



## Mrs. Charlotte Ellen May Walden

July 10, 1928 - March 20, 2026

Charlotte Ellen May Walden of Plant City, Florida, born on July 10, 1928, entered into eternal rest on March 20, 2026 at the age of 97.

Her parents were Clint and Gertrude May (Methvin). She was born and raised in Coronet, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, David C. Walden, Jr., and her sisters, Mary Robinson, Audrey Keebler, Peggy May, and Jane Stansell. She is survived by her children, Peggy Farkas, Paige Ward, Carney Walden, and Mary Jane Salter, 11 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

She graduated from Plant City High School in 1946. She was a cheerleader and kept in contact with her classmates throughout her life. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plant City. She enjoyed her volunteer work at the church and Florida Strawberry Festival for many years. She loved playing bridge with her friends, travelling with family and friends, sports, and politics. She never met a stranger and raised her children to be respectful, polite, helpful, and kind to others.

She had many jobs that she loved throughout the years, often obtained by people calling her. Her first job as a teenager was to answer the switchboard at Coronet Mines. Other places she worked were Salada Tea, Feaster Construction, Hillsborough County School District at Tomlin Jr. High School

and Plant City High School, and as Legislative Aide for State Representative Carl Carpenter.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Solaris HealthCare of Plant City for the care and love they have shown her and her family.

A celebration of life will be held on April 4, 2026 at 4:00 PM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City Florida. The family will receive friends at 3:00 PM. Graveside committal will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City, Florida at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family would be honored to have memorial contributions in her honor to Residing Hope ([ResidingHope.org](https://ResidingHope.org)), formerly the United Methodist Children's Home or to a charity of your choice.

Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](https://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road  
Plant City, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
[office@hopewellfuneral.com](mailto:office@hopewellfuneral.com)  
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Melvin and Frances Lee purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Charlotte Ellen May Walden.



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**Melvin and Frances Lee** - April 04 at 08:42 AM

ND

“ Nancy I. Dawson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Charlotte Ellen May Walden.



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**Nancy I. Dawson** - April 02 at 06:12 PM

LK

“ Charlotte was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. I met her about 30 years ago at FUMC and she always had a smile, warm hugs, and just such a great person to be around. Was in small group with her for many years. Used to sometimes go sit with her and watch the Tampa Bay Lightning play. it was fun to see her excited. I remember once going to see her out on Wilder Road. She was sleeping and the nurse said she was "grumpy". Paige and I went in -- Paige told her I was there. She woke up and was smiling and happy to see me. She always made me feel special. There will always be a special place in my heart for Ms. Charlotte.

LORI

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**Lori Kent** - April 02 at 10:56 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 01 at 10:35 AM

CP

*My mother, Sarah Dale Prophet and I were watching the Palm Sunday service at FUMC and she was sad to hear of Mrs Walden's passing. They were together in high school as well as many Strawberry Festival luncheons and she is fondly remembered. Also, of course my father Wallace, who passed away last April, grew up at Coronet and all the residents of the village were very close and the subject of his memoir of those years. Our prayers to the family as you recall the blessings of her life.*

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**Chuck Prophet** - April 02 at 10:17 AM

LS

“ *My mother, Mary Altys Bracewell Hodges, and Charlotte were close friends since their high school years. They kept in touch and visited together often. One of my mother's favorite things to do was come to Plant City for their class of '46 luncheons and to see Charlotte. I know that right now both of them are up there in Heaven talking and laughing with their classmates who preceded them there. Charlotte was a wonderful person.*

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**Linda Stewart** - March 29 at 09:02 PM

RG

*We are praying for you as go through these days. Unable to attend the services but sending love to you all.*

**Robert & Lynett Griffin** - March 31 at 10:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Charlotte Ellen May Walden.*



March 27 at 12:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Charlotte Ellen May Walden.

March 27 at 12:03 PM