



Jessie Parkhurst

December 8, 1926 - August 23, 2015

Cocoa

Jessie Parkhurst, 88, of Cocoa, Florida, was called peacefully home to the Lord on Sunday, August 23, 2015. Jessie was born December 8, 1926 in Statesboro, Georgia to Daniel and Milissa (Finch) Hendrix. After losing both parents during her childhood, Jessie helped raise her younger siblings while completing school. During World War II she moved to Savannah and found work as a shipyard welder and switchboard operator. She later took a job as a waitress at a seaside hotel in Tybee Island (Savannah Beach). It was here that Jessie met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Parkhurst; they married on September 13, 1947. Bob and Jessie traveled the country for 30 years in support of the United States Coast Guard. Jessie gave birth to four children and guided the family through numerous moves, from Newfoundland to Florida, Alaska, Virginia, New Jersey and Louisiana, before they retired in Merritt Island in 1976. A full-time "mom", avid gardener and selfless volunteer, Jessie enjoyed bowling, ceramics, square dancing and contra dancing, as well as boating and camping. She was also a key member of the group that founded the Brevard Sharing Center. Very active in St Luke's Episcopal Church, Jessie was a woman of strong faith, family, and good humor. Jessie is survived by her four children, eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She is much-loved and greatly missed.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, August 29th at 11 am at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Merritt Island. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie Parkhurst*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *What a beautiful woman in spirit, faith, and love of family. I am honored that I had the pleasure of meeting her, and knowing her family.*

Susan George - December 03, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ *Don and family, we will always remember your Dad and Mom as friends and neighbors in Villa de Palmas. Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.*

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“ *My deepest sympathy to you on Jessie's death. She will be remembered and memories will be cherished. God be with you in this time of sorrow.*

Kay Kornelsen - December 03, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ *The people we love never truly leave us... Sherry, Steve and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you. Only time will heal your grief. Hope you have some peace in knowing that Jesse is now reunited with your dad.*

Terri Eldridge - December 03, 2015 at 12:17 PM

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“ I used to do Contra Dancing with Jessie and Bob at Onie and George Senyk's house and it was always a pleasure to see them. Jessie was such a sweet friend and she will be in my thoughts and prayers. May her memory be a blessing for her children and her grandchildren.

Catie Geist - December 03, 2015 at 12:17 PM