

ELEANOR 'BEA' GARDNER



Eleanor 'Bea' Gardner, 95, of Brunswick, Georgia, died peacefully in her sleep Friday, January 3, 2020 while at home. Eleanor is predeceased by her husband Miles Gardner.

Eleanor was born in Jacksonville on August 10, 1924 to Charles and Emma McLeod. She attended Robert E. Lee High school and Anderson College, the sister School of Clemson University in the 1940's. Returning to Jacksonville, she became a lifelong resident of Florida. Eleanor was an accomplished artist, a gift that has been passed down through the generations to her daughters and granddaughters. She played the piano, was an avid reader and accomplished equestrian in her youth. She raised her children as loving Christians and always saw the beauty and wonder in the natural world that God created. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

She is survived by her four children, Lani (John) McClendon, Leslie (Keith) Holland, all of Jacksonville, Dean (Heather) Gardner of Bryceville and Daryn (Doug) Osbourn of Brunswick; nine grandchildren, Stacey, Damon, Brian, Amanda, Emma, Samantha Misty, John and Erin; and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held January 6 at Hewell Funeral Home, Jacksonville.