



## Laverne Bennett

June 13, 1938 - April 20, 2023

### Laverne Bennett Obituary

Laverne A. Bennett, 84 passed away peacefully on April 20, 2023, at Satilla Bluffs in Blackshear, GA.

Laverne led a very full and rewarding life. She was born June 13, 1938 in Orlando, Fla. to the parents of Austin and Essie Avera. Along with her father and step-mother Ada, she grew up in Orlando, and Quitman, Ga.

Laverne became a wife at a very young age to her sweetheart Gerald Thompson and they had 4 children together. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She retired after 34 years in the school lunchroom program and won many outstanding awards during her career. But her true passion and gift was interior decorating, using her talents in making her home beautiful and a haven for others to enjoy. Family and friends will always remember her sweet hospitality and meals that she would prepare for them.

Laverne was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and attended the Kingdom Hall in Waycross, GA.

Laverne was preceded in death by Gerald Thompson, and husbands Olan Barrow, and Emmett Bennett. Her parents, Austin and Ada Avera, her mother, Essie, also mother and father-in law Ruby and Edd Thompson. Also siblings, Betty Johnston, Vickie Cox, and Tommy and Lamar Avera. Also her son, Randy Thompson. She is survived by her brother, John Avera, her children, Debbie (Raymond) Canterbury, Jerry (Pam) Thompson, Whitney Anderson, and daughter in law, Michele Thompson. Grandchildren: Jonathan and Seth Canterbury, Rachael Sealy, Nathan, Lee, and Russ Thompson, and Crystal Taylor. Also, she was blessed with 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Also, sister in laws, Eleanor Bullock and Patsy Thompson. And Sassy, her loyal and constant companion fur baby. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Laverne Bennett  
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Reflection Cremation  
& Funeral Service  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Laverne Bennett** - August 24, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JB

“ *Debbie, I was so sad to hear about your mother passing away. I  
remember when she and your daddy got married and went in  
service with us. It's such a comfort to know she is in God's memory  
now and what safer place could she be? Death leaves a pain no  
one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. I know you  
have many good memories to think of in days to come.*

*Warm hugs,  
June*

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**June Bryant** - April 24, 2023 at 04:39 PM