



## Mrs. Delores Mae Townsend Tillman

May 13, 1932 - September 25, 2019

Delores Mae Townsend Tillman, 87, of Lithia, Florida, born in Plant City on May 13, 1932, entered into eternal rest on September 25, 2019. She married Richard M. "Junior" Tillman, Jr. on November 1, 1953. They lived in California while Junior served in the Navy during the Korean War, and returned to Plant City before starting their family. She retired as a commercial seamstress. She was an active member of Crossroads Baptist Church of Lithia. Everyone that knew her loved her, and will miss her kindness and thoughtfulness. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Richard Tillman, Jr; parents, Florence and William Morris Townsend; and siblings, Curtis and Caroline. She is survived by her children, Tom Tillman (Phyllis) of Lakeland, Jack Tillman (Mary) of Land O' Lakes, and Richard W. Tillman (Sara) of Lithia; sisters, Annette Vaughn, and Glenda Conner; and many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, family, and friends. A funeral service will be held Monday, September 30 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00. A.M. Interment in Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Baptist Church, 10405 County Road 39, Lithia, 33547. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://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

SEP 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

SEP 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Delores Mae Townsend Tillman



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - September 28, 2019 at 02:04 PM

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“ Oh goodness, so many wonderful memories with Mr and Mrs Tillman. Earnie and I provided lawn care for them for several years and during that time I would say they shared more life wisdom than we ever knew we were missing. We developed a great friendship and became even more like family. Mrs Tillman would always be sure to have an ice cold Dr Pepper waiting for Earnie when we would complete our yard duties (and maybe a few miscellaneous chores). On one particular day, after I'd shared with Mrs Tillman the report Earnie's Doctor's visit had revealed a hint of Type 2 diabetes, upon yard work completion she was so very proud to present Earnie with an ice cold DIET Dr Pepper! Of course he claimed to be highly offended, Mr Tillman told her he knew it was a bad idea, and then we all had a really good belly laugh!! I will so miss our Christmas Fruitcakes delivered personally to our door... but most of all I will miss a woman with a heart of gold who never stopped loving her husband and never stopped loving my family! ❤️ Until we see each other again... I love you, Becky

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**Becky Davis** - September 29, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - September 28, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Delores Mae Townsend Tillman.



September 28, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a loving & gentle lady with a very generous heart. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all the family! Cathy Vaughn Cross/Tennessee*

**Cathy Vaughn Cross** - September 27, 2019 at 09:45 PM