

NANCY JANE HOWELL



Nancy Jane Howell, 82, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully August 8, 2022. Nancy was born February 1, 1940, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Around the age of 12, her family moved to Jacksonville. She later met and married the love of her life, Jerry D. Howell. The two were married April 11, 1972. Nancy began her career working for American General and Gulf Life Insurance. Later she worked for Dr. Bennett until his retirement, and also with Dr. Day and Dr. Solomon. Although she had some health issues she continued to be a very active lady. She was constantly taking care of the needs of others. She was an amazing cook however her specialty was baking cakes, and they were always amazing! She used to bake individual cakes for Jerry to take to work to all his workers for Christmas. Nancy loved to garden and canning was a joy for her. Her children remarked, "She was a Nancy of all trades!" So true! She was a wonderful wife, mother and Nanny and will truly be missed by all who loved her.

She also loved to paint and made sure that each of the children had one of her paintings. She was talented beyond her years. She took up ceramics, crocheting, sewing, etc. She didn't understand the word stop, as she was constantly on the go doing something! She and Jerry were faithful members of River Road Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by two sons Michael Collins and Richard Collins; and three sisters Dot Pillsbury, Frances Swearingen and Cobby Bullock.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Jerry D. Howell; daughters Beth (Alberto) Martinez of Jacksonville and Christie (Gus) Stearn of Fernandina Beach; daughters-in-law Michelle Collins and Debbie Collins; grandchildren Brandon Collins, Ashley (Langdon) Rawls, Paige Thrower, Luke Stearn, Chase O'Quinn, Tyler Collins and Craig (Sheri) Alack; great-grandchildren Piper Tucker, Silas and Ana Jane Thrower; sister Marie (Tommy) Smith; and numerous extended family members.

The family will receive friends Monday, August 15 at 11 a.m. prior to the funeral service at 12 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, with Pastor Benjie Loyd officiating.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.