



## Mrs. Delma Bennett Graves

November 8, 1932 - December 14, 2018

Delma Bennett Graves, 86, of Plant City, Florida, born on November 8, 1932 in Lenox, Georgia, passed away Friday, December 14th at Good Shepard Hospice, Lakeland, Florida, after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. She retired as a bookkeeper from Bloomingdale High School in the Hillsborough County School System. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jewel Graves; daughter Julia Taylor (Jerry); grandchildren, Brian Taylor, Heather Polk (Jason), Jennifer West (Brian); great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Bailey, Elijah, Ty and Emory; siblings, Dorothy Cooper, Ronald Bennett, Billy Bennett, Eleanor Kidd, Linda Brooks, Ray Bennett, and Diane Morrow; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, David Graves; and brother, Donald Bennett. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 20 at 11:00 A.M. at Plant City First Baptist Church, 3309 James L Redman Pkwy, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Plant City Building Fund at [fbcpc.com](http://fbcpc.com) and/or Good Shepherd Hospice House at [chaptershealth.org](http://chaptershealth.org). Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

2401 North Paul Buchman Hwy  
Plant City, FL 33563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs, Graves we have so many memories, we go to the house and play with their children, our parents were very close friends. We will miss you so much. Phyllis Boston Audy, Nelson Audy, Karl Boston, Tommy Boston, Carolyn Boston*

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**Phyllis Boston Audy** - December 23, 2018 at 09:45 PM

 Joanna  
MaGrath

“*Mr. and Mrs. Graves we adopted as our extended neighboring Grandma and Grandpa. I will miss our talks about Jesus and scripture from the Bible. I always admired her love for Jesus and her faith so strong. She welcomed us upon our arrival, showed us unconditional love and invited us to her church where Audrey got her grounding in the word and her love for Jesus. An incredible woman of knowledge, I will miss her advise. Lifting up in prayer Mr. Graves, Mrs. Graves's Daughter and the whole family. May her love for Jesus shine down upon you with his comfort, grace, peace and love. I am sure Mrs. Graves is sending down her love as she is standing next to Jesus putting in good words for you all. How she LOVED JESUS!! Dearly will she be missed. Much love from Joanna and Audrey.*

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**Joanna MaGrath** - December 19, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 18, 2018 at 10:35 AM

DB

“ *Danny Sarina, Jimmy, and Rhonda. The Brinkleys purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Delma Bennett Graves.*



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**Danny Sarina, Jimmy, and Rhonda. The Brinkleys** - December 17, 2018 at 11:00 PM

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“ *Delma graced everyone with her loving nature. She was a woman to be admired and cherished. My heart goes out to Jewel and her family.*

*Jennifer*

*Chemotherapy RN, SFB*

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**jennifer Edmiston** - December 16, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Delma Bennett Graves.*



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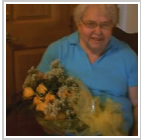
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“ *Mrs. Delma was one of the sweetest women I have ever known. Please know that our family sends their love and will continue to keep you all in our prayers. Love Sherry Shope Baldwin and Family.*

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**SKB** - December 15, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ *My beautiful Aunt Delma, so many wonderful memories of you, spending time with you & Uncle Jewel at your home, how sweet you were to my children. Love you. Love & peace to all*

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**Sarina Pierce** - December 15, 2018 at 06:36 PM