

### ARETA RUIS HENSLEY



Mrs. Areta Ruis Hensley, 89, and a 70-year resident of Baldwin, passed away Monday, February 13, 2023. She was born in Foley, Florida to the late George W. and Myrtle Lee Bethea. She grew up in Callahan and was a 1951 graduate of Callahan High School. Mrs. Hensley was a long-time hairdresser, an excellent seamstress and cook, and an exceptional housekeeper. She enjoyed camping with friends and hosting family gatherings. She was an active member of her church and a fine example of a disciple of Christ. She had a servant's heart and always considered others before herself. Her love and devotion to her family and community was evident in that everyone affectionately knew her as "Mema."

She is survived by her sons John (Dottie) Ruis of Hilliard and Bruce (Tammy) Ruis of Ponte Vedra; daughter Jeanene Ruis (John) Miller of East Palatka; grandchildren Marci Dillard, Joanna (Jimmy) Thompson, Bryce (Lynsey) Ruis, Jay (Lindsey) Miller, John (Courtney) Miller Jr., Brent (Lacey) Ruis, and B.J. (Stephanie) Ruis; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands: John W. "Jay" Ruis and Franklin Hensley; and brother Billy Bethea.

The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Friday, February 17 prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Baldwin with Pastor Chris Drum officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Memorial Park, Jacksonville.

Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin is honored to serve the Ruis/Hensley family.

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