



## Mrs. Christine Marie Grovenstein

March 12, 1944 - February 19, 2018

Christine Marie Grovenstein, 73, of Lithia, Florida, born on March 12, 1944 in Jacksonville, entered into eternal rest on February 19, 2018. She was the owner and operator of Seeds of Love Farm, a retired educator with the Duval and Hillsborough County School Systems - most recently the Family and Consumer Science Department Head for Newsome High School, an Advocate with the Redland Christian Migrant Association, and served in the Peace Corps. She was a member of the Blueberry Farmers Association, and the Peace Corps Alumni Association. She distinguished herself by earning the Duval County Teacher of the Year, and winning several awards for sustainable farming. She loved her family, and enjoyed traveling, and elephants. She is survived by her sons, Todd Grovenstein (Rene Hartzell) of Neptune Beach, and Mark Grovenstein (Karen Sardina) of Lithia; granddaughter, Monica Long of Tampa; siblings, Joann Carroll of Yulee, Lindy Cox (William) of Yulee, and Andrea Norouzi (Ebrahim) of Knoxville, Maryland; life-partner, Dan McCarthy of Lithia; and many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 from Noon-6:00 P.M. at Seeds of Love Farm, 10216 Bryant Road, Lithia. Memorial contributions may be made to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust at [sheldrickwildlifetrust.org](http://sheldrickwildlifetrust.org). Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
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## Visitation

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Seeds of Love Farm  
10216 Bryant Road  
Lithia, FL

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Seeds of Love Farm  
10216 Bryant Road  
Lithia, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Christine Marie Grovenstein



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - February 23, 2018 at 02:40 PM

DP

“ I first met Christine in 2006 on a USDA organized summer program for teachers to learn about sustainable agriculture in Mexico. Over that one week, we connected like friends of old and sparked a friendship that lasted many years. When I moved to Tampa for a job in 2009, Christine and I really had the chance to build our friendship. I always loved going to visit her at her refuge and sanctuary, her beautiful property in Lithia. She tended to her land and blueberry plants like a mother to her child. I was also so moved by her decision to join the Peace Corps later in life and the support she continued to give the community afterwards. I will always remember our heart to heart talks over blueberry cobbler and our long heartfelt email exchanges about life. Christine was such a caring, thoughtful, interesting human being and I will miss her deeply.

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**David Palange** - October 22, 2019 at 01:01 PM

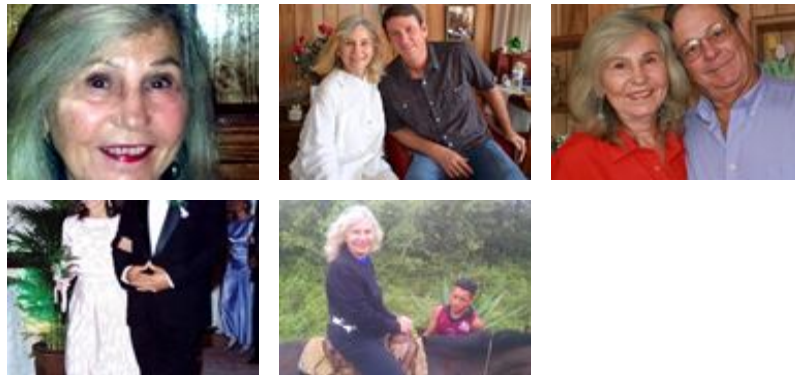
MJ

“ To her familt and Dan...my deepest sympathy. She was my best and dearest friend and I will miss her deeply. God be with each of you as you grieve the loss. My prayers for your comfort. Much love, Marian, Gary snd Kari Jones

Marian Jones - February 28, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 23, 2018 at 01:36 PM

LW

“ What can you say about the wonderful Christine? So loving, generous and a free spirit-always eager to soak up knowledge and wisdom.  
Last fall, Christine generously sent me six pounds of her fabulous blueberries and my smoothies will never be as good again.  
Rest in peace, my cousin and friend.  
Lisa Strange Weatherby

Lisa Strange Weatherby - February 22, 2018 at 04:23 PM

MF

“ Christine helped me understand things that I could not understand on my own. I reconnected with her due to Dan McCarthy's generosity in having a Peace Corps Volunteer Reunion on his Yacht. I am forever in Dan's debt for bringing us back together. Christine invited a lonely and sad Peace Corps Volunteer to her home in Guatemala for a weekend. I left a more complete person due to her love, acceptance, and patience. I will never forget her. I will also never forget her love of elephants. I always think of elephants when I think of her. Mary Flores

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**Mary Flores** - February 21, 2018 at 04:04 PM

MR

“ Mary Flores and Family. RPCV purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Christine Marie Grovenstein.



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**Mary Flores and Family. RPCV** - February 21, 2018 at 03:57 PM