

NETHA SMITH GROOMS



Netha Dean Smith Grooms, 90, of Fernandina Beach, passed away peacefully at her home Friday, June 14, 2019. She was born October 15, 1928 in Hilliard, to the late Nicholas Smith and Carrie Oxley Smith. As the proud matriarch of the family, Netha cherished the countless memories made over the years. From the mountains to the oceans, she and Claude loved traveling the country in their many motorhomes. Netha was also quite the athlete and enjoyed numerous sports including tennis, bowling, softball, basketball and golf. Watching sports, both in person and on TV, was one of her favorite pastimes! Claude and Netha would travel near and far to watch Laurie and all their grandchildren play sports. She was also an active member of the Women's Golf Association in Orange, Texas. Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her sister Jeanette Smith Wade.

She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Jesse Claude Grooms; one daughter Laurie Grooms McCullough; two grandchildren Michelle McCullough Lansford and Marti McCullough; two great-grandchildren Mandy Lansford and Molly Lansford; and a sister Catherine Smith Johnson.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Wednesday, June 19 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Hilliard.

If you prefer, in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society in Netha's memory.

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

Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, Folkston.