

BETTY JEAN LUCAS



Betty Jean Lucas, 84, passed away peacefully October 29, 2023, in the early hours at the Community Hospice & Palliative Care in Fernandina Beach. She was born September 17, 1939 in Greenville, Florida, in Madison County, to Frances Lindsey Andrews and Howard Andrews. While still a child, Betty's family moved from Greenville to live in the Springfield community of Jacksonville. After completing her education at Andrew Jackson High School, she pursued a career in bookkeeping with various insurance agencies. In the early 70s, Betty and her family moved to Callahan, where she continued to reside until her passing. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Gray Gables, where she enjoyed her Sunday school fellowship and Brother Cody's inspiring sermons.

Betty dedicated many years to her profession until she retired. In her retirement, she found joy for many years working part-time at her "dream job" at Wally World (Walmart) on Lem Turner Road in Jacksonville. She also kept busy supporting Terry in his job at ARC Nassau and the two of them could often be found at Callahan Barbecue enjoying their BBQ or fried chicken. Betty, along with Terry, was an avid fan of the UF Gator football team, with a particular fondness for Tim Tebow, whom she continued to follow even after his college days. She enjoyed keeping up with his career moves and reading every book he published.

Betty is survived by her children Darrel (Julia) Kirkland of Gainesville and Cindi (Steven) Carter of Callahan; as well as her grandchildren Emily Kirkland, Lauren (Ian) Jones and Meghan (Jacob) Smith; four great-grandchildren; sister Karen Sisco; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews in the area.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Johnny Lucas; son Terry Kirkland; and her sister Dorothy (Dot) Eberwein.

A funeral service was held Friday, November 3 at The Event Center at Peeples, Jacksonville, with Pastor Cody Page officiating. Burial followed in Buford Grove Cemetery, Hilliard.

The family kindly requests, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in Betty's memory to The Foundation of Community Hospice & Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257; or ARC Nassau at 904-225-9355.

Arrangements by Peeples Family Funeral Home, Jacksonville.
Condolences may be expressed at: www.pffh.com.