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Leila Saye Hodge Martin, age 96, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at Northeast Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia.

Leila Hodge Martin was born on April 22, 1924 in Madison Georgia to the late Emma Saye Hodge and William Bryant Hodge. After her father died, her mother married the late Loice Allen, Sr. and she had one half-brother, Loice Allen, Jr.

Leila grew up in Prospect Georgia and was baptized and married in the Prospect Methodist Church. After graduating, she moved to Atlanta where she met her husband Joseph Brown Martin. They were married in 1945 and moved to Miami when he became a pilot for National Airlines. While living in Miami they raised two daughters. Leila was active in the Miami Springs Methodist Church and various Civic organizations. Her first priority was always family and she actively supported her girl’s activities by being room mothers and teaching Sunday School. Leila enjoyed traveling to Europe with friends and RVing with her husband. When her husband retired, they moved to Floral City, Florida where she still remained active in the church.

After Joe died, she moved to Eustis Fl to be closer to her daughters and grandchildren. In 2005, Leila moved again to Gainesville Georgia to be near her oldest daughter. Throughout the years, she maintained a close bond with her brother Loice Allen, Jr. until his death and his children became like grandchildren to her.

Leila was an anchor for her entire family, always there to love, support and encourage and she will be in the hearts of family and friends forever! Death is no more than passing from one room to another. She is now at peace.

She is survived by her daughters, Jolinda Martin (Gerald Garr) of Cleveland, Georgia and Sharon Johnson of Clermont, Florida; grandchildren, Bryan Smith, Ladon Johnson and Jared Johnson; and great grandchildren, Leila Jo Johnson, Laikyn Johnson, Capri Johnson, Cohen Smith and Courtland Stover.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, November 21, 2020, at 11:00 A.M., at Prospect United Methodist Church Cemetery. Rev. Lyle Allen will officiate.

Jordan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.