

MARY V. HIGGINBOTHAM



Mary Violet Higginbotham, 91, of Jacksonville, gained her angel wings May 3, 2024. She was born February 1, 1933, to William and Mary Danson. She attended Callahan High School; and worked at Danson Dairy with her father; and was a full-time homemaker. Mary married the love of her life Ray J. Higginbotham on June 10, 1949, and they shared 56 wonderful years together. She was the mother of four children: Barbara Ann Higginbotham (deceased), Wayne Higginbotham, Elsie Anglea and June Kirkland. Mary loved spending time with her family, being outdoors, cooking, fishing, hunting, playing bunco, and gardening. She was very well known for her homemade fruit cakes and her strawberry fig jelly. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ray J. Higginbotham; brothers John Henry Danson, William “Bill” E. Danson and Charlie Danson; daughter Barbara Ann; and nephew George Danson.

Mary leaves behind her children Wayne (Nina) Higginbotham, Elsie (Del) Anglea and June Kirkland (Victor Musselwhite); grandchildren Allison (Cliff) Hutcheson, Lesley (Wade) Kemp, Elayne (Kevin) Richey, Brian (Christie) Anglea, Justin Kirkland and Jame Kirkland; step-grandchildren Trisha (Nick) Pilotta, Willeen Slay and Dana (Johnny) Lopez; 23 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Cliff Hutcheson, Brian Anglea, Justin Kirkland, Lance Pickett, Hunter Hutcheson, Bryce Woods, Garrett Anglea and Michael Pilotta. Honorary pallbearers were Donnie Kirkland, Ray Miley, Billy Whitaker and Dale Baldwin.

A celebration of Mary’s life was held Tuesday, May 7 at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Carter officiating. Interment followed at Edgewood Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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