

LAVERN H. MEEKS



Lavern Douglas Higginbotham Meeks, 93, of Callahan, passed away Thursday, September 12, 2024, at her home of more than 61 years. She was born March 7, 1931 in Axson, Georgia, to the late Harvey Douglas and Maebel Flanders Douglas. Laverne moved from Cogdell, GA to Callahan in 1941. She was the 5th of seven children. Her family bought firewood from Mr. Melvin Higginbotham, where she met her love, Aubrey, in 1947. She asked her mama if she could invite him to her 16th birthday party...and the rest is history. She and Aubrey married on December 3, 1948. They had two sons, Maurice and David. Aubrey passed away unexpectedly in 1980. Laverne met J.E. Meeks while working in O'Steen's Callahan Pharmacy and they married in 1985. J.E. passed away in 1996. You could find Mrs. Laverne working at various local businesses including, Orange Restaurant, Sportsman Restaurant, Long's Sundries, White's Auto, Florida Sun Printing, and the Nassau County Record. She was also a faithful volunteer for many years at the Callahan Community Dinner on Wednesday nights. She loved to travel and could be ready to go at a moment's notice.

In addition to her parents; and both husbands; she was preceded in death by her son Maurice Higginbotham; her great-granddaughter Stephanie Ann Higginbotham; and her siblings Johnny, Cleo, Leo, Viola, Jean Iris and Harvey, Jr.

She is survived by her son and his wife David and Brenda Higginbotham of Callahan; daughter-in-law Sheila Higginbotham of Callahan; her grandchildren Heather (Rich), Joshua (Christina), Caleb and Justin (Danae); her great-grandchildren Alexis, Brandon, Kinsley, Addison, Emma Kate and Sadie Lynn; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and friends who were like family.

The family received friends Monday, September 16, prior to the funeral service at Callahan Methodist Church with Pastor Bodie Riddle and Dr. Lynn Hyatt officiating. Burial followed in Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.srfhcallahan.com.

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home Callahan Chapel, 617365 Brandies Avenue.