



RUTH FANETTE CHESSER

November 5, 1934 - February 20, 2022

Ruth “Fanette” Brunson Chesser, a longtime resident of Perry, died on February 20, 2022 in Valdosta, Georgia after an extended illness. She is survived by one daughter Beth (Jim) Cleveland, of Valdosta, Georgia; son two sons, Jay (Mandi) Chesser of Lynn Haven, Florida and Rob (Tammy) Chesser of Oak Ridge, North Carolina; son and one niece, Barbara Clemons English, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Fanette was born in Bainbridge, Georgia, on November 15, 1934. The Brunson family moved to Perry, Florida in 1938 where her father was the A&P Store manager. A Florida State University graduate, Fanette was a dedicated teacher and taught 8th grade history before retiring from the Taylor County School System. She enjoyed a busy retirement serving on the Board of Directors for the Tree Capital Credit Union and the tree board for the City of Perry. She volunteered as a Pink Lady at Doctor’s Memorial Hospital, and was a member and past President of the Perry Garden Club. She most especially loved playing bridge as often as she could between trips to see her children and grandchildren.

She freely shared her musical talent with her church family and friends playing for untold numbers of weddings and funerals throughout her life. She began her lifetime service as a church musician with First Baptist Church of Perry when she was 16 years old, and retired from her position as church musician from First Presbyterian Church of Perry in 2018, at the age of 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, William “Billy”

Joseph Chesser, her parents, Robert Fallen Brunson and Fannie Mae Swicord Brunson, Her sister, June Clemons Bassett, her brother-in-law Archie Leroy Clemons, and her nephews Archie Leroy Clemons, Jr. and John Mark English.

Other survivors include her grandchildren Jenna (Trampus) Andrews, Katie Chesser, Rebecca Chesser, Sarah Chesser, Drew Cleveland, Madison Chesser, Caroline Cleveland, John Chesser, and great-grandson Sutton Andrews.

A private graveside service will be held Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 9:30am at Pineview Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church of Perry at 10:30am followed by a memorial service at 11:30am.

All arrangements are under the care of Beggs Funeral Home Perry Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the First Presbyterian Church of Perry (PO Box 837, Perry, Florida, 32348) and SADS Foundation, 4527 South 2300 East, Suite 104, Salt Lake City, UT 84117-4448).

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“ So sorry for your loss. We all loved Fanette and she will be missed. I can still remember her teaching me in Junior High school. I had her for homeroom and science. I learned a lot and she touched a lot of kids lives. Her legacy lives on in all those she taught.

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