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Julia Johnston Whitten, age 82, passed away Saturday, August 5, 2017, at Abbey Hospice in Social Circle, Georgia.

Julia Whitten was born in Rhine, Georgia to the late Mattie Floy Harrell Johnston and Robert Bryant Johnston, Sr. She is also preceded in death by her son, William Henry Whitten, Jr. and brother, Robert B. Johnston, Jr.

She married Billy Whitten on September 5, 1953 in Shady Dale. During Mr. Whitten’s years in the Air Force, Julia and her family relocated to South Carolina, California, Hawaii, North

Carolina, Michigan and Louisiana. She received the certificate of appreciation award for her devotion and dedication to duty during his Air Force career.

After retiring from the Air Force, they returned to their roots in the Piedmont community of Jasper County where she and Mr. Billy farmed, growing hay and raising beef cattle.

Julia is a member of Smithboro Baptist Church where she worked in the nursery and taught Sunday school classes. She also worked in some local stores over the years.

She is survived by her loving husband of sixty-four years, William Henry “Billy” Whitten, Sr. of Monticello; children, Deborah Susan “Debbie” Waggoner and Richard A. “Ricky” (Helen) Whitten, all of Orange City, Florida; grandchildren, Michael Tyler Whitten, Gary Adair, Alicia Zalewski and Amy Adair; great grandchildren, Hannah Brownlee, Hailee Brownlee and Karissa Sibley; sister, Cora Elizabeth “Betty” Lucas of Jeffersonville, and brothers, Joseph Hulon Johnston, John Wright Johnston and Roy Talmadge Johnston, all of Monticello.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, August 12, 2017, at the Chapel of Jordan Funeral Home. Rev. Stan Patterson and Rev. Joe Ezzard will officiate.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Smithboro Baptist Church, 314 Smithboro Road, Monticello, Georgia 31064, or The Gideons International Processing CenterP.O. Box 97251 Washington, DC 20090-7251.

Jordan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.