



Ruth "Ducky" Clifton

April 23, 1938

CLIFTON, Ruth "Ducky", 71, born April 23, 1938 in Plant City, FL. entered into Heaven on February 13, 2010 and was greeted by her parents, Monroe and Mary Jones, brothers, Kenny Jones and Eddie Jones, and sister, Kathleen Benefield. She is survived by the love of her life, her devoted husband of 49 years, Clarence Junior Clifton; son, Ken Clifton; daughter Kim Gude and loyal son-in-law, Steve Gude, who never left her bedside; and daughter, April Clifton; three grandsons, Caleb, Josh, and Ben Gude; sisters, Viola Varnadore, and Ona Faye Lawson (Wayne); brothers, Bud Jones (Ruby) and Acle Jones (Sarah); many loving nieces and nephews, Janie (Clifton) Spiro, Linda (Monahan) Bevers, and Donnie Wright - who she thought of as her own; and dedicated family and friends. Ducky graduated from Turkey Creek High School in 1956. She was full of life, eternally positive and encouraging. She loved to laugh and make others laugh with her. She had an infectious smile and once you met Ducky, you forever loved her! Ducky's life was all about her cherished family. She adored her children and grandsons and beamed with pride when she spoke of their accomplishments. Until the end, her brothers and sisters were her dearest and best friends. She treasured her Lord and her church, Seffner First Freewill Baptist. Ducky would take any opportunity to sing their praises....and how she could sing! She was blessed with one of the most beautiful, angelic singing voices. Ducky felt blessed to be an American and had an incomparable admiration for our military, and particularly the Korean War Veterans Lt. Lopez Medal of Honor Chapter 175, for whom she

volunteered many hours in honor of their service and sacrifice. Family members would like to express their deepest Thanks to the Staff at The Health Center of Plant City for their special care and compassion. The family will receive friends for visitation, Tues. Feb. 16, 2010 beginning at 10am at First Freewill Baptist Church, 11605 US Hwy 92 East, Seffner, 33584. Services will follow at 11am at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family request donation be made in honor of Ducky Clifton to Seffner Christian Academy, 11605 US Hwy 92 East, Seffner, FL. 33584.

Tribute Wall



“ Ken, I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I know she must have been very proud of you! Hang in there! Tim Briggs##imported-begin##Tim Briggs##imported-end##

January 17, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ Farewell Old friend, My sincere sympathies to you Clarence and your family. I attended Turkey Creek School with Ducky and she was one of a kind. She will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Her classmate Gail##imported-begin##Gail Sink Higgins##imported-end##

January 17, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ Praying for the family at this time. Ducky was a wonderful lady and I consider myself as blessed to have known her. What a wonderful tribute to her today at the service.##imported-begin##Cheryl Baker Higgins##imported-end##

January 17, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ I am very sadden by the death of one of my classmates since grade school. Ducky was a good friend to me all thru the years, she always had a smile no matter what the occasion was and you knew it was genuine. To her family I know there will be a huge void in your family and my heart goes out to each one, but knowing that one day we will all be reunited with her, makes it little easier for us. I am sorry I could not be with you today in person but my health has not been the greatest, but my thoughts and prayers are truly with each one of you. Ducky, I love you as a sister and may you now rest in peace.##imported-begin##Joann Stanton##imported-end##

January 17, 2011 at 08:30 AM