



Mrs. Iris Christine Rutherford

October 23, 1928 - May 7, 2021

Iris Christine Rutherford, 92, of Plant City, Florida, born in Avon Park on October 23, 1928, entered into eternal rest on May 7, 2021. She was a member of Grace Pointe Church, American Legion Auxiliary Plant City, and an active member of the community. She retired from Cork Elementary, Hillsborough County Schools. She was preceded in death by husband, Bill Rutherford; and son-in-law, Jimmy Crutchfield. She is survived by daughters, Linda Gail Crutchfield of Plant City, Vicki Crews of Lakeland, Jan LaGrone (Roger) of Plant City, and Gerri Pennachio, son-in-law, Kenny Crews; grandchildren, Melissa Sheffield (Jimmy Lusk), April Terry (Donald), Amy Crutchfield (Stacey Cole), Paul Lagrone (Katie), Amanda Crews, great-grandchildren, Morgan (Dion), Megan, Lauren, Jacob, Lucas, Jonah, and Amaya; and siblings, Jacqueline Pennington (Elton), Phil Landress (Linda). A funeral service will be held Thursday, May 13 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Graveside committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Florida Baptist Children's Homes at fbchomes.org. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Memorial Gardens
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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Iris Christine Rutherford



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 12, 2021 at 01:08 PM

HC

“ Vicki, it was nice meeting you and your sister today. I failed to include 10 of your notes with your package. I have them here at Stationery Loft. Please call us at 863.248.4438. I am sorry for your loss. Your mother was beautiful!

Heidi Campbell - June 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM

WB

“ I was so saddened to hear of Iris's passing. I worked with her at Cork Elementary for several years and she was a bright spot in the office, always friendly and helpful. Prayers for her family and friends.

Willeva Van Den Bogaert - May 14, 2021 at 06:03 PM

VC

Thank you so much for your kind words. They are very much appreciated.

Vicki Crews - May 15, 2021 at 09:02 PM

BT

“ It was a joy to know and work with Iris at Cork Elementary School for so many years! I loved Iris and enjoyed sharing my crazy ex[periences with her! She loved her Bill and her family! May God give His comfort to all of the family! Betty Tsakonas

Betty Tsakonas - May 13, 2021 at 08:32 AM

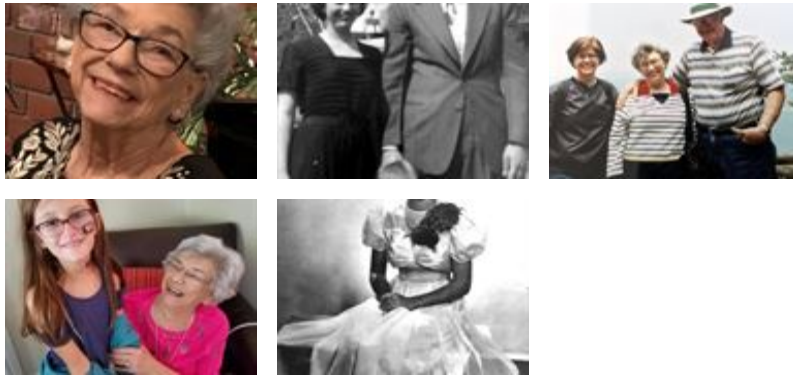
VC

Thank you Betty for the kind tribute. It is very much appreciated.

Vicki Crews - May 13, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 12, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 12, 2021 at 11:04 AM

JN

“ *I have many childhood memories of being welcomed into their home. Singing along with the girls, being entertained by the stories, love and laughter. A sweet, person for sure. She will be missed. JoAnn Linton Neely*



JoAnn Neely - May 12, 2021 at 07:45 AM

VC

*Joann
Thank you for sharing your sweet memories and tribute for mom. I am grateful for the time we spent having fun and so thankful you enjoyed her as well. Hugs
Vicki*

Vicki Crews - May 12, 2021 at 10:29 AM

VT

“ I have many memories of working in the kitchen of the First Presbyterian Church with Iris and Bill. We had a group that was called the wedding guild. With the guidance of Iris and Bill we put on some of the best wedding receptions. It was a huge help for the parents of the bride as they didn't have to worry about anything for the reception, we did all the work they just had to pay for the food cost. Not only was the food good to eat but it was also very pretty. I learned so much from the two of them, such as you never overload a serving platter and you always have another platter with the same thing on it to replace one that is getting low. They made the work fun and I will always cherish that time that I had with them.

Virginia Tharrington

Virginia Tharrington - May 11, 2021 at 10:25 AM

VC

Thank you Virginia. She and dad were passionate about feeding people and mom always felt that a bride should have the most beautiful wedding ever!!!!

Vicki Crews - May 11, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Iris Christine Rutherford.



May 10, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Iris Christine Rutherford.*



May 10, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Bill and Iris Rutherford played a very loving and significant part in my life. I met Bill while I was in high school as he was involved with the American Legion's Boys state. I was privileged to attend Boys State and Bill Rutherford always kept track of me even as I finished up my Eagle Scout award a year later. Years later we would meet Iris at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Iris would always brighten up the room whenever she would walk in. She always asked about me, my family, and how our Boy Scout troop was doing. I could always count on her as being positive and a wonderful Christian example to everyone that she met. The world is a better place because of the Rutherford 's! We can learn much from those who have gone before us. Let us Strive to be the kind of people and Jesus followers that they would be proud of. Rest in peace ,Miss Iris! Enjoy the joy of your master and the reunion with your beloved Bill!
Be blessed, dear family! Know that Iris is safely home!*

Gary Sawyer ,Plant City

Gary Sawyer M.A.,LMHC - May 09, 2021 at 06:46 PM

KB

“ Oh so sorry to see this. She was always so bright and cheerful.
Condolences to all!

Kay Belcher.

Kay Cummings Belcher - May 09, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Iris Christine Rutherford.



May 09, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Beautiful Whisper* was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Iris Christine Rutherford.



May 08, 2021 at 07:58 PM