

The Douglas News

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Oakwood

Doris Jean Burkett

Doris Jean Burkett, age 85 of Oakwood, formally of Jekyll Island, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 29 at Lanier Park Hospital in Gainesville, Ga.

The graveside service was held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 at the chapel of Sims Funeral Home.

She was a native of Coffee County and had lived in Oakwood, where she resided at the Peachtree Plantation for a year and a half to be near her children. She had moved to Oakwood from Jekyll Island, where she lived for 22 years. She enjoyed her life on the island golfing, gardening, biking and walking on the tranquil beaches.

She was a member of the Jekyll Island Baptist Chapel and was an active volunteer for the Historic Faith Chapel and the annual Georgia-Florida Golf Tournaments. She had retired to Jekyll Island from Nashville, Tenn., with her late husband, Johnny Maloy Burkett, Sr., retired Tennessee state sales manager with Globe Life and Accident Insurance Co., who passed away in 1985.

She is survived by her children and spouses, Johnny and Dot Burkett of Gainesville, Donna and Hugh Orrell of San Diego, Calif., and Bill and Tina Burkett of Suwanee; her grandchildren, Laurie Burkett of Cleveland, Jay and Nicole Burkett of Cleveland, Brent Burkett of Gainesville, Lindsey Orrell and John Orrell of San Diego, Calif., and William Burkett and Matthew Burkett of Suwanee; her great-grandchildren John, Nix and Zoe Burkett of Cleveland and a special friend, Samuel Wells, of Stroudsburg, Penn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Doris Burkett Memorial Fund at Ameris Bank, 18-B North Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island, Ga. 31527. In her memory, a public bench will be placed in the Jekyll's Historic District for all to enjoy and reflect upon the serenity and beauty created by the island that she treasured so much.

Ward's Funeral Home of Gainesville, Ga has completed arrangements.