



Emily Frances Barnes

November 2, 1928 - May 17, 2018

Emily Frances Barnes, 89, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 17, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida, with loving family members surrounding her. She was born on November 2, 1928 in Dale County, Alabama, to Jim and Lola Benton. Frances was one of eight children.

Frances grew up farming in Barbour County, Alabama, where she met her future husband and love of her life, Felix Barnes. Frances married Felix in December 1945 in Desoto County, Mississippi. They were happily married for almost 49 years before Felix's death in September 1994.

Frances was a homemaker and after several moves in their early years, she and Felix eventually settled in Titusville, FL where she raised her six children. Frances loved to cook and especially loved to host family gatherings at the holidays.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband Felix, as well as her oldest daughter, Barbara Frances in December 1987, by her parents, and sister, Thelma Varnum, and brothers, J.W., Corbitt, Arbie, Curtis, and Virgil.

Frances is survived by her brother, Colon Benton, Orlando, FL; niece/sister Shelby Jean Boyd, Dothan, AL, five children, Glenda Thompson (Darrell) of Tallahassee, FL, Steve Barnes (Brenda), Mims, FL, Mike Barnes (Teri) of Titusville, FL, Robert Barnes (Debbie) of Oviedo, FL, and Kathy Zubowicz (Lou) of Leesburg, FL; nine grandchildren, Becky Boyer, Darrell Thompson, Jr., Brian Thompson, Brenda Munro, Jonathan Barnes, Ryan Oliver, Mike Barnes, Jr., Jason Zubowicz, and Canda Roop and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL at 5:00 PM, Sunday, May 20, 2018. Frances will be buried in a private service beside Felix in Titusville, Fl. at Oaklawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Big Bend Hospice of Tallahassee, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 20. 5:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many memories!!!!!! Growing up we shared A bed!!! The time she had A boyfriend and Papa either did not like him or thought she was not old enough, you have heard the story, I remember his visit to see Frances and what occurred!!!! Then we lived close to the Barnes family and you know the rest!!!! A great marriage with 6 children!!!! As A 10 year old I had the privilege to stay with them in their home near Slocomb,Al. At which time she was pregnant with Barbara her first born!! Then about 2 years later Mama let me go stay with them in their home at Napier Field, Al. When Glenda was born. The purpose was to help Frances , As A 12 year I old don't know how much help I was, guess I played with Barbara!!! Shelley and our family loved going to their home in Jacksonville and Titusville!!!! We enjoyed playing the card game rummy eating shepherds pie and visiting ,we loved hitting the yard sales!!!!!! There is no end to my memories of my sister/aunt that I loved very much!!!!!! I love you!!!!!!

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