

WINONA DEEN BARBER



Winona Deen Barber, 84, of Callahan, passed away peacefully December 17, 2023 at Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born May 18, 1939 in Alma, Georgia, to the late Alfred and Dessie Deen. Winona was a longtime resident of Nassau County. She was a devoted wife to Zane “Jack” Barber and they shared 48 amazing years together before his passing. Winona was proud of her career as the Cafeteria Manager in the Nassau County School System where she served for 25 years. She loved her job and loved each and every child that came through her line. Winona was a lifelong member of Callahan Church of God and enjoyed attending church. More than anything, Winona enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling with her best friends “The Lunch Ladies” for over 20 plus years. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy and could do no wrong. She is going to be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Zane “Jack” Barber; brothers Buck Deen, Kenny Deen and Larry Deen; sister Nelda Turner; brother-in-law Monk Turner; sisters-in-law Carole Deen, Genetha Deen and Glenda Deen; daughter-in-law Dinah Barber; and a grandson Jason Barber.

Winona is survived by her sons Roy Barber, Ronnie Barber, both of Jacksonville and Joey (Ruth) Barber of Callahan; daughters Cathy (Jimmy) Carter of Callahan and Zana (Keith) Kelley of Jacksonville; grandchildren Katrina Williams, Eddie (Tiffany) Barber, Amy Barber, Heather (John) Ledford, Joseph Barber, Tyler (Destany) Barber, Brandy (Robert) Dew, Jenny (Terry) Nye and Jessica Carter; great-grandchildren Lailah Williams, RJ Barber, Violet Barber, Seth Smith, Jason Dew, Kaleb, Caroline and Annabelle Ledford, James, Ava, Maverick and Brooklyn Barber and Carter and Cade Nye; brothers Donald Deen, Harold (Annette) Deen and Charles Deen; sisters-in-law Rudell Deen and Bobbie Dubose; a host of extended family, and a special friend who was warmly referred to as “favorite daughter” Alzada Harrell. Special thanks to the loving caretakers at The Terrace of Jacksonville and Life Care Center of Hilliard.

The family will receive friends Thursday, December 21 from 5-7 p.m. at Nassau Funeral Home. A celebration of life service will be held Friday, December 22 at 10 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Alma.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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