



Mary Ann Merritt

April 30, 1935 - July 26, 2017

Mary Ann Merritt, age 82, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2017. She was born April 30, 1935 in Noma, Florida to Joseph and Trudell (Skipper) Ward, Sr. and was of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Merritt enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also, she enjoyed cooking and visiting with friends and family.

She is survived by her son: Jerl Merritt (Sarah) of Center Hill, FL; grandchildren: Toni Stephenson, Tina (Donald) Clarke, Bridget (Troy) Yoder, Jamie Green, Richard Merritt, Brandy (Mike) Brown, and Brady Merritt; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters: Martha Sue Waller of Chipley, FL, Ganell Searcy of Birmingham, AL, and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Merritt was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Dwight Merritt; sons: Terry Merritt and John Merritt; parents: Joseph "Cephus" Ward, Sr. and Trudell Skipper Ward; sister: Cecelia Pearson; brothers: JC Ward, Jr. and Paul Ward.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to: Florida Baptist Children's Home, 1015 Sikes Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33815.

Visitation and Service

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, July 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

(with visitation from 12:00 to 1:00 prior to service) with Pastor Tex Merritt officiating, at Purcell Chapel, 114 W. Noble Ave., Bushnell, Florida. Interment will follow at Center Hill Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

WG

“ Dear Jeryl & Merritt Family,
My name is Winter. I wanted to give my condolences to you and your family for the loss of this dear one. The account found at John 11:39-44 brings me great comfort by what Jesus did for Lazarus. Christ promised to do the same for others at John 5:28-29. My prayer is that God gives you the same comfort by means of His Word and promises. I am sorry.

Winter Gainey - August 03, 2017 at 05:15 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of such a sweet woman with such a kind heart!!! Miss my visits with Ms. Mary Ann at the Post Office and think of her often. Not long ago I had asked Tex to find out when he could go visit with me and so sorry we didn't make it. Sad that she has moved without us but so happy for her that she has left her earthly pain and suffering behind!!!

Jonathan Sylvia - July 27, 2017 at 01:11 PM

EW

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Ellen Woosley - July 27, 2017 at 12:50 PM

GS

“ Jerl, its been a rough year for you and your family and my heart goes out to you and your family. God bless you and be with you during your loss.

Guy Simmons - July 26, 2017 at 05:25 PM