

### **DOROTHY SHELFER ATWATER**



Dorothy "D.A." Shelfer Atwater, 88, of Kings Ferry, passed peacefully into Glory on December 22, 2021, in Kings Ferry, with her daughter by her side. Dorothy was born September 26, 1933 in Chattahoochee, to Francis Marshall "Frank" Shelfer, Jr. and Jewel Watford Shelfer. She grew up in Chattahoochee and was still in high school when she met her true love, Philip Keith "P.K." Atwater. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War.

Upon her graduation and his return from Korea, they were married on Christmas Eve, 1951. The couple moved to Jacksonville where they raised their two children. Dorothy worked over 35 years in data processing for Pantry Pride. After that company dissolved, she began a second career with Pepsi, retiring after 10 years as Parts Department Manager, whereupon the couple moved back "home" to Gadsden County, Florida. After her husband passed away in 2015, Dorothy moved east again to live with her daughter in Kings Ferry. She had only two requests; that her companion of 26 years, African Grey parrot Bubba also come, and that she could have her satellite and big screen TV so she could have her NASCAR races live! She was an avid fan for many years, and even after she went blind never missed a single race!

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; son Donald Keith Atwater; and sister Betty (Willie) Martin. She now joins them in her Heavenly home with her Lord.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her daughter Kathi Atwater Turner of Kings Ferry; her granddaughter Jami Keene (Damon) Rowland; great-grandsons Michael Daymian Hale and Brycen Taylor Rowland, all of Yulee.

A memorial service and interment of ashes is planned on Saturday, January 29 at 2 p.m. EST at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, 6412 Blue Star Memorial Highway (U.S. Hwy 90), Chattahoochee, FL, with Pastor Evelyn Maxwell officiating.