

MARLENE PAGE YOUNG



Mrs. Etna Marlene Page Young, 78, of Callahan, passed quietly February 19, in the home of two angels, Ed and Cheryl Shanafelt, in Jacksonville, of a respiratory illness.

Marlene, never known as Etna, was born to James Peyton Page, Sr. and Etna Louranah Ogilvie on October 10, 1940 in Callahan. The seventh child of eight, she grew up and graduated from Callahan High School in 1958. She played on the basketball team and belonged to the Beta Club. After finishing her training with National Airlines, she went to work as a flight attendant based out of Newark, New Jersey. Eventually, she moved on to working and retiring from Eastern Airlines in Washington. She led a worldly life traveling to points around the globe. Eventually she found her way back to Callahan in 1998 and remained there when she retired a second time from Memorial Hospital.

In retirement, Marlene loved to work in the nursery at the Callahan First Baptist Church, where she was an active member. A common sight in Callahan and Nassau County, she was a member of the Callahan Chapter #154 Order of the Eastern Star. She became a Master Gardener while living in Washington and loved all types of flowers, especially her favorite, the lily. She was a member of the West Nassau Genealogical Society, which fed her interest in all things historical. Through her long family history, she belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was a past board member of Keep Nassau Beautiful and a very active member of Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS). She was also a past member of the Callahan Lions Club, Callahan Garden Club and the West Nassau Historical Society.

Marlene was preceded in death by her husband Floyd; and her siblings Jimmy, Thomas and Evelyn.

She is survived by two sons, Greg Smith of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Mark (Jenny) Isserman of Meridian, Idaho; step daughters Lisa, Julie and Linda of Washington; grandchildren Melodie, Dawn, Carrie, Doug, Christy and Ted; in addition to her great-grandson Dominik; her siblings Annie Laurie of California, Marvin Page of Pueblo, Colorado, Ronald (Carol) Page of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Johnny (Sheila) Page of Callahan.

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 23 at Callahan Funeral Home. Following the memorial, a Celebration of Life service was held at the Callahan County Building.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 or give online at: www.communityhospice.com/give.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.

Arrangements under the direction of Callahan Funeral Home.