

Mrs. Etta Mae Orr Wetherington

November 11, 1922 - February 17, 2026

Etta Mae Orr Wetherington, 103, entered heaven on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and her husband of 65 years, Joe Wetherington.

Etta was born in a log cabin near Corbin, Kentucky, on November 11, 1922, to Frank Weatherford Orr and Lula Alice Hendrix Orr, and moved to Florida with her family when she was 12 years old.

She married Joe, her long-time sweetheart on March 31st, 1943, in Polk County, Florida, while he was home on leave during the war. She was employed at the Tampa shipyards during World War II, and afterward, she worked for many years as a clerk for the City of Plant City alongside her close friend Nettie Mae Draughon. She retired from the city in November 1984, and traveled extensively with her husband in the US, Canada, and Central America.

She is predeceased by her husband, Joe, and is survived by her loving daughters, Joetta Sharon Green and Betty Ann Denton along with her beloved son-in-love, Richard Denton. Etta had five grandchildren, John Allan Gilford (Tina), Jennifer Anderson (Keith), Michelle Hall, Paul Rogers, and Russell Denton. She also had many great grandchildren and several great- great, grandchildren, along with many beloved extended family members.

As a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Dover, she was known and loved by all.

Her last four years were spent at Solaris Healthcare in Plant City where she received dedicated loving care from her nurses and support staff.

She truly experienced a life well lived.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 25 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Dover Old Chapel, 3223 Gallagher Road, Dover, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. A graveside committal will follow at Oaklawn West Cemetery, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn West Cemetery

1902 North Wheeler Street
Plant City, FL 33563

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover
3223 N. Gallagher Road
Dover, FL

Funeral Service

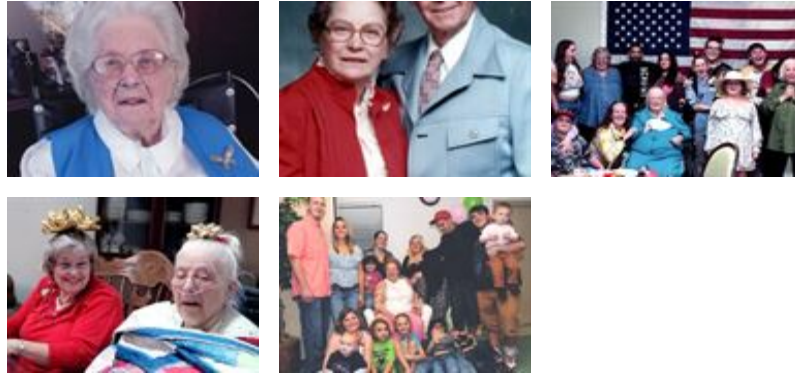
FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover
3223 Gallagher Rd
Dover, FL 33527
(813) 719-2273

Tribute Wall



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 24 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Etta Mae Orr Wetherington.



February 22 at 03:16 PM



“ *The Vinsicks* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Mrs. Etta Mae Orr Wetherington.



The Vinsicks - February 21 at 08:13 AM

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“ I took my crochet blanket to Grandma Etta for advice. She said "Let me see what you have." She looked, counted stitches, and said, "I don't know what you were trying to make, but if you keep going, you'll make a perfect triangle." What a hoot! I loved and respected her from that moment. RIP

Donna Vinsick - February 21 at 07:17 AM

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“ Etta Mae was my great Aunt ! She was so full of life. Always with a smile or a story but always laughing. I am going to miss her. She has her wings now. ❤️❤️



Michelle Pharis - February 20 at 04:46 PM