



## Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer

December 9, 2024

ILLA "LORRAINE" CROSBY SPEER, 94, of Plant City, Florida, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, December 9, 2024.

She was a beautician and owner of Lorraine's Beauty Shop for over thirty-five years. Lorraine loved the Lord, and was a lifelong member of the Plant City Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly sixty years, Douglas N. Speer; her parents, S. A. and Vera Crosby; her brother, Edward Crosby; her sister, Evelyn Martin; and her granddaughter, Kelly Speer.

Lorraine is survived by her daughter, Tracee Rhoades and her husband, Robert; her sons, Kenton Speer and his wife, Celia; Terry Speer and his wife, Kathy; her sister, Joan Crosby Stinson; her brothers, Ronald Crosby and Troy Crosby; her grandchildren, Ty Missildine, Carly Missildine, and Justin Wade; her great grandson, Connor Wade, along with many extended family members and friends.

"Grannygirl", as she was affectionately known, will be remembered for her love of family, her generosity and her often candid remarks.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the

family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. Interment in Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence may be made at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://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

## Visitation

**DEC 14.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service

**DEC 14.** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 13, 2024 at 07:22 PM

JS

“ As a child I would go to Lorraine's to spend the day and watch her do hers customers hair in her shop.....and as a child I couldn't say her name...so I called her Wowayne..I did that for years till I was a teenager ...so in my 20's I started calling your by her name, Lorraine..when I went to see you a week before you passes I ask you do you know who I am..you smiled and said " my baby sister , Joan..I was very pleased you remembered me...  
Now, Wowayne I'll miss you and you RIP.. DOUG'S GLAD TO SEE YOU AND YOUR BOTH DANCING IN YOUR NEW HOME...  
Love you , Joan

Joan Stinson - December 14, 2024 at 12:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer.



December 13, 2024 at 08:31 PM

EW

“ Evans C Crosby & Wife purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer.



Evans C Crosby & Wife - December 13, 2024 at 06:08 PM

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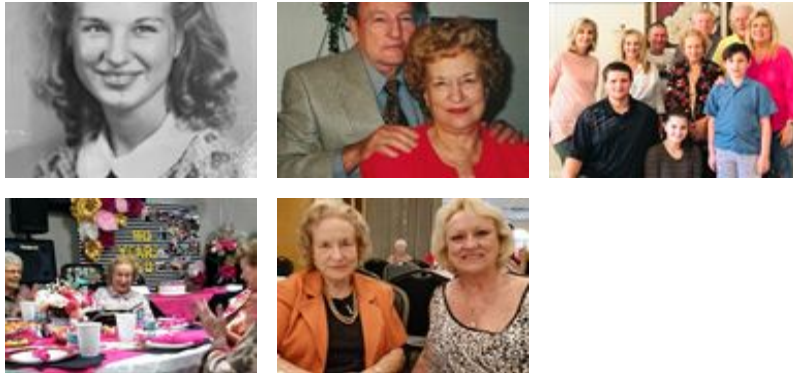
“ Dan Downs Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer.



Dan Downs Family - December 13, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 13, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DC

“ Darla/Mike and All your Friends at CFI. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer.



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**Darla/Mike and All your Friends at CFI.** - December 13, 2024  
at 01:05 PM

DC

“ Darla/Mike and All your Friends at CFI. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer.

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**Darla/Mike and All your Friends at CFI.** - December 13, 2024 at 01:05 PM

FF

“ From your Interior Construction Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer.



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**From your Interior Construction Family** - December 12, 2024  
at 10:22 PM

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“ From Lisa Crowley (Bullard) purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Illa "Lorraine" Crosby Speer.



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**From Lisa Crowley (Bullard)** - December 12, 2024 at 09:51 PM



“ *I will miss you Aunt Lorraine. I will never forget you!  
I will always remember those 4 days I spent with you during and  
after Hurricane Irma. It was the best time I ever spent with you. It's  
hard to believe that a natural disaster turned out to be a blessing,  
spending time with you. Watching the news, talking about politics,  
riding around town looking for gas, was time well spent with you.*

*I will never forget the Summer of 1982 in the mountains when you  
told us kids the story of "that ole Bahr". It was great.*

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**Eric Holmes** - December 12, 2024 at 09:42 PM