Virginia Michael Jackson (1930-2014)

- *Founder & Executive Director of the Hernando Historic Museum Association (HHMA)*
- *Spearheaded restoration of the Train Depot Museum*
- *A founder of Brooksville Again, the Brooksville Mural Society, & the Brooksville Merchant's Association*
- *TORCH 1998 Humanitarian of the Year*
- *2004 Great Brooksvillian*

Virginia moved to Brooksville at 40 years of age & served our community for the rest of her life. She wrote over 25 books on Hernando history & donated all proceeds to the museum association she helped found. She led by example, which meant she could be found doing physical labor throughout her tenure with HHMA. Recognizing the importance of bringing retail back to downtown, she helped found several organizations focused on attracting attention to the historic area.

"My goal has always been to encourage people to really get to know our city. It's wonderful & getting more so all the time."
- in interview with *Tampa Bay Times*