



Betty Leonardy "Nell" Melzer

October 6, 1935 - December 8, 2024

Betty Leonardy "Nell" Melzer, 89, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2024, at The Ponce Therapy Care Center. She was born in St. Augustine and grew up in Hastings, where she graduated from Hastings High School with the class of 1954. She spent many of her adult years in Monticello, Mississippi.

Nell was a devoted wife, loving mother, and dedicated homemaker. She made her home the center of her life, always prioritizing her family and creating a warm, welcoming space for all who entered. While her home and family were her greatest passion, Nell also worked in several part-time roles over the years, including as a substitute teacher.

A longtime member of Monticello Baptist Church, Nell found strength and joy in her faith. She cherished the time spent with family, playing cards, and enjoying fellowship with friends. Nell also had a fondness for playing slot machines, a hobby that brought her many moments of joy.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. Nell was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward Melzer and sisters, Barbara Burrell and Wanda Clark. She is survived by her children, Matt Melzer (Kim) and Denise Melzer Bishop (David); grandchildren, Jed Bishop (Tracy), Matthew Melzer (Meike), Mindy Bishop Hughes (Slater), Eddie Bishop (Lindsey), Cody Melzer (Ashley), Shane Melzer (Kaci); great grandchildren, Peyton Barham, Noah Bishop, Emma Melzer, Lawson Melzer, Thomas Bishop, Walker Melzer, Lucas Bishop, Luke Melzer, Camden Melzer, Lincoln

Melzer and Melzer baby expecting; brother, Buddy (Shirley); sister, Elsie and sister-in-law Rita Melzer Wells (Gene).

A memorial service to celebrate Betty's life will be held at a later date.

Her kindness, warmth, and loving spirit will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.