



Erlaine Hester

July 21, 1929 - September 2, 2014

Obituary of Erlaine Hester

Erlaine Hester, 85, a resident at Lakeview Retirement Community in Altoona, FL, died Tuesday, September 2, 2014. Erlaine was born on July 21, 1929 in Whitney, Florida to Earle and Katherine Ross Hester. She was a fifth generation Floridian, descending from Thomas Robertson who homesteaded in the Leesburg area in 1842. After graduating from Leesburg High School in 1947, Erlaine worked for six years at the family business, Hester & Stinson Lumber Company. In 1953, Erlaine set off to acquire a higher education earning a BA degree from Howard College (Samford Center) in Birmingham, AL in 1957, a MA degree in 1958, and guidance counselor requirements in 1959, from George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University) in Nashville, TN.

Erlaine worked as a faculty member at Florida State University in Tallahassee as a resident counselor for freshman women for five years. In 1964, Erlaine accepted a position as a guidance counselor at Ft. Lauderdale High School, where she worked for the next 25 years. After retiring in 1989, Erlaine moved back to her hometown of Leesburg where she lived until moving to Altoona in 2010.

Erlaine enjoyed travel, family get-togethers and sports! Anyone who knew her realized she was an avid Seminole fan!!

Erlaine was predeceased by her parents; sister, Jacquelyn; brother, Earle Jr and sister-in-law, Mary Julia. She is survived by her nephew, Jeff (Doris) of East Lake Weir; great nephew, Jarrod (Kimberly); great-great niece, Julia of Micanopy; great niece, Lindsay Nunez(Adam); great-great nephews, Connor and Wade of Gainesville; nephew, Judson (Mary Louise) of Tallahassee and great nephews, Paul of Miami and Pierce of Tallahassee.

A graveside service will be held at Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Services

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Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Tribute Wall



“ *Erlaine Hester*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked at Bob Evans for 18 years until we closed 2 years ago and Hester was one of my regulars. She always asked for me to serve her and David to cook her food. We would do the crossward puzzle together and she was the sweetest woman I ever met. I used to do the crossward puzzle with my Dad all the time and I lost him 2 and a half years ago. I will miss her dearly.*

Chris Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with the family...Erlaine was one of a kind...she always made my father-in-law Jim Stivender, Sr., laugh...now they are laughing with Jacky in Heaven..God Bless you all!*

Debbie Stivender - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM