

BONNIE BOWMAN CRANDLE



Bonnie Bowman Crandle, 87, passed away September 30, 2020, at her home in Hilliard, following a lengthy illness. She was born May 16, 1933 in Harrisonburg, Virginia to Thomas Elwood and Velma Bowman. The United States Military played a major role in Bonnie's adult life. She was inducted into the USAF in 1952. She began her career in telecommunications that carried her to many new places such as the Pentagon and eventually to Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. In 1955, she returned to the mainland to work at Fort McPherson in Atlanta and then to Hunter Air Force Base near Savannah. When Hunter closed in 1970 Bonnie accepted a position with the Jacksonville Air Traffic Control Center at Hilliard, where she served until her retirement in 1990.

During her busy civilian career, Bonnie managed to find time to pull three tours in the National Guard. She spent one tour with the Army Guard and two with the Air Guard. She retired from the Guard in 1984 when her FAA duties conflicted with her Guard Duties. She retired at the rank of Tech. Sergeant, just 18 months short of making Master Sergeant.

In retirement, Bonnie returned to her roots on a little farm in the Kings Ferry area of Hilliard where she raised blueberries, beautiful flowers and a bountiful garden with the help of her sons. She also tried her hand at a Fabric and Craft store in Hilliard and Folkston. She spent many weekends traveling to craft shows to sell her handiwork. She loved to cook and bake. No one ever left her house hungry and many know about her famous oatmeal raisin cookies, brownies and other goodies.

She was predeceased by her three sons Thomas, Mark and James Crandle; and her siblings Marlene Bowman Shifflet, Keith M. Bowman and Sheila R. Foster.

She is survived by her brothers Charles Bowman and Gary Bowman; and her sisters Jeanie Prouty and Deborah K Hunnicutt.

Bonnie will be laid to rest next to her sons in Hilliard's Oakwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.shepardfh.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston, Georgia.