



## Aretha Geraldine Bashaw

February 19, 1934 - March 27, 2025

Aretha Geraldine Bashaw, 91, passed away in Dade City, Florida on March 27, 2025. She was born in Lacoochee, Florida on February 19, 1934 to Carmi and Crystal Mercer. Aretha enjoyed star gazing, ceramics, her dogs, gardening, and flowers, especially violets. She is survived by her daughters: Renea (Jack) Hopkins of Palatka, Florida, Donnette Johns of Plant City, Florida, Michelle (John) Conway of Dublin, Ireland, and Andrea Hickey of Woodstock, Virginia; grandchildren: Adam, Erica, William, and Andrew; great-grandchildren: Jackie, Ava, Ella, Sophia, and Corben; brother: Dexter Mercer of Webster, Florida. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Edward Bashaw, grandson, Lucas Ian Hopkins, and great granddaughter, Page Crenshaw. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.purcellfuneralhome.com](http://www.purcellfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home- Purcell Chapel, Bushnell, Florida.