



Evelyn Henrietta Eubanks

September 12, 1923 - January 23, 2018

Evelyn Henrietta Eubanks, 94, beloved and treasured mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died peacefully in her sleep while surrounded by family on January 23, 2018. The heart of her family, "Mimi" spent every day loving others, and immersing herself in the love of Jesus.

Evelyn was born in Whigham, Georgia, September 12, 1923. At age 13, her mother died, and as the oldest of eight siblings, she was left to care for them. In 1941, she married Edwin Eubanks, a soldier in World War II. She lived with him in Lawton, Oklahoma, then Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. When Edwin went overseas, she returned to Climax, Georgia and then to Cairo, Georgia. She and Edwin had two daughters during World War II, and after the War, moved to Tallahassee, FL where they lived until 2006. Evelyn and Edwin then moved to Havana, FL to be near their daughters. Since moving to Havana, Evelyn has been a member of the Havana First Presbyterian Church.

Evelyn had a 35 year career with the Florida Department of Education. During 1974, she was appointed by Commissioner Ralph D. Turlington to serve on a Special Task Force to study reorganization of the Florida Department of Education. She also received many honors and appreciation for outstanding service from State Officials such as Ralph D. Turlington, Commissioner of Education; Floyd T. Christian, Commissioner of Education; Governor Reuben Askew; and from all her immediate supervisors and co-workers of the State.

She retired on February 26, 1986.

Evelyn is survived by her two loving and devoted daughters: Duane Underwood and Edwina Hutchins of Havana, as well as her son-in-law Buddy Underwood. She is also survived by the loves of her life, her two granddaughters Darby Palmer (Greg) and Ramsey Evelyn Lawless (Joe) and six great-grandchildren Reagan Evelyn, Robert Gavin, Payton, McKay, Tripp, and Henry. She is survived by her brother Rev. Hilton Gillespie (Chris); sisters Mary Poitivent, Loette Burger, Emily Hickey; and sister-in-laws Florence Gillespie, Shirley Gillespie, and Sheila Edwards. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews who affectionately called her "Aunt Hennie."

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Edwin Eubanks; her parents, Gratton Cosmo Gillespie & Mary Alta Edwards Gillespie; brothers, Darwin Edwards, Gerald Gillespie, William Gillespie and Earl Gillespie, M.L. Forehand, Ronald Forehand; sisters, Dorothy Jean Turner, Louise Weiss and Callie Farrow; and her step-mother Blanche Gillespie.

Evelyn will be fondly remembered for her beautiful smile, her kindness, sense of humor, and her love for people. She was passionate about reading her Bible day and night and about her prayer life with The Lord. The selfless love Mimi taught her family is her legacy for generations to come.

The funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 27 at the Havana First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Bill Bess and Rev. Hilton Gillespie, Evelyn's brother, officiating. There will be a private interment with just immediate family at Tallahassee Memory Gardens at a later time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32308 or to her much loved mission In the Carpenter's Footsteps, 2011 Sara Lee Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Eubanks family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303