



Mrs. Claudia Kirby

March 5, 1934 - July 7, 2024

Claudia Walker Kirby, 90, of Plant City, Florida, born March 5, 1934 in Lufkin, Texas entered into eternal rest on July 7, 2024. Claudia moved to Florida with her family at age 10. She was a graduate of Jefferson High School in Tampa, Florida and Florida State University. She taught for 30 years at Tomlin Junior High School as both a girl's P.E. teacher and a Science teacher, retiring in 1991. Claudia was a founding member of GracePoint church in Plant City. She liked crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, traveling and sports, especially women's college basketball. Claudia liked listening to music, reading books, watching classic movie musicals and being with friends. Her greatest joy was her family and the times they spent together. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Billy Ray Kirby. She is survived by her sisters, Margaret Lloyd and Mildred Walker; children, David R. Kirby (Danise) and Lynn Tharrington (Lee); grandchildren, Steven Kirby (Jessica), Sarah Kirby Laurin (Jordan), Jennifer Tharrington and Cynthia Tharrington PeQueen (David); great-grandchildren, Amelia Kirby and Adalynd Laurin; and many loving extended family, and friends. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 13 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at www.Facebook.com/HopewellFuneral. Interment in Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Live-Streamed Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Claudia Kirby



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 12, 2024 at 06:20 PM

FR

“ Mrs. Kirby was my science/ math teacher at Tomlin Junior High. She was a wonderful woman and a great teacher. I have such fond memories of my days there thanks to her. She treated every student the same. May your sweet memories of her give you comfort in the days ahead.

Frances - July 15, 2024 at 08:40 AM

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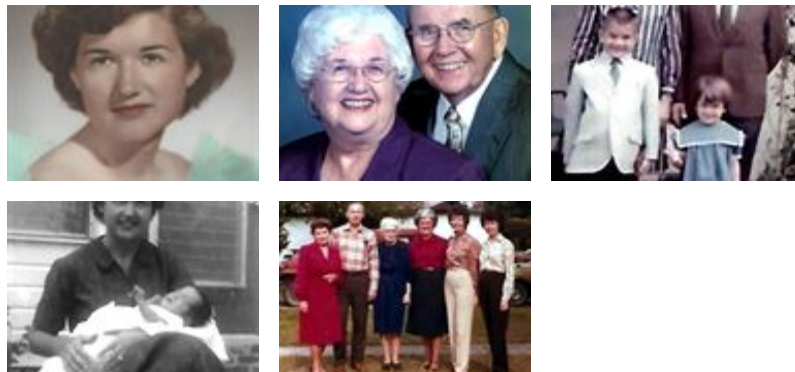
“ Frances lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Claudia Kirby



Frances - July 15, 2024 at 08:35 AM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 12, 2024 at 02:16 PM

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“ She was a beloved PE teacher at Tomlin Junior High. Barbara (Fulford) Dykes, graduating class of 1966

Barbara (Fulford) Dykes - July 11, 2024 at 09:00 PM

LT

“ Love, Jeff, Mary Lou and Tiffany planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Claudia Kirby.

Love, Jeff, Mary Lou and Tiffany - July 11, 2024 at 04:35 PM

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“ Love, Jeff, Mary Lou and Tiffany purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Mrs. Claudia Kirby.



Love, Jeff, Mary Lou and Tiffany - July 11, 2024 at 04:35 PM



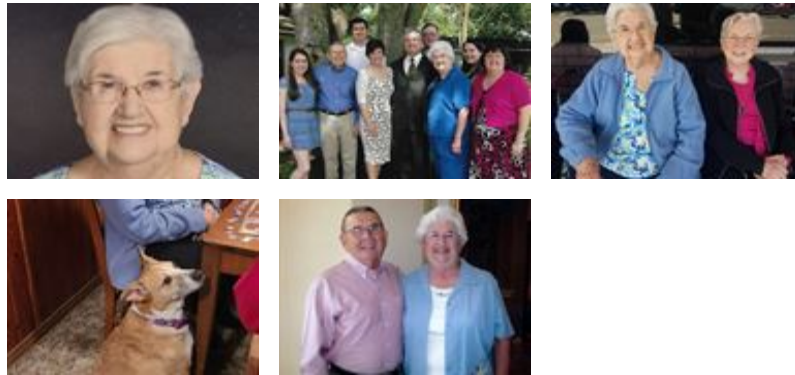
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claudia Kirby.*



July 11, 2024 at 04:25 PM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - July 11, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ *She was one of my favorite teachers!!!! She bought me word searches to occupy my free time in her class so I wouldn't talk to other students still doing their work. She was incredible!!!! She will be missed.*

Daneen (Clendening) Sink - July 10, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ *Claudia always said I had the best hugs at church. She was such a joy to be with. May the Lord surround the family with peace. Much love, Karen Olszewski*

Karen Olszewski - July 10, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *Met Mrs. Kirby at Tomlin. What a wonderful lady. She was kind and always a blessing to talk to.* ”

Phyllis O'Steen - July 10, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claudia Kirby.* ”



July 10, 2024 at 11:33 AM