



Mrs. Eleanor Wright Wilkerson

January 30, 1942 - August 8, 2024

Eleanor Wright Wilkerson, affectionately known as Mama, Granny or El, passed away on August 8th, 2024. She was born in Tampa, FL to Johnny and Henrietta and raised in Turkey Creek. While not the eldest sibling, she embraced the role of caretaker her whole life. From her immediate and extended family to the children for whom she served as a bus aide and teacher's aide. She also selflessly cared for her father-in-law as he aged, ensuring the end of his life was comfortable. She was a fierce woman. She was employed as a supervisor in a cigar factory while providing mentoring and guidance to the other employees at a time when most women did not work outside the home. She was loyal, strong, beautiful, and most of all, sassy. She was a loving wife and partner, devoted mother, cherished sister, and adored grandmother. While she loved gardening, cooking, fishing, dancing, and decorating for holidays, El's favorite role was that as a grandparent. She treasured her time with her grandkids and great grandkids. She loved being their Granny, never failing to give them a big kiss and making them a delicious meal. Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny and Henrietta Wright; siblings, Lois Mullins, IJ Wright, Emma Jean Ard, Earnest Wright, Vonnice Candiliere, Charles Wright, Lillian Hodges, and Thomas Wright; husband, Berry Wilkerson, and son Rocky Furney. She is survived by her children, Wayne Smith, Bruce Smith, Janet DoVale (Steve), and Billy Wilkerson (Alicia); partner, Ray McWilliams. Eleanor is also survived by her grandchildren, Shena Richter, Skylar Garcia, Ashley Wright, Christina

Gomer, Anthony DeVale, Will Wilkerson, Blane Wilkerson, Preston Wilkerson, Preston Sparkman and Blake Sparkman, and 25 great grandchildren. Additionally, she is survived by her sister, Ruby Christie (Tommy) and brother, David Wright; and many nieces and nephews. Eleanor will always be remembered for her spunkiness and her devotion to her family. We'll always imagine hearing her say, "You better come hug my neck!" as she reminds us she is the "BOSS" one more time. We will miss her every day and her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved her. Please help us celebrate her wonderful life and embrace all the memories of her by joining us on Saturday, September 21st at the Big Red Barn in Plant City, FL from 4-7pm. 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

Celebration of Life

SEP 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Big Red Barn
4816 Deshong Drive
Plant City, FL 33565

Tribute Wall



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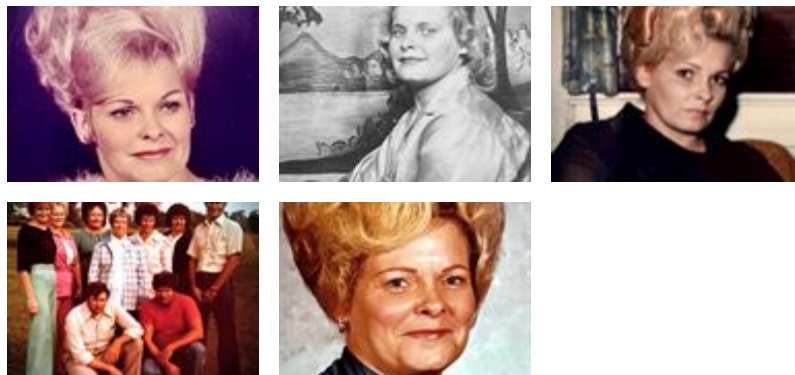
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You will be missed Aunt Eleanor. You we're.a special lady with a big heart. I will always remember your laughter. Always fun loving happy spirit, full of life. I will see you again one day. I love you!

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