



## Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith

January 2, 1931 - January 15, 2021

Doris Pollard Smith left this phase of the world on January 15, 2021. If she is not now residing in heaven with the angels, no one is.

Born Lela Doris Pollard on January 2, 1931 to Bertha Leona (Smith) and Roy Pollard, she was raised in the community of Springhead outside of Plant City, Florida with siblings Zelma (Davis), Daniel Pollard, Patricia Kay (Clemons), and Louan (Dubose). She thoroughly enjoyed learning, maintaining a spot on the honor roll throughout her primary and secondary education, being an active member of the 4H club, and completing a 2-year program of study at the Florida State College for Women (now FSU).

She was a diligent worker throughout her long life, instilling her dedicated work ethic in her children. She started her secretarial career at the old Bartow Air Base (Bartow, FL) in the 1950s, eventually working at the accounting firm of Bella, Hermida, Oliver, and Gillman (Plant City, FL) in the '60s and '70s, and retiring from Lakeland Electric/City of Lakeland (Lakeland, FL) in c. 1995.

Doris was an extremely loving and devoted mother, ensuring her children never wanted for anything during times thick and thin, even if it meant she had to do without. She made sure they graduated from high school and had the opportunity to pursue their higher education. She also saw to it that they had every chance to pursue their individual interests in music, sports, art, whatever. And, amazingly, she managed all this while working full time. A child could not hope for a better mother. Her children will forever miss her sweet, smiling, and loving presence and grieve her absence from their lives.

Finally, but importantly, Doris had a deep and abiding love for and faith in God and Jesus that sustained her and only grew over her many years. During her elder years, she spent innumerable hours reading the Bible and watching sermons on TV and her iPad. She was a humble Christian, never pushing her beliefs on others, but always willing to share her faith with those who showed interest. As she approached her 90th year, she affirmed on numerous occasions she was prepared to meet her Maker. There is no doubt He is proud

and happy to welcome her into His home.

Our much beloved Doris was preceded in death by her dotting husband, Jesse LaDon Smith, and the father of her children, James Eulon Grace. She is survived by her sister, Kay Clemons; her daughter, Janda Grace McBeth; her son, Phillip Eulon Grace and his wife, Kathy; her stepdaughter, Tracey (Smith) Jobes, her husband Kevin and their daughter, Caroline; and a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

May she forever sing with the angels, commune with her Lord, and be a glorious, shining star in the heavens to guide the lives of her children and all those remaining behind who had the privilege to know and love her.

Doris will be interred on Monday, January 25 at Springhead Cemetery, located at 3390-4720 County Line Road, Lakeland, FL 33811. A closed-casket, grave-side service, provided by Hopewell Funeral Home of Plant City, FL, will begin at 3:00 PM. Masks and social distancing are requested if you wish to attend. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the service. A pre-funeral viewing will be available for immediate family only. For those unable to attend the service it will be livestreamed at [facebook.com/HopewellFuneral](https://facebook.com/HopewellFuneral). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery

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## Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road

Lakeland, FL,

# Events

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**JAN** **Graveside Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road, Lakeland, FL, US

# Comments

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“ We wish to send our heartfelt condolences to Dr. and Mrs. Phillip (Kathy) Grace of Chapel Hill N.C. Dr. Grace is the son of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith. Phil, although we are not biologically related, you and Kathy are beloved members of our chosen family. We know that you loved your mother very much, May the love that you and she shared, always be a light on your path and bring you comfort, peace and joy. With love and tender hugs to you and Kathy from Malika and Isa (AKA Dr. and Mrs. Barry Naster) of Lake Lure, N.C.

Dr. Barry Naster - January 26 at 07:28 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith.



January 25 at 12:46 PM

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“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith.



January 25 at 07:43 AM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith.



January 22 at 02:55 PM



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith.



January 21 at 12:31 PM

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“ Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith.



January 21 at 12:27 PM

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“ Doris went through many health issues and struggles , but kept her faith through it all . She loved to read her Bible on her iPad and listen to her favorite preachers . I know that Doris's most hope would be to see her family and friends in Glory with her . That only hope is in Christ and Doris understood that Truth . She will be missed by many family and friends . See you in Glory Doris . Billy .

**Billy McDonald** - January 20 at 06:47 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith.



January 20 at 01:26 PM

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“ Janda & Phillip,

It is hard to believe that your mom is no longer here! She was (and still is) someone who always showed kindness and inclusion in our family. She had a great impact on members of our family that changed their direction in life for so much more the better. What a testimony for Christ! She is still someone who always showed (and is showing) kindness because she still is very much alive, only in a different place. I thank God that we have a future beyond the flesh & blood and she is living that now. It was an honor to know her.

Janda & Phillip, I pray for comfort as you adjust to life (here) without her but knowing that you will see her again.

Love,  
Dennis & Kathy (Wise) Flentge  
Cedarville, Ohio

**Kathy Wise Flentge** - January 20 at 12:10 PM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Pollard Smith.



January 19 at 11:09 PM

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“ My Aunt Doris was pure Gold, so precious, and a true testament of Grace. She was a pillar of strength and I wasn't prepared to see her go. I will always cherish the precious memories And life's little nuggets she's given me. Thank you aunt Doris for always being so supportive. I sure am gonna miss our chats. We love and miss you, Amanda, Cecil, Garrett, Lauren & Miranda

**Amanda Gilley** - January 19 at 10:49 PM