

MILDRED J. COLBERT

Mildred J. Colbert, 72, passed away July 2, 2020 in Hilliard. She was born August 31, 1947 Mildred Jennie Varnes in Folkston, Georgia, the daughter of Cleveland Vannis Varnes, and Jennie Doris Allen. Millie was one of ten children. She is preceded in death by her siblings Wesley, Lesley, Wanda, Lee, Doris, Cleveland and Glenda. Millie met her husband Gene while she was working at Burger Chef on Soutel Drive in Jacksonville, January 1966, and married two months later in March, never looking back. Through thick and thin, high and low, for richer and poorer, Millie never demanded anything in life that wasn't hers to have. Loving, living and laughing with Gene, they traversed life together for 54 years, embracing every moment life gave, never fearing the outcome. Millie was a war spouse, Gene a US Navy Vietnam Veteran. Millie was never one for pretense, false words or flattery and kept life simple, the way she understood it to be.

Millie is survived by her husband of 54 years, Gene E. Colbert; two children, Kimberlin, a mother of four, and Gene, Jr., a U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran; and two sisters Peggy and Ellen.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Callahan Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Friday, July 10 at 10 a.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Lannie Road.

Condolences may be expressed at www.callahanfh.com.
Arrangements by Callahan Funeral Home, 879-2336.