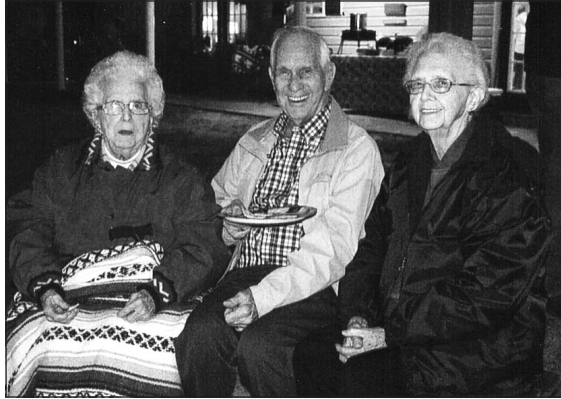


## *A Word From the Publisher*

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It's with a heavy heart to share that Carolee Geiger, Roger's aunt passed away Sunday. Carolee was Roger's mother's sister. The three siblings, Rosalie, Carolee and Jake, stayed in contact with each other each week. Jake would call Carolee on Fridays and Rosalie on Saturdays and I believe the girls talked mainly on Saturdays but also through the week. The siblings looked forward to those weekly calls with each other. The family ties were extremely close through all the years. Rosalie passed away at age 94; Jake at age 92; and now Carolee at age 94. What a blessing it is that they are all rejoicing in Heaven today with no more pain.

I have to share that Roger called her 'my Aunt Carolee' as she was his. Those two had a very special relationship. She would sometimes randomly call him or send him a card just letting him know she was thinking of him. This past Thanksgiving, well actually the Friday following, Roger & I held our oyster roast and chili get together with the West family. Much to our surprise, here came Aunt Carolee and her children Larry, Rita and Lynne. I wish I would have taken a picture of Roger's face when he saw Aunt Carolee! It was priceless. From



the time she arrived, she went and sat down at the kitchen table and Roger sat right beside her. They talked like there was no one else in the room. It was precious and I'm so thankful for that sweet memory. One of many!

Please keep the Geiger, West and McAllister families in your prayers through this tough time. We're so thankful that we had this precious lady for so long but our hearts still grieve. Aunt Carolee's funeral service will be held Thursday, March 23 at 11 a.m. at Garden City Methodist Church. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Have a great week.

*Dawn S. West*