



Melida Maxine Bowman

June 26, 1943 - February 22, 2024

Melida Maxine Huggins Bowman was born on June 26, 1943 and passed away peacefully on February 22, 2024 at the age of 80 in her home in Prattville, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents Mack and Dora Inez Huggins and her husband Charles Ralph Bowman. She is survived by her children, Michele Woodall (John "Van" Woodall) and Michael Bowman (Christel Doiron Bowman), and grandchildren Taylor Jordon Brooks, Trey Woodall, Cerelie Bowman, Blake Bowman, and Bryson Parker Bowman. She graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery in 1962. In 1966 she married Charles Bowman and in 1976 they moved their young family to Chewelah, Washington where she worked as a caregiver to adults with disabilities. She returned home to Alabama in 1993 where she began a career in convenience store ownership and in 2000 became the owner of TJ's Pine Level, the Link Station. Her grandchildren were the joy of her life, and she loved being a part of their daily lives and special occasions. She was a fierce, self-made businesswoman with a generous and forgiving heart. She gave freely without keeping score. She appreciated genuineness in others and had friends of different backgrounds and abilities. She liked bright colors and was wise enough to find humor in life. A celebration of life will be held in the future. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fisher House Foundation in her memory.