

FANNIE RUTH HARPER



Fannie Ruth Carver Harper, 90, of Jacksonville, passed away peacefully October 13, 2020, from a long battle with dementia. She was a cherished wife, loving mother and the best grandmother and great-grandmother you could ever want or have.

Ruth was born to wonderful parents, Alfred and Ruby Batten Carver, on March, 17, 1930 in Douglas Georgia. She was raised with three brothers, Wilbert, Lebern and Grady.

At the age of 17, Ruth eloped with her sweetheart, Sibbett Harper, to a neighboring town, Pearson, Georgia to tie the knot. After marrying, they moved to Macclenny, and Ruth decided on her career, a beautician. She attended school and worked locally in Macclenny before moving to Jacksonville. She and Sib moved to Marietta and opened a salon, Sib and Ruth's Beauty Shop; first in their home, then to Hwy 90, then to Lakeland Street. She was a hairdresser for 38 years before retiring in 1987 to spend time enjoying her home and family. She was also owner of HiWay Market on Sunbeam and Phillips Hwy on the southside of Jacksonville. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville and a member of Janet McKinney's Sunday School Class. She enjoyed working in her home, gardening and entertaining family.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Sib; and her parents and brothers Wilbert and Lebern Carver.

She is survived by two daughters, Renee (Ronnie) Dorminey of Jacksonville and Sybil (Billy) Purvis of Callahan; five grandchildren Blake, Dusty, Winnie, Betsey and Maddison, all of whom she loved and adored; six great-grandchildren, Harlyn, Clara, Davis, Cain, Will and Glo.

We would especially like to thank Dorothy and Carlotta for many devoted years given to care for Ruth. She loved them and they loved her. Also, a special thank you to Johnson, Tamara and Jackie who were a daily caregivers for her as well...you will never know how much you were appreciated. Ruth was a resident of Harbor Chase on San Pablo Rd. We would like to thank the staff for their dedication to her along with Vitas Hospice who showed love and compassion in her final days.

Graveside services were held Friday, October 16 at Oaklawn Cemetery, 4801 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville. The family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Pinky Promise Foundation, PO Box 1934, Callahan, FL, 32011 in Ruth's memory.