



## Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson

December 29, 2015

Cathy Mae Nelson, 56, of Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on December 29, 2015. She was a member the First Baptist Church of Bloomingdale, and worked for the State of Florida Department of Transportation. She loved her family, and she enjoyed collecting hummingbirds and apples. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Dennis Nelson; children, Richard McDonald of Plant City, Jason McDonald (Carina) of South Carolina, and Melissa Stinson-Foster (Johnny) of Georgia; parents, Roy and Emily Holloway; sisters, Barbara Royer (Barry) of Center Hill, and Debbie Summerall (Troy) of Antioch; grandchildren, Haley, Carrie, Andrew, Karissa, Cody, Tyler, Nathan, and Joel; dog, Lady Bird; and many “adopted” children, family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Emerald Rose McDonald. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 2 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 01, 2016 at 02:49 PM

AN

*RIP, Cathy. I love you, honey....AuntArdie*

Ardith Nelson - January 02, 2016 at 08:29 PM



Marilyn Hamel

*RIP ~ You fought a hard battle, and gave it your all. We are all better having had you with us in our lives. You showed us all what true dedication, effort and love means. You made an impact on my life... I love you and will truly miss you! <3*

Marilyn Hamel - January 02, 2016 at 09:26 PM

KA

*we miss you nanu - karissa mcdonald*

Karissa - May 28, 2018 at 09:29 PM

BR

*You will always be missed Cathy. You did fight and in many ways. Some of know how much you put up with. Now you are free of pain in more ways than one. Love you sis remember this is your older sis.*

Barbara Holloway Royer - May 14, 2025 at 12:15 PM

CM

“ *Richard Ernest Mcdonald was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Carina McDonald** - January 20, 2016 at 04:00 PM

CM

“ *Jason Roy carl Mcdonald was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Carina McDonald** - January 20, 2016 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Debbie Summerall was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Carina McDonald** - January 20, 2016 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Emily Mae Holloway was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Carina McDonald** - January 20, 2016 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Roy Carl Holloway was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Carina McDonald** - January 20, 2016 at 03:52 PM

FT

“ *FDOT-D7 HQ - Executive Team lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson*



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**FDOT-D7 HQ - Executive Team** - January 03, 2016 at 04:17 PM

FT

“ *FDOT-D1 HQ - Executive Team lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson*



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**FDOT-D1 HQ - Executive Team** - January 03, 2016 at 04:15 PM

MF

“ *Melissa Stinson Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson*



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**Melissa Stinson Foster** - January 02, 2016 at 12:22 PM

MF

“ *Mom you were such a high spirited person so much faith and hope. You will truly be missed by everone. I am so glad i got the opportunity to have you in my life and my children's lives.i know your not in pain anymore i just wish i got to talk to you one last time. Over the last couple of years you and i were able to grow closer together. I love you more than you knew love always your Daughter Melissa Stinson Foster.*

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**Melissa Stinson Foster** - January 02, 2016 at 12:20 PM

DS

“ Cathy as I said before, I mind tells me your gone, but my heart doesn't want to let you go. I hated to see you go thru this terrible thing called "Cancer", I swear I HATE that word (more now than ever). You were so strong and such a fighter, and you continued to work. You said it was your Family, Friends and FAITH that was getting you thru this. I (everyone) admired you for your strength, your courage and your tenacity! Cathy I hope you know how much I love you and how much I'm going to miss you!!! Now your not hurting, no more pain, I hope your dancing up in heaven. I know I will have another Angel watching over me. I love you so much!!!!

Debbie Summerall - January 02, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 01, 2016 at 02:47 PM

BS

“ *Cathy was my Sister. We lived miles apart but she always knew I would be there in a flash. I hated to see her go threw this Cancer thing. She was strong in many ways in her life raising 2 boys by herself till she meant her husband Dennis. If you only knew her you would know she was a fighter and a hard worker. Even though she had cancer and going threw treatments she still got up and worked, tired and broken of fighting but still walked the walked. I know I probably could not do this, but she did. I love her for that to have the heart to go on and on and on.*

*Cathy I love you and you will be missed . Now! I will have another Angle watching over me. Just one more thing Cathy tell Papa we never forgot him and give him a hug from me and the rest of our family in heaven. I love you Cathy Mae you will be missed.*

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**BARBARA HER SISTER** - January 01, 2016 at 06:53 AM

 Carina  
McDonald

“ *I am honored to have called you my mother-in-law. Still cannot believe that you are really gone. I love you so much and I miss you greatly*



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**Carina McDonald** - December 31, 2015 at 08:48 PM

Joycel Knowell

“ CATHY, I AM HAPPY YOU ARE PRAISING THE LORD & ARE IN HIS VERY PRESENCE RIGHT NOW ..... HEARTS ARE BROKEN & TEARS ARE FALLING BECAUSE OF YOUR ABSENCE NOW ..... I HAVE KNOWN YOU & YOUR FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS , GROWING UP ON JUST 1 STREET APART , GOING TO SCHOOL , TO CHURCH AT SYDNEY TOGETHER .... WE SHARED MANY LAUGHS WITH ONE ANOTHER TOO ! I PRAY FOR YOUR PARENTS , YOUR SISTERS & ALL THAT WILL MISS YOU BEING IN THEIR LIVES . RIP CATHY WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY

Joycel Knowell - December 31, 2015 at 11:36 AM

CF

“ Carl's Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson.



Carl's Family - December 31, 2015 at 09:34 AM

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“ Andrew Leipski and family (FDOT) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson.



Andrew Leipski and family (FDOT) - December 31, 2015 at 09:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson.*



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December 31, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ *Patricia Chancey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson*



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**Patricia Chancey** - December 31, 2015 at 07:58 AM



*Cathy, you were such a blessing, a sweet, kind, fun loving friend, loved by many. Rest in peace, until we meet again. You will truly be missed, but not forgotten. God Bless the family. Love Patti and Chris Chancey.*

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**Patricia Chancey** - December 31, 2015 at 08:18 AM



“ *Janice Singletary Carr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cathy Mae Nelson*



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**Janice Singletary Carr** - December 30, 2015 at 10:37 PM

JC

*Have known Cathy a very long time,as our paths change I would not see her as often,however We picked up where we left off! True Friend! She stood by me in hospital room to pray with my Aunt Carolyn! Her laughter was contagious,I will meet you at the gate my true friend!Jan*

**Janice Singletary Carr** - December 30, 2015 at 10:42 PM

TF

*“ Cathy loved your Lord and was a strong and beautiful lady. I have know her since fourth grade. She was a good friend. She loved her family and friends. I know she is in a better place now and praising her Lord. We will miss her but will see her again soon. I will never forget her and the fun we had at school and at home. These last three months have been so special for me talking with her about the Lord and praying with her. . My heart is so filled with tears for her at that time. RIP Cathy I will miss you. See you soon.*

**Teresa Kidd Felker** - December 30, 2015 at 10:12 PM

DK

*“ Cathy was a brave and beautiful person. She loved the Lord and carried her hope with her in him. Cathy will always be an inspiration to me and how to live with Joy, even in the hardest of circumstances. She truly knew where her hope came from. I rejoice in the fact that I had the pleasure of knowing her and that I was so honored to liift her daily in prayer. I know someday I will be rejoicing again with Cathy. RIP Cathy, you will be missed, but never forgotten.*



*Love and prayers to all your family,  
Debbie Kinz*

**Debbie Kinz** - December 30, 2015 at 07:02 PM