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Barbara Ward Newman, 79, former Chairman of the St. Johns County Commission, and former Chairman and 8-year member of the St. Johns County School Board, passed away May 3rd at the Villages Hospice House, in Fruitland Park, FL. She was born in 1937 in Irwinville, GA to her parents Henry and Barbara Morgan. Barbara served many organizations for many years in St. Johns County. She spent countless hours with band boosters, sports boosters, after school programs, as well as a long list of charities. As Chairman of the St. Johns County Commission, she was instrumental in the negotiation and ultimate placement of the World Golf Village here in our area. Following her retirement from St. Johns County in the late 90s, Barbara relocated to Leesburg, FL. She continued her service to others, working in schools, helping struggling students to read, even receiving the honor of being Lake County's Volunteer of the Year once. Barbara was active with her church and was certified as a Stephen Minister as well as a PEO. She was an avid cook for both her family functions as well as church events. She was nicknamed the "Queen of Grits". She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by daughter, Cindy Anderson; son, Tommy Ward; son, Branam Ward; step daughter, Toni Huff; 11 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Thomas Newman. A celebration of her life was held Friday, May 5th at 11:00 AM at the

First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to First Presbyterian Church, Leesburg, FL.

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“ *In searching thur the obituary I found your name and I wanted extend my condolences to you and your family. I know this is a difficult time for you, but I wanted to share a wonderful hope found in the scriptures, A real hope of being reunited with your dead loved one is found in the scriptures at: John 5:28. 29, along with a promise from Christ Jesus at: Acts 24:15, where he said that there is "Going" to be a resurrection, soon we will see these scriptures come true. My prayers are with you and family at this great time of loss. May Jehovah , the God of all comfort give you what you need to deal with your loss . Your mother sound like a wonderful woman.*

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