



## Lena "Jimmie" Chauncey Hinkle

September 28, 1927 - September 7, 2020

Lena "Jimmie" Chauncey Hinkle died at home on September 7, 2020, three weeks shy of her 93rd birthday.

Born and raised in St. Petersburg, Jimmie graduated from St. Pete High in 1944 with several lifelong friends. She was a student at Florida State College for Women when she met a dashing pilot from Indiana stationed at Dale Mabry Field. When Jene Hinkle returned from flying P-51s in the Pacific theatre, he joined the first class of men to attend Florida State University. Jene and Jimmie married and set about raising their family. She made a husband and four strong-willed children the best they could be, usually without them knowing who made it happen. As a mother, she encapsulated the values of resilience, grit, and accountability into two recurrent admonishments: "it's too far from your heart to kill you" and "little boys acting ugly get hurt." (Daughter Jeanie never acted ugly.) When the children were all in school, Jimmie joined the front office at Florida High and was a source of positive energy for decades, loved and respected by students and staff. Her retirement was blessed with season tickets to FSU baseball, loving family, and good friends.

She was predeceased by her beloved Jene and eldest son Cliff Hinkle and survived by Cliff's wife Lee Hinkle, Bob Hinkle (Marylou), Don Hinkle (Mimi) and Jeanie Hinkle, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She will be missed by all. As she knew we would say, even before she knew how we would turn out, "We owe it all to our mother."

The family will hold a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Project (<http://www.alzheimersproject.org>). You can also honor Jimmie by doing a generous deed for someone who needs it or by saying a kind word.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or <http://www.bevisfh.com>) is assisting the Hinkle family with their arrangements.

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Bevis Funeral Home** - September 12, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Bevis Funeral Home** - September 10, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ That was a beautiful celebration of Aunt Jimmie's life. I'm blessed to have known her. Love to you all. Janice K.

**Janice Hinkle** - September 11, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ Beautiful memories and celebration. She would be so proud of all of you    Much love!  
Cindy

**Cindy Evers** - September 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ Mrs. Hinkle barely knew me. But she made a lasting impression on me as a friendly and wonderful person. I am glad that I met her! RIP

John Radey

**jradey** - September 13, 2020 at 05:14 PM

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“ Dear Don, Mimi, and your family,

I was saddened to read of the loss of your very special mother this week. Her obituary shared some wonderful ways she led a fulfilling and giving life in her work and especially as a dedicated wise mother who raised such remarkable children.

I am glad to have heard more about her and your family and want to send my sincerest sympathy to you all for the loss of your mother. John Hedrick

**John W. Hedrick** - September 13, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ How well I remember our trips to Florida when I was growing up to spend time with my mother's parents and her sister, Jimmie. I was shy and much smaller than my cousins. I remember her "shooing" me out the door into the backyard with words to the effect of "Get out there and play. They're not going to hurt you and if they do, they'll have to answer to me." I wish we had stayed closer as I grew up and had a family of my own, but the knowledge that she was always there -- especially when Mary, John and Julie passed away -- was a great comfort, a kind of foundation. I will miss her. My love to Bob, Don, Jeannie and your wonderful families. God bless!

**Mark Ralston** - September 11, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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“ A truly remarkable woman. So glad I had the opportunity to know her and members of her lovely family. My Dad was a great admirer of Jene.

Marsha Cantrell

**Marsha Cantrell** - September 11, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Hinkle family. What a pleasure it has been to know her for my 25 years at Florida High and the years beyond. She was a most special person and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Ginny Densmore

**Ginny Densmore** - September 11, 2020 at 09:20 AM

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“ Bobby, I will always remember you mother’s encouragement. Especially when we met again at Florida High while I was helping Coach Flowers and she was in the front office. She told me that I had made a good start at becoming a better person, she liked what she saw and I should keep it up. I am sorry for the loss to all who new her.

Polo

Polo Lacayo - September 11, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ The most exciting occasion of the year was when the Florida Hinkle's came to Indiana to visit. Aunt Jimmie always had a smile, a kind word, and some good advice when needed. Lots of love to you all!

Dave Hinkle & Family

David Hinkle - September 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lena "Jimmie" Chauncey Hinkle.



September 09, 2020 at 05:06 PM

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“ Jeanie and I have been lifelong friends, roommates and “sisters”. Her parents were my parents and vice versa. We got in and out of minor trouble and always shared the gift of strong, loving, smart, amazing mothers. Our mothers formed a beautiful friendship that I said was a sweet branch of ours and it lasted 40 years. They spent time together when they could and kept in touch when they couldn’t, my mom visited Jimmie weekly and they both enjoyed their time together. The void Jimmie leaves will be felt by many- my mom and I are in that crowd but what a blessing to say we knew such a woman. If you knew her, you loved her and you were changed by having known her. She didn’t put up with nonsense, but she loved big and the twinkle never left her eyes. Missing you Grandy

Donna Roddenberry - September 09, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ I have a lifetime of wonderful memories of Jimmie. One of the more recent ones was on Election Day, 2016. We were texting back and forth at night as the presidential results were coming in. I was sure that Hillary was a lock, but Jimmie kept saying, “Don’t be too sure. Don’t be too sure.” As in most cases, Jimmie was right, unfortunately this time. I loved her dearly.

**Malinda Hinkle Grant** - September 09, 2020 at 03:33 PM