



## Jacquelyn Hester

March 18, 1924 - June 2, 2014

### Obituary of Jacquelyn Hester

Jacquelyn Hester, 90, resident of Altoona, FL died Monday, June 2, 2014. Jacky was born in Leesburg, FL on March 18, 1924 to Earle and Katherine Ross Hester and lived in Leesburg until moving to Lakeview Terrace Retirement Community in 2003. 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 1941, Jacky attended Camp Roosevelt, a National Youth Administration program where she received certificates in Sheet Metal Work and Radio Code & Theory. She was employed in 1942 by Pan American World Airways in Miami as the first female radio telegraph operator in commercial aviation.

After World War II, she enrolled in Florida State University, receiving her BS degree in 1950. She returned to Lake County and taught mathematics at Leesburg High School for three years. She then became the office Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the family business, Hester & Stinson Lumber Company. In 1961 she was asked by newly elected County Judge, William A.

Milton, Jr., to become his Chief Clerk. Later Jacky became an instructor of accounting and allied business courses at the Lake County Area Vocational Center (now Lake Tech), retiring in 1984.

Jacky was an avid learner. After she completed her master's degree at the University of South Florida, she enjoyed taking evening classes just for fun. When Lake-Sumter Junior College was established in Leesburg, she was one of the first to enroll in evening classes-such as art, investments, health, Spanish or genealogy.

Jacky loved her hometown of Leesburg and sought ways to be involved. She served as Director and Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, President of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Corresponding Secretary of the state BPW and Treasurer of the Lake County Classroom Teachers. She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church and a strong supporter of the historic Lone Oak Cemetery. Jacky was the family historian and spent many hours researching the family history. Her papers have been deposited with the Leesburg Public Library. She was a lifetime member of the Leesburg Heritage Society and the Lake County Historical Society, serving as its president.

Jacky loved to travel. With her good friend, Dixie Allen, she enjoyed trips to Europe, the British Isles, Africa, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America, New Zealand, Canada and most of the 50 states.

Jacky was predeceased by her parents, brother, Earle, Jr and sister-in-law, Mary Julia. She is survived by her sister, Erlaine of Altoona. Other survivors include nephew, Jeff (Doris) of East Lake Weir; great nephew,

Jarrood(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, June 7, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lakeview Terrace Residents' Association Scholarship Fund, 331 Raintree Drive, Altoona, FL 32702.

#### Services

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#### Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jacquelyn Hester

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jackie was an avid reader. She loved the library and the genealogy section. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

JoAnn Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I am truly sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in Gods promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and to "wipe away the tears from all our faces" (Isaiah 25:8)

Shannon - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss working with Jacky and will miss her as a friend as well. She was a remarkable lady. I am sure she will be missed by her other dear friends and of course, her family. My prayers go out to those of you that loved her.

Ann Tallman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss Jacky. Loved your spirit.

Larry and Karen Bowman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Being that Judd is an old dear friend I was able to be around Aunt Jacky a few times and always found her to be delightful. To Judd, Jeff and the family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Larry Pierce** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I just found out about this and am sad that I didn't get to attend the service. I always called her Aunt Jacky even though we were actually cousins somehow, but either way she was a very smart, wonderful woman. We used to have lunch together at Mom and Dad's in Lady Lake after I moved back from college and she always gave me good advice about finances and life in general. Everyone in the family has her to thank for the extensive genealogy research she did and passed on to all of us. Rest in peace, Aunt Jacky.*

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**Holly Lawler** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM