



Lauranell C. Tidwell

November 20, 1928 - December 6, 2017

Lauranell Clayton Tidwell was a fifth generation Floridian, born on November 20, 1928 in Mayo, Florida. She attended public schools, graduated from Suwannee High School; Live Oak, FL where she was a cheerleader, and played clarinet in the band. She briefly attended Florida Women's College, now Florida State University, then moved to Texas where she met and married Ellis M Tidwell. Together they spent several years in Texas; Caracas Venezuela, Satellite Beach, FL and Georgia before moving to Orlando in 1970. She always loved Live Oak and Suwannee County and returned to live there in 1992 to be near her sister, Rowena and husband. Lauranell became reacquainted with childhood friends and was an active member of First Baptist Church, Live Oak. She was a homemaker most of her life, an avid reader, loved to cook and spend time with family. Lauranell greatly enjoyed her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In 2008 she returned to Central Florida and relocated to Maitland to be near her daughter and son. She was a loving mother and grandmother whose kindness, southern charm, wisdom and quick wit will be truly missed by all.

Among those who will cherish her memories are daughter, Barbara Bishop (Richard), son, Mark Tidwell (Ellen), grandchildren, Vonnie Hudson (Cranley), Cothee Tomaini, Benjamin Ford, Molly Ford and Holly Bishop, and great grandchildren- Skylar Harmon, Claire and Grant Hudson, Sophie Stalvey and many nieces and nephews.

Lauranell was predeceased by her husband, Ellis, her parents, Charles W Clayton Sr and Vonnie Mickler Clayton, sisters, Evelyn Shaw, Rowena Bryan, brother Charles W Clayton, Jr and grandson Justin Ellis Tidwell.

A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 2:30 PM; Altamonte Chapel, 825 E. Altamonte Drive; Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her memory to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 2:30 PM (ET)

Altamonte Chapel
825 E. Altamonte Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lauranell C. Tidwell.*



February 17, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ *I always loved the way Luranell made you feel, so happy to see you with her great smile, that fun loving sense of humor and sharp mind. She was one of my first adult girlfriends, it didn't matter that she was born in 1928 and I in 1954.*

How interesting it was to hear her reminiscence of growing up in Live Oak during WW2 and becoming a plane spotter in her early teens. Imagine learning the shapes of all aircraft of the Luftwaffe. She talked about food rationing and the entire community coming together to participate in the war effort. What a wonderful conversation it was.

The world was a better place for having Luranell in it!

Warmest Regards, Helen Icardi

Helen Icardi - February 11, 2018 at 02:00 PM

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“ I remember so well sitting in their living room recounting our day at the beach where Mark had sailed his Hobie Cat and we would all be sunburned and full of ourselves laughing at everything and The Tidwells always so interested in everything we did and listening to our stories. Lauranell always with her sweet southern charm would offer us something to eat which we never turned down. Or they would simply sit and listen to all of us as it was usually a crowd go on about our much younger lives back in the mid 70's and beyond. With the most fondest memories from my youth, Love from Cathy Carmichael Cady

Cathy - February 10, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lauranell C. Tidwell.



February 09, 2018 at 12:23 PM

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“ Cheryle And Bob Miller lit a candle in memory of Lauranell C. Tidwell



Cheryle and Bob miller - February 08, 2018 at 11:15 AM

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So sorry for your loss praying for. You and your family for peace and comfort

Cheryle and Bob miller - February 08, 2018 at 11:17 AM