



Mrs. Barbara Alley Bowden

February 3, 1930 - February 21, 2025

Bowden, Barbara Alley passed away peacefully on February 21, 2025. Born on February 3, 1930, she was the daughter of Fred and Ledgie Holloway Alley. While attending FSU, she was chosen as Plant City's Florida Strawberry Festival Queen of 1948. After graduating from FSU in only three years, she married Hilman F. Bowden in 1950. He was her beloved husband for 64 years. She taught for twelve years at Plant City Tomlin Junior High School. Always active in the First Baptist Church, she often taught Bible study. She was proud of her community and active in the Junior Women's Club, Lions Club Auxiliary, and South Florida Baptist Hospital Auxiliary (gift shop). She enjoyed traveling, watching Gator football games, and attending her grandchildren's sports events. She was a fierce competitor on the tennis court and at the bridge table. She is survived by two sons: Hilman F. Bowden, Jr. (Pam), and Charles Alley Bowden (Leecy). Grandchildren include Katie Corby (Alex), Hilman "Chip" III (Nina), Chelsea Barnett (Carson), Bailey, and Lindsey. Her seven great-grandchildren include Brent, Beau, Briar, Hilman IV, James, Bourke, and Tripp. A graveside service for family and close friends will be held at the Plant City Cemetery, Oaklawn West. The family will receive friends for an informal visitation in the common area of the First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L Redman Pkwy, Plant City, from Noon-1:30 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bruton Memorial Library at <https://www.plantcitylibraryfoundation.org/>, the South Florida Baptist Hospital Foundation at <https://www.sfbhfoundation.org/donate>, and/or First Baptist

Church Plant City at https://fbcpc.onlinegiving.org/donate/guest_donate?#!/.
Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L Redman Pkwy
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://fbcpc.com>

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *It's hard to begin to share a lifetime of memories...From growing up neighborhood play, beach/mountain family vacations, eating out in Plant City/Lakeland, the bridge club when it was mom's turn & fun at the Festival—the memories are beautiful and endless...so blessed and so very special.*

Will always be in my heart.

Love & prayers,

Peggy Sikes

Margaret A Sikes-Peggy - February 25, 2025 at 09:01 AM

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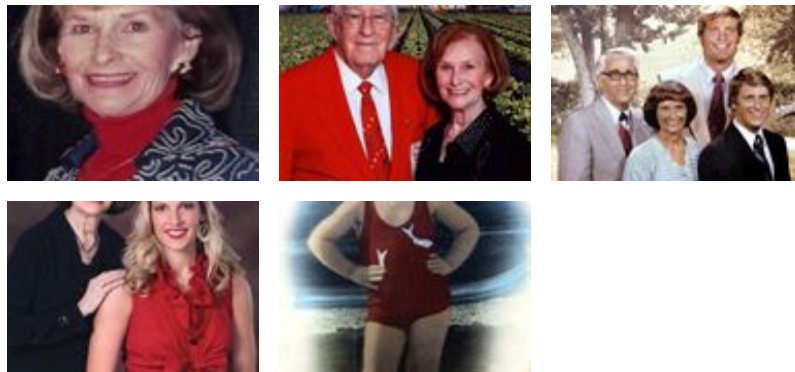
“ *In remembrance of a very special lady.*



Francis Fleming - February 24, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 24, 2025 at 10:47 AM

PS

A beautiful life. So very special.

Peggy Sikes - February 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM

SK

“ *Sylvia Knox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Alley Bowden*



Sylvia Knox - February 24, 2025 at 09:50 AM

SK

Barbara was a beautiful lady, inside and out. She was a dear friend and will be greatly missed.

Sylvia Knox - February 24, 2025 at 09:52 AM

PL

“ *We've lost one of the last real ladies...She was a queen always. I remember her kindness as a teacher and neighbor. Surrounding her family with prayers for peace and comfort. Lovingly, Peggy Laseter Lee*

Peggy Laseter Lee - February 24, 2025 at 09:42 AM

JE

“ *I really loved Barbara, at one time she was my tennis partner! My condolences! Love Jeannine Bell*

Jeannine - February 24, 2025 at 09:38 AM

DP

“ Donna Putnall purchased the *Tender Tribute* for the family of Mrs. Barbara Alley Bowden.



Donna Putnall - February 23, 2025 at 10:37 AM

DP

“ Donna Putnall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Alley Bowden.

Donna Putnall - February 23, 2025 at 10:37 AM