



## Obituary

**Born:** Monday, January 5, 1931

**Died:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020

**Joyce Gallimore Thompson**, 89, of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2020. She was born January 5, 1931 in Pulaski County, and was the daughter of the late McKinley Gallimore and Nancy Ellen Richardson Gallimore. Joyce grew up in Pulaski, attended Pulaski High School, married her high school sweetheart Lilbern "Buddy" Thompson, a marriage of 69 years. Joyce was a devoted wife and mother to her four daughters. She was passionate and gave her time generously to her family. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her husband traveling in their RV, and spending winters in Florida. She was an avid Canasta player but loved all types of card games. Late in life, she mastered guitar playing and enjoyed playing with local groups when opportunity presented itself. She enjoyed the art of ballroom and line dancing and danced every weekend with her husband until she was no longer physically able to do so. She was a faithful member of the First Christian Church for over 80 years. She served as Elder, Sunday school teacher and various other leadership roles. Joyce's greatest gift in life was the unconditional love for her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was Preceded in death by her husband, Lilbern "Buddy" Owen Thompson, and siblings; Bonnie Jean Gallimore Cheatham, McKinley "Mac" Gallimore, Jr., Jackie Gallimore Surratt and Maxine Gallimore Aust. She is survived by her daughters; Debbie T. Suddarth and Bob of Pulaski, Sue T. Simpson and Patrick of Winston Salem, NC.; Karen T. Wilson and Randy of Orlando FL.; and Kaye T. Wilson and Mike of Christiansburg. Grandchildren, Alex Douthat, Jessie Reece, Turner Simpson, Anna Catherine Simpson, Chelsea Wilson, Seth Wilson, Matthew Bond, Joshua Bond, and Claire Simpson. Great Grandchildren, Gavin Reece, Liam Wilson, and Sophie Simpson. Per request of the family, a private funeral service will be held Sunday. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to First Christian Church General Fund, P.O. Box 1007, Pulaski, VA. 24301.

## Service Summary

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### Services Private

Location: - *Not available* -