

### JIMMIE JOYCE JOHNS



Mrs. Jimmie Joyce Vanzant Johns, 91, of Yulee, passed away Wednesday, June 20 at UF Health North in Jacksonville. She was born May 28, 1927 in Kings Ferry, Florida. She was the daughter of the late James William and Irene Vanzant. She graduated from Hilliard High School and met her future husband, Nolan Johns, “uptown” in Fernandina while she was visiting her sister, Marjorie Johnson. She was a lifelong resident of Nassau County and longtime resident of Fernandina Beach.

Her marriage to Nolan would last 68 years until his passing in 2013. Together they would raise a family and serve their church, Five Points Baptist Church, for many years. Across those years she would remain active in the church where she taught Sunday school and worked in a variety of ministries. She had the special honor of being the first “Youngest” mother to be recognized by the church on Mother’s Day and was honored as the “Oldest” mother last Mother’s Day.

Her family will remember her as being a determined lady who would work in her yard and amaze them with her strength and endurance. Memories of her using anything she found to complete a task in the yard would always bring a smile to their faces. Whether it was a pair of scissors to trim a bush or a kitchen knife to hack away at limb, she would find a way to accomplish what she wanted to do. After her love of her Lord and Savior and her church, she always loved and cherished her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents; she was predeceased by her siblings Broward Vanzant, Bernard Vanzant, Marjorie Irene Vanzant Johnson and Sadie Vanzant Peebles.

She leaves behind her daughter Judy Johns (Arthur) Cannon of Yulee; her son James Nolan (Ronda) Johns of Kingsland; her grandchildren Tamara Sloan, Jamie Johns, Justin Johns, Zachary Johns, Jessica Hutto, Art Cannon, Genia Rich, Pam Hammond and Roy Cannon; as well as several great-grandchildren and extended family members.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 23 at Five Points Baptist Church with Pastor Frank Camarotti officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. She was laid to rest next to her husband in Brickyard Cemetery near Kings Ferry.