist. Brother Gene Stroble, the Choir Director at the time, called them such for their diligence in caring for the choir robes, arranging music folders each week, and guiding new choir members as they joined.

Lois loved being a mother. She was active in the schools her children attended. When her oldest son Johnny attended J. Allen Axon School in Jacksonville and was on the Safety Patrol, she was right there helping in any way she could. She even traveled with the group to Washington, D.C. She was a self-taught seamstress and was always willing to help with costumes for plays. Lois was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend. She leaves the heritage of a Godly woman for her children and future generations to follow. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her husband of 70 years, Jack. Their love and commitment to each other is a shining example of a Godly marriage for all who follow after them.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Barbara and son-in-law Richard Mansfield; son-in-law Albert Esposito; her sisters Millie Sikes and Jewell Rowe; and her brothers Junior Thompson, Lamar Thompson, Dewitt Thompson and Robert Thompson.

She is survived by her husband, the love of her life, Jack Pershing Roberson (99) of Callahan; sons John P. (Charlene) Roberson of Franklin, North Carolina and Lee L. (Tammy) Roberson of Monroe, North Carolina; a daughter Susan R. Esposito of Callahan; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a sister Alice (Lemon) Crawford; and a brother Sherman Lee Thompson.

The family received friends Friday, November 24 at Callahan Funeral Home. A funeral service was held Saturday, November 25 also at the funeral home. Burial was held Monday, November 27 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Callahan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.