



Ann Spence

March 13, 1934 - June 9, 2026

Ann Elizabeth Hudgins Spence passed peacefully, Tuesday, June 9th 2026, at her home in her beloved Steinhatchee, Florida, where she lived for the past 40 plus years. She recently celebrated her 92nd birthday. She was a woman of faith and a member of the First Baptist Church in Jena, Florida.

She's survived by her son Sam, daughter Martha, son Bill, and daughter-in-law Rhonda, sister Marsha and her husband Mike. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. close family friend Steve Holcomb, and was loved by her many, many friends.

She was preceded by her husband Jimmy Dudley Boy in 2007, her youngest son Mike in 2020, her son-in-law Greg in 2021 and her daughter-in-law Lynette in 2022.

For many years, Ann was a dedicated member of the Steinhatchee Women's Auxiliary, where she and other dedicated women put on fundraisers, Christmas in the park, and collected toys for children. She also faithfully served the citizens of Taylor County as a dedicated Election Team Member for many years, helping ensure the integrity of the voting process and supporting her community with commitment and fairness. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star; she embodied the organization's spirit of fraternal love. She dedicated much of her time to bettering the community, raising vital

funds for both student scholarships and medical research. Often evenings, she and several friends would get together at her home, share a meal, play cards, and talk sometimes late into the night.

Ann was born in Cleveland, Georgia, March 13, 1934. Things were hard then. Early in her life, her family moved, and she attended high school in Detroit, where her father built houses for many of the families moving there. Around 1954, they returned to Georgia and she moved to Atlanta, where she would meet Robin Spence and have 4 children. They divorced around 1963, and in 1964 she met and fell in love with Jimmy Dudley Boy. They were together until his passing in 2007.

She and Jim had many great adventures together. They enjoyed NASCAR racing, fishing the lakes and rivers in Georgia, and the Atlantic Ocean, but their favorite place of all was fishing the flats in the Gulf of America out of the Steinhatchee River. She loved to travel and see her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They were always excited to see her. She will be deeply missed.

She worked in accounting department for the Sinclair Oil Company and then Tenneco Oil Company until she retired.

Ann's wishes are to be cremated, and the Ashes scattered in the Gulf.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Jena,
758 State Hwy 361, Steinhatchee, FL 32359.

A Celebration of Life is planned for 1:00 PM, Saturday, June 27, 2026 at the First Baptist Church in Jena.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com