



## Mrs. Irene Nadene Butler "Granny" Davis

August 14, 2011

DAVIS, Irene Nadene Butler "Granny", 93, of Lithia, Florida, loved life and family, but most of all, she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On August 14, 2011, she went home to be with Him. Born April 20, 1918, in Pleasant Grove, Florida to Bethel and Murray Butler, Irene worked alongside 9 siblings, and later, her husband and their three children, raising strawberries and other crops. She and Johnny Davis, her husband of 62 years who predeceased her, owned and operated Davis Grocery in Lithia Pinecrest for many years. She and Johnny loved to fish at their lake house in Kissimmee. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Roy E. Davis (Maxine). She is survived by her son Ronald N. Davis of Balm and her daughter, Patricia A. Cesario (Frank) of Lithia; along with two sisters, Grace "Pete" Kelly of Ft. Pierce and Leola "Sis" Brown of Lakeland; a total of 38 grandchildren; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 19 from 6-8 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 20 at 11:00 A.M. at Crossroads Baptist Church, 10405 CR 39 S, Lithia. Interment to follow at Fellowship Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice or a charity of your choice. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fellowship Cemetery

Ft. Lonesome, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

## Celebration of Life

**AUG 20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Crossroads Baptist Church  
10405 CR 39 S  
Lithia, FL 33547

# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I remember shopping at the Davis Grocery many years ago. Mrs. Davis was always the kindest lady. I can recall folks who needed milk or bread and didn't have enough money, Mrs. Davis would tell them to bring it later. And they did. Her kindness touched many and she will be missed.

*The Jacksons  
Lithia, FL*

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**The Jacksons** - August 17, 2011 at 12:21 PM

SB

“ Such a sweet lady that has touched so many hearts, you were truly loved and will be dearly missed.



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**Sandra Butler** - August 17, 2011 at 07:54 AM

JL

“ ihave alot of special memories about my aunt irene...mostly from my youth as a child, from being in the store getting anything i wanted or her cooking me a steak bigger than my back at 7 yrs old...nevertheless she never changed and was the sweetest and most giving aunt a person could ask for...she will be dearly missed and thought of often...love always jr long and family...

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**james long** - August 16, 2011 at 06:09 PM

CG

*I walked to the old store everyday and got an RC cola. I loved them good ole days. Mrs. Davis was always sweet and kind to everyone. God Bless!*

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**Carolyn Sanders Givens** - August 17, 2011 at 12:35 PM

TC

*Words can never express the joy I spent in Aunt Irene and Uncle Johnny's Store, NO one ever came in that store that needed something and did not walk out with it even if they could not pay for it at that time, I can still see Pat at the cash register as beautiful as she is today, Uncle Johnny with my granny(her siister) in the meat department, and grand-daddy sitting outside pumping gas...I would go there everyday after school, and the first thing that was said was either Aunt Irene, or Pat get your cola of course Uncle Johnny you want something to eat, and of course I got whatever I wanted!!! NO ONE COULD MAKE AUNT IRENE'S BANANNA PUDDING, SHE WOULD MAKE A BIG OLE BOWL FOR MY HUSBAND ALL THE TIME AND HE WOULD NEVER SHARE!! MANY DAYS SHE WOULD CALL AND SAY STOP BY I HAVE HIS BANANNA PUDDING READY, SHE FINALLY TOLD ME HER SECRET AND HE SAID FORGET IT, IT TASTE NOTHING LIKE HERS. No matter how bad of a day you had. when you walked in that store there was so MUCH love for there customers, that you forgot that you had failed that test in scholl today and joy and love was overwhelming, so many wonderful times there, They both and Pat were such a wonderful influence on me by sitting and example of the love of there community, and the people who lived there, I will forever be grateful for all they did for me and taught me.*

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**Tina Cumbie** - August 17, 2011 at 07:16 PM



*I did not know this fine Lady. Her Legacy of being a wonderful woman is well known. All the memories, I have heard are so touching and wonderful. The fact that she leaves such a Memory with all of you and that her good husband has too, is so much more than most of us will ever accomplish. It is quite an accomplishment to touch so many lives in such a positive way. God Bless You All. Butch & Patti Goodson*

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**Patricia Wetherington Goodson** - August 17, 2011 at 08:53 PM

BS

*I remember Miss Irene and Mr Johnny from going into their store when it was across from school, and then later I worked for them for a few years. She was truly one of the most giving, generous & loving people I have ever met. Many, many times someone would come in and not have money to pay for something and she would let them have it anyway...& most of the time, because of how special she was...they would pay it back. When my dad died, I stopped in just to get ice, & you should have seen what I came out with...just bags of stuff, she just kept piling stuff in. My heartfelt prayers go out to her family at this time. She leaves a lot of loving memories in the hearts of the lives she touched.*

*Arlene (Murphy) Southall*

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**Belinda Southall** - August 19, 2011 at 02:37 PM

MC

*Granny Davis was the sweetest, most loving ,kind person I have ever known. Every time we went to see her the first thing she would do is give us a great big smile and a "big ole granny hug" I will miss that a lot. God bless you Granny. We love you so very much.*

*Michael and Debi Contino*

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**Mike and Debi Contino** - August 20, 2011 at 06:55 PM