

**MARY CHRISTINE OSWALT**



Mary Christine Bell Oswald, 94, of Hilliard, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2024 at her home. She was born September 14, 1929 in Fayetteville, WV, to the late Christopher Skaggs and Verdie Bell. She was a member of New Life Baptist Church in St. George. She lived in Hilliard for the past 23 years.

Mary owned a restaurant, Lucky's Café in Virginia Beach, where she met her future husband, Charles. She put him to work and the rest is history. Mary was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. In her early days as a mother, she made her daughters' clothes as she was an accomplished seamstress.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Charles Oswald; four daughters Garvin (Ray) Nelson, Bobbie Karasik, Sandy Austin and Kimberly Perno; son Randy Lowery; brother Paul Bell; 10 grandchildren Travis, Brandy, Megan, Shane, John, Kevin, Clay, Blake, Shawn and Daysha; 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother Paul (Deborah) Bell; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to her parents; she is preceded in death by three brothers Billy Bell, Bobby Bell and Charles Bell, Jr.; three sisters Trudy Long, Hazel Sermons and Anna Mae Sorey; granddaughter Shannon Beth Austin; and a great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 14 at 11 a.m. at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home - Callahan Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257; or New Life Baptist Church, 1058 Wheeler Street, St. George, GA 31562.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.srfhcallahan.com](http://www.srfhcallahan.com).

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