



## Mrs. Ellen Blankenship

December 26, 2015

BLANKENSHIP, Ellen, 77, of Plant City, Florida, and born in Moultrie, Georgia, entered into eternal rest on December 26, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Gary Blankenship; daughters, Debra Doolittle of Tampa, Brenda King (Kenny) of Plant City, Linda Sansom of Plant City, and Robin Christensen (James) of Lakeland; father, Laurent Dorsey of Plant City; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and dog, Happy. She was preceded in death by her son, Ricky Brock; and mother, Versa Dorsey. A memorial graveside service will be held on Tuesday, January 5 at 2:00 P.M. at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice, Development Dept., 12470 Telecom Drive, Suite 300, Temple Terrace, FL 33637. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Memorial Gardens  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ I have so many fond memories of Ellen at the office. She was a wonderful friend. Always upbeat and spunky. She had to be because people loved to joke around with her. She was a very special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones.

*Karen and Brian Secor*

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**Karen Secor** - January 05, 2016 at 07:27 PM



MA

“ Matt & Katie Adams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Ellen Blankenship.



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**Matt & Katie Adams** - January 05, 2016 at 09:29 AM

MO

“ i think of my dear friend all the time. it certainly is a pleasant memory of our time together.  
we had lots of Happy moments. We love her family and have saw them grow up and knew how dear they were to her heart. we remember her love she had for Gary and her parents which meant so much to her.  
She was a special person that crossed my pathway that made an impression of loyalty , kindness and love.  
I will never forget you Ellen and I hope I can be like you.

love ,  
Monteen Dunn

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monteen - January 04, 2016 at 11:33 AM

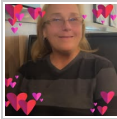
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“ Annitta Reddick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ellen Blankenship



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Annitta Reddick - January 03, 2016 at 11:23 PM



So sorry

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Annitta Reddick - January 03, 2016 at 11:24 PM

CF

“ Cox Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ellen Blankenship



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Cox Family - December 31, 2015 at 11:00 AM

JB

“ Gary, Debra, Brenda, Linda and Robin

*We are so sorry for you lost. We have such fond memories of Ellen, like going to Branson. Also she and Gary treated us to a trip to Nashville. Let's not forget Key West, she enjoyed herself so much. She always made us feel so welcome in her home, always making Butch a banana pudding at his request. Ellen will be missed.*

*Take care of yourselves and know we love all of you.*

*Butch and Janet*

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**Janet Blankenship** - December 29, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MB

*You will always live in my heart. My friend.*

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**Mike Barber** - May 12, 2016 at 02:20 PM

RS

“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Blankenship. But, Robin is like a sister to me. Knowing Robin is a reflection of how Mrs. Blankenship raised her children. My condolences to the family. Hugging you all.*

*Roberta Robertson Sands*

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**Roberta Sands** - December 29, 2015 at 11:17 AM

 Susan  
McKnabb

“ My best friend Robin is so much like her mom, Ellen. They are both two of the sweetest, kindest, most genuine souls you would ever meet. They would go above and beyond to see you smile, and make sure you are OK. I remember Mrs. Blankenship trying to figure out the perfect gift to get my daughter for her birthday. Every year she would give a dollar to put in Lori's piggy bank too as part of a tradition she started. She believed and saw the best in people, as Robin does, and loved with all her heart. I will miss her so much.

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**Susan McNabb** - December 28, 2015 at 07:57 PM

EK

“ I have known Mama Ellen for 4 years through one of her beautiful daughters Linda. She took me in as one of her own and told me every time I saw her how much she loved me. My mother past away last year at this time and she gave me strength and encoueagment. When she said she loved you,it was felt even when she wasn't present. She was always there anytime you needed her . She will be dearly missed

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**Emily Kahler** - December 28, 2015 at 05:31 PM