

CATHERINE LOIS WILLIAMS



Catherine Lois Cross Williams, 94, of Hilliard, formerly Jacksonville, went home to be with the Lord on August 20, 2021. She was born in Jacksonville, on April 8, 1927 to the late James M. "Happy" Cross and Rosemary Smith Cross. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1945. She went to work for Standard Oil Company and was there off and on until 1970. She married Wallace Ray Williams in 1949. They were married 62 years before he passed away in 2010. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her family very much, as if they were her whole life. She was a people person and never met a stranger. She treated everyone like her family. Her sense of humor was like no other and to know her was to love her. Before she became ill, she loved being outside in the yard. She also loved shopping and finding bargains. She attended Wayside Assembly of God for nearly 10 years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Wallace Ray Williams; her parents Happy and Rosemary Cross; and brother Buddy Cross.

She is survived by her sons Vernon and Donald Williams; granddaughter Brandy Brister; great-granddaughter Analia; as well as many children/grandchildren/and great-grandchildren who are not biological but loved her none the less including daughter Shirley Hartley; grandson David (Jennifer) Higginbotham, sons Trevor and Trenton; her loving granddaughter and caregiver Melissa (Richard) Bennett and their children Hannah, Raven, Jessie, Madison, Cameron and Justin; and many others that Granny and Papa loved over the years, friends and family, as well as, their church family.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Wednesday August 25 at Wayside Assembly of God, 10440 New Kings Road, Jacksonville. A graveside service followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Wade Mask.

Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home assisted the family, 768-2596.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.corey-kerlin.com.