

MILBRIA “BILLIE” WIMBERLY



Milbria “Billie” Lois Wimberly (nee Harris), 89, of Jacksonville, went home to be with her Savior September 11, 2024.

She was born October 17, 1934 to William Russel Harris and Flossie Bell Harris (nee Williams) in Jacksonville. Billie was raised with her six other siblings in Hedges and later moved to Jacksonville after falling in love and marrying her husband of 48 years, Richard C. Wimberly, in November of 1953. She became a devoted mother in October of 1959 with the birth of her favorite son, Buddy. They attended Pines Baptist Church where she led her husband to salvation, and they later founded The Haven of Rest Baptist Church in their living room with four other adults and two children in 1971. In 1976, they moved to Lannie Road and became Lannie Road Baptist Church where Billie faithfully served her whole life as the Pastor’s wife, church mother, Sunday school teacher, treasurer, singer and kitchen Queen. She was one of the four original founding members of the Gospel Sounds music group which has performed far and near and has been hosting a local Gospel sing every month for over 53 years. Billie was a devoted wife and ‘honey’ to her beloved husband and never remarried after his passing 22 years ago.

She was a cherished ‘Mama’ to her church family whom she loved spending time in fellowship with. Billie was a precious ‘Lil Granny’ to her grands, great-grands, and great-great-grands whom she adored. She loved her family, her church, singing, fishing, travel, coffee and most importantly, she loved the Lord. In fact, the only thing she really hated was wearing shoes.

Billie leaves behind her son, Buddy (Ann) Wimberly; grandchildren Sharon (Brad) Underhill and Rick (Adrienne) Wimberly; sister Suzi Marlow; great-grandchildren Ricky (Miranda) Underhill, Brianna Wimberly, Christian Underhill, Georgia Wimberly and Abbi Wimberly; great-great-grandchildren Ryker and Raiden Underhill.

A visitation and homegoing celebration remembering Billie was held Saturday, September 14 at Lannie Road Baptist Church, Jacksonville with Pastor Buddy Wimberly officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, 541720 US-1, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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