



Myrtis Louque Clees

August 26, 1920 - June 23, 2019

Myrtis Louque Clees, 98, St. Petersburg, FL: June 23, 2019

Visitation; Friday, June 28, 6 to 8 PM, Beggs Funeral Home, 201 W Main St, Perry, FL 32347

Funeral Service, Saturday, June 29, at 10 AM, Beggs Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Myrtis "Bootsie" Clees, nee Louque, of St. Petersburg, passed away Saturday, June 23, 2019. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert "Bob" Clees, and son, John Clees, and is survived by children Jim (and Darlene) Clees and Joan Herrera; grandchildren Roberto Quinonez, Carla (and Jeff) Mulhollan, Jennifer Clees, Sarah Clees; and great-grandchildren Caleb Quinonez and Hazel Mulhollan.

Daughter of Joseph and Alusia Louque, born and raised in Perry, FL; Taylor County High School class of 1938; she graduated from Florida State College for Women (now FSU) in 1942, becoming a teacher in Salem, FL. Her brothers and sisters were Lionel (and Jenny) Louque, Lizette (and Charlie) Tarver, Hilda (and O.W.) Jones, E.A. "Moe" (and Louise) Louque, and Tony (and Margaret) Louque. Local nieces and nephews include Carol (and Chuck) Hendry, and Jimmy (and Glennis) Louque.

In 1943, Bootsie met Bob, a second lieutenant, who was stationed at Perry Army Air Field, training to become a P-47 fighter pilot. They became engaged before he shipped out for the war in Europe. They married upon his return in early 1945. They lived the lives of a military couple, moving many times,

stationed in six different states and two foreign countries, raising three kids along the way. Twice more, in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, Bootsie had to say goodbye to Bob as he was sent off to fight. When Bob came home from Vietnam in 1966, the family moved to St. Petersburg, where Bob retired a few years later. Myrtis passed away in St. Petersburg, of natural causes, after a long, full life