



## Mrs. Hazel Keene Colding

December 10, 1928 - April 11, 2016

Hazel Keene Colding, 87, formerly of Plant City, Florida passed away April 11, 2016 in Fort Myers, Florida. She was proud to have been born in Plant City on December 10, 1928. She is preceded in death by her husband, Murray W. Colding; parents, Leon Preston and Lillie Smith Keene; and sister, Helen K. McBride. She is survived by her daughter, Linda of Fort Myers; brother, Leon H. Keene of Frostproof; and many nieces, nephews, and dear cousins. She was a graduate of Pinecrest High School. After high school she went to Tampa to work for the Ellis and Lowe Company, an industrial supply company. It was during this time she joined the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and made many lifelong friends. She married Murray, a childhood friend and Air Force NCO, in 1951. They began their lives together at Kelly AFB, Texas. Following this assignment was a tour at Wimpole Park, England where their daughter was born. Not only did the couple travel throughout Europe but Hazel also saw Queen Elizabeth of England. Following assignments included Homestead AFB, Florida, Bitburg AB, Germany, RAF Lakenheath, England, and Offutt AFB, Nebraska. After her husband retired from the Air Force in 1969, the family returned to Picnic, Florida, and the family orange grove. In 2004, she and her husband moved to Plant City. In 2013, she joined her daughter in Orlando and last fall moved to Fort Myers. Flowers will be accepted but contributions may be made to the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 A.M. at Turkey Creek First Baptist Church, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Interment, next to her husband, will follow at the Hurrah Cemetery, Lithia.  
Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hurrah Cemetery

Lithia, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Turkey Creek Baptist Church  
4915 W. Trapnell Road  
Plant City, FL

## Celebration of Life

APR 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Hazel Keene Colding



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 14, 2016 at 08:03 AM

AB

*What a lovely tribute! You are such an accomplished and pretty woman. Your life's journey is a true celebration. May your soul rest in peace. With all my prayers for the Colding family...Anjana*

Anjana Bhatt - April 14, 2016 at 02:00 PM

DF

*My condolences, Linda. Your mother was a dear childhood friend and I have many happy memories of her. She was a beautiful lady. Donnie Traylor Frith*

Donnie Frith - April 14, 2016 at 02:50 PM

MI

*"Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives." Linda I will always remember your mom, her beautiful smile and the first time we played BUNKO . Thank you for letting me share a piece of her life.*

*I will always remember her.  
Miriam*

*Our prayer and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Miriam - April 15, 2016 at 01:01 PM

BG

*Such a sweet precious lady.I have fond memories of her.R I P Hazel.  
Barbara Green*

**Barbara Green** - April 17, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Mrs. Hazel Keene Colding.*



April 15, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family  
of Mrs. Hazel Keene Colding.*



April 15, 2016 at 12:28 PM

VI

“ *Vickie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel  
Keene Colding*



**Vickie** - April 14, 2016 at 08:32 PM

VI

*I'll miss you Aunt Hazel, love you a lot.*

**Vickie** - April 14, 2016 at 08:35 PM

KL

*We have so many memories of Hazel. It was so very refreshing to see her smiling fact each Sunday morning in our Church at Turkey Creek , until she moved away. She was never without that smile no matter when you saw her. We will miss her.*

*She is now in a better place. A very special person;  
Ken and Betty Lucas*

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**Ken and Betty Lucas** - April 15, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ *Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel Keene Colding.*



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April 14, 2016 at 11:29 AM

PA

“ *Pam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Keene Colding*



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**Pam** - April 14, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 14, 2016 at 08:01 AM