

**DEBORAH L. THORNTON**

Deborah 'Debbie' L. Thornton, quietly passed away May 17 at UF Shands in Gainesville, while surrounded by her loving family, as she went home to be with our Lord. She was the daughter of the late Jack G. Jessee and Jacqueline L. Jessee.

Debbie met the love her life, David D. Thornton, in Jacksonville, where they married and spent 42 loving years together until cancer took him in 2014. Her greatest accomplishments were her family. She took great pride in her home and preparing meals. She loved spending time with her family and some of her fondest moments were times spent at the lake with her grandchildren, family and friends.

Debbie was survived by her daughter Lisa (Joe) McClean; grandsons 'LJ' McClean and Austin McClean; her sisters Kathi (Terry) Tillman and Donna G. (Buddy) Gore; and numerous family and friends.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 22, in the chapel of Giddens-Reed Funeral Home, Baldwin, with Pastor Joey Rountree officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.