



Mrs. Doris Smith

March 16, 1935 - January 23, 2019

Doris Smith, 83, of Plant City, Florida, born on March 16, 1935 in Athens, Alabama, entered into eternal rest on January 23, 2019. Doris worked at Plant City's WPLA Radio for many years with her husband Ercelle and his best friend Al Berry. She was a tireless volunteer at the Florida Strawberry Festival. For over 20 years she was the Chaperone for the Queen and her Court. She also worked with the Neighborhood Village at the Festival which is dedicated to the homemade and handcrafted items created by folks in our community. Doris liked to do knitting and needlepoint and taught a group for many years every Monday. She was a longtime member of Plant City Church of Christ. She loved her family and was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ercelle Smith; parents, T.C. and Mary Levens; and brother, Wayne Middlebrooks. She is survived by her children, Debbie Heaton (Mark), Janice Holloway (Bobby), and Clay Smith (Patricia); 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. A funeral service will be held on Monday, January 28 at 11:00 AM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM. Committal to follow in Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Doris Smith



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 25, 2019 at 04:51 PM

LB

“ Clay , I am so sorry 🙏 Lisa Griffin Bowden

lisa griffin bowden - February 16, 2019 at 07:20 AM

VT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Doris Smith. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,

V. Thompson - January 27, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Smith.



January 26, 2019 at 09:19 AM

Alaine
C.
Hamilton

“ *May God comfort and bless the family and friends.* ”



Alaine C. Hamilton - January 25, 2019 at 10:41 PM



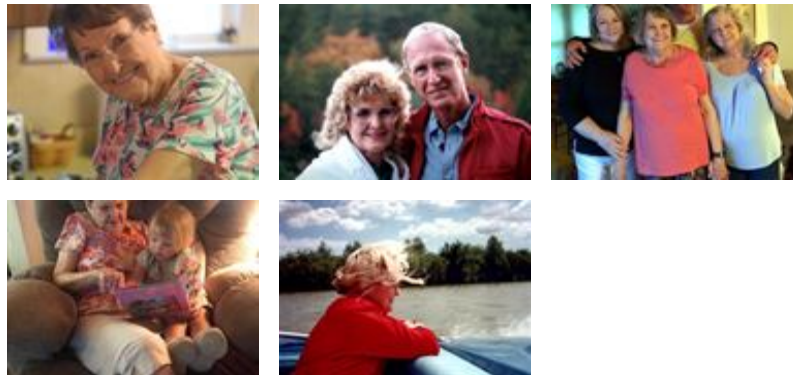
“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Smith.* ”



January 25, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ *47 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 25, 2019 at 03:47 PM

JM

“ *Joan Smith, Cheryl, Paul, Lisa, Tony, Jennifer & Mike purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Doris Smith.*



Joan Smith, Cheryl, Paul, Lisa, Tony, Jennifer & Mike -
January 25, 2019 at 01:54 PM

JL

“ *I had the honor of working with sweet Doris at WPLA. She was so kind to me, and to everyone. Condolences to Debbie, Janice, and Clay and their families. Doris was a wise woman and she taught me a lot. She was not only wise, sweet and kind; she was also a very gorgeous lady. She also had a funny side and a great sense of humor. I loved your Mama very much. Prayers for you all.*

Joy Burt Lingenfelter - January 25, 2019 at 01:26 PM

LT

“ *Love- FBC Tampa purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Mrs. Doris Smith.*



Love- FBC Tampa - January 25, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Smith.*



January 25, 2019 at 09:19 AM

VH

“ I am not acquainted with this sweet lady but sister and her family are missing her. She must have been special. Bless her

Vickie Harvey
Exeter, Ontario, Canada

Vickie Harvey - January 25, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Smith.



January 25, 2019 at 08:08 AM

MP

“ She was such a classy lady. So beautiful inside and out. I loved the time our family spent in her home. She was a gracious host. Special love to Debbie, Janice, and Clay.

Mary Ann (Norman) Pope

Mary Ann Pope - January 24, 2019 at 08:33 PM

CC

“ She taught me to knit, which I loved, but before that I loved and admired her beauty, inside and out. I have so many, many fond memories of the hospitality extended to the Normans by the Smiths. And later, caring for my family when my baby was sick.

Cindy Crabtree - January 24, 2019 at 08:14 PM

LA

“ *Laura Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Smith*



Laura Anderson - January 24, 2019 at 07:20 PM

BB

“ *Prayers for the family No words will change the pain and loss but remember the memories. Keep them close at heart Barbara and Bryan*



barbara bartley - January 24, 2019 at 06:49 PM

NI

So sorry she was a wonderful sweet person

nikipozeznik - January 24, 2019 at 07:03 PM

SA

“ *Sarah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Smith*



Sarah - January 24, 2019 at 06:08 PM

JA

“ *Jodi Altman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Smith*



Jodi Altman - January 24, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ *What a great lady she will truly missed very much by everyone who knew her but now heaven has a angel*

Franklin Oneal - January 24, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ *Franklin Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Smith*



Franklin Oneal - January 24, 2019 at 01:10 PM

DR

To the family of Doris,

I had the privilege of know Doris for over years through our church- life. She was a wonderful person and great friend. May all lean close to the lord during this most difficult time.

Dave Robbins

Dave Robbins - January 26, 2019 at 06:54 AM

DR

I have known Doris for around 60 years, when she and Erselle was dating. I thought she looked like a beauty queen herself, and that beauty was also within. I attended her Monday knitting classed she so graciously hosted in her home for a group of us ladies. We knitted, talked, and laugh together. We ladies called her "DORIS THE RIPPER" reason being that if we made a mistake, she would not let us be satisfied and continue our knitting but would rip out the stitches and make us do it right. We have a lot of good laughs and memories to treasure. I love you Doris. To the family, our prayers are with you and may the Lord give you peace and comfort. Doris Robbins

Doris Robbins - January 26, 2019 at 09:37 AM