

### THELMA TAYLOR GOWEN



Thelma Taylor Gowen, 92, of Folkston, passed away Thursday, August 22, 2019 in Hilliard. She was born August 23, 1926 in Folkston to the late Richard C. Taylor and Cora Belle Crews Taylor. She was the Charlton County Tax Collector for a number of years. She was also a member of Grace Chapel Baptist Church.

Along with her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Barney B. Gowen, Jr.; her siblings Banner Taylor, Roy A. Taylor and his wife, Doris and Owen Taylor and his wife Betty Lou.

She is survived by her children Francis "Wayne" Gowen, Andrew H. (Bridget) Gowen and Linda Wilson; grandchildren Janell G. (James) Brown, Rachel M. (Zach Claunch) Gowen, Barney B. "B.B." Gowen, III, Stephen N. Gowen, Andrew H. (Taylor Johns) Gowen, Jr., William "Will" (Hannah Nelson) Gowen, Jackson B. "Jack" Gowen, Dalton D. "Bo" (Morgan) Tippins, Joseph J. "Jesse" Gowen, Jacob J. "Jake" Gowen, Chad Thompson and Sidney Thompson; nine great-grandchildren; siblings Geraldine Crowther, Betty Jo Herrin and Travis (Jo) Taylor; a sister-in-law Jane Gowen Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 24 at Grace Chapel Baptist Church. The family received friends prior to the service. Her grandsons served as pallbearers and her friends at the Charlton County Senior Center served as honorary pallbearers.

Memorialization was by cremation.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sardis Cemetery Maintenance Trust, PO Box 216, Folkston, GA 31537.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.shepardfh.com](http://www.shepardfh.com).

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home in Folkston.