

ROSALIE McALLISTER WEST



Rosalie McAllister West, 94, of Bryceville, passed away September 15, 2021, at Northeast Florida Hospice in Fernandina Beach. She was born April 28, 1927, to Carl and Blanche McAllister in Terre Haute, Indiana and came to Jacksonville as a baby. She was married to her Andrew Jackson High School sweetheart, Ronald “Ronnie” for 62 years. Growing up in Garden City on Jacksonville’s Northside, Rosalie and her siblings worked in their father’s grocery store on weekends. The store, at the corner of Lem Turner Road and Dunn Avenue, had the only phone in the area; therefore, many in the community would come there to make their phone calls. She loved to share the memories of her childhood with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren each year at Christmas.

Rosalie was the Assistant Postmistress at the Garden City, Florida Post Office for several years, along with working at the voting poll in the log cabin which was known as the “Community Club.” She worked at Duval County Farm Bureau Insurance on Dunn Avenue for 23 years. The love she had for her Lord showed with her love for missions, her family and her church family at Callahan First Baptist where she was a faithful member.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald, in 2008; their son Richard, in 2009; and grandson John Paul Ladson, in 2004.

She is survived by four children Regina and Iben Phillips of Jacksonville, Rhonda Bennett and Granville “Drummer” Shoots of St. Marys, Georgia, Roger and Dawn West of Hilliard, Ray and Donna Gail West of Callahan and daughter-in-law Jeanette West of Jacksonville; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren Brian and Sandy West (Cameron & Peyton), Kenny and Crystal West (Austin), Erika and Aaron Dale, Justin and Erin Phillips (Luke & Beau), Marisa and Doug Rife (Garrett, Ethan & Bryson), Erin and Jason Milligan (Kyle), Steven and Lynn West (Madison & Hannah), Teresa and Bryain Williams (Gage, Colby & Milianah), Jenny and Mark Thompson (Hunter, Michael & Brystol), Jessie and Kristen Ladson (Emilie), Levi and Summer West (Jayden & Harper) and Jacob and Kirby Ladson (Annalee); sister Carolee Geiger and brother and sister-in-law J. W. “Jake” and Martha McAllister and nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Sunday, September 19 prior to the funeral service at Callahan First Baptist Church with Pastor Doug Rife, grandson-in-law and Pastor of Temple Baptist, Fort Worth, Texas, officiating along with Pastor Lynn Hyatt. Burial followed at Jones Cemetery, Callahan.

Arrangements under the direction of Cedar Bay Funeral Home, Jacksonville, 714-1110.

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