

MARTHINE HUTCHISON



Marthine Hutchison, 90, of Callahan, passed away on July 9, 2021. Marthine made her entrance into this world on March 15, 1931 in Screven, Georgia. She was the daughter of Wade Wasdin and Mary Smith Wasdin. Her mother passed away within 3 weeks after she was born.

In 1948, she graduated from Screven High School where she played basketball. She moved to Jacksonville to live with an aunt and work in a jewelry store. She met Elmer and the dream of having a family of her own began to take shape.

Marthine and Elmer married in Alamogordo, New Mexico in 1952 and returned to Jacksonville shortly thereafter where she lovingly welcomed and raised their 3 children: Linda, Elmer (Butch) Jr. and Dorothy (Lynn). Later in life, Marthine returned to the work force in the hospitality industry at the Sheraton, where she remained until her retirement.

There are a few that were lucky enough to be born into that family she loved so tender and joyfully, but she is often referred to as everyone's mom, and as the years went on she was addressed as Grandma, Grammy or Gummy more often than any other name.

Marthine was one of the most-tender, loving, sweet and funny women there was. To know her was a treat and to be love by her was an honor.

She was preceded in death by her parents Wade and Mary Smith Wasdin; step-mother Beulah Wasdin Welch; husband Elmer Hutchison; brothers Carroll and Leon Wasdin; and sister Shirley Wasdin.

She is survived by her daughter Linda (Michael) Kelly, granddaughter Robin Kelly (Jeremy) Dreskin, great-grandchildren Emily and Laszlo Dreskin, grandson James Kelly; son Butch Hutchison; daughter Lynn (Julian C.) Walker, step-grandsons Aaron Walker (Amber Lewis), great-grandchildren Ansley and Avery Walker and Rhett Walker (Sarah Haines).

The family received friends Sunday, July 11 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home in Fernandina Beach. A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 13 at Chapel Hills Cemetery in Jacksonville with Rev. Shirley Dandelake officiating.