



Mrs. Lois Byrd Prather

April 18, 1939 - February 28, 2024

Mrs. Lois Byrd Prather, age 84, entered into rest at Doctor's Hospital in Augusta, GA on February 28, 2024.

Lois was born on April 18, 1939 to the late William Cecil Byrd and Cuba Kicklighter Byrd. She was a native of North Augusta, SC most of her life until recently moving to Grovetown, GA. Lois graduated from North Augusta High School in 1956 where she played basketball for the Lady Jackets. She was a devoted stay-at-home mother raising her two daughters until she began working in the retail business of which she worked for many years. Lois was a dedicated, loving mother to her children and a wonderful MeMaw to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Lois is preceded in death by Jack Harold Smith, the father of her daughters; her husband, James Prather; a brother, Howard Byrd; her sister, Juanita Byrd Thompson; and her great granddaughter, Kristen Lee Dutton.

Surviving family members include -- two children, Kathy Dutton-Hydrick (Johnny), Karen Smith Ceron (Oscar); three grandchildren -- David Timothy Dutton II (Kim), Jonathan Derek Dutton (Nicole), Kirsten Kendrick Ceron, five great grandchildren -- Trevor Austin Dutton, Madyson Claire Dutton, Anthony Blake Abercrombie-Dutton, Adalynne Dutton, Bethany Anne Dutton and a beloved niece Deborah Thompson Beebe. Additional "special" children include Alyssa Fitzgerald, Addie Weeks, Elizabeth Parrish, and Jordan Lark. Lois had a heart full of love and shared it by donating to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital to find a cure for cancer. Mrs. Lois Byrd Prather held her children's hands a little while but will be in their hearts forever. She will truly be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

No services are planned at this time.

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