



## Mrs. Jackie Everidge

July 2, 1939 - January 22, 2026

Jackie Everidge, 86, of Inverness, Florida, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2026. She was born on July 2, 1939, and lived a life devoted to family, artistry, and the joy of dance.

Jackie was a true pioneer in the performing arts. She was the first director of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheer Team Swashbucklers and was a co-choreographer for Walt Disney World Grand Opening, helping bring magic to life through movement. For 54 years, she inspired generations of dancers as the beloved teacher and founder of Jackie's Dance Theater & Gym, Plant City, Florida where her passion, discipline, and love for the art left an enduring legacy.

Above all else, Jackie cherished her family. She was preceded in life by unwavering love and partnership with her husband together 72 years married 66 years, Charles "Buddy" Everidge. She is survived by her children both in Inverness Sharon McLin (Jim) and Chuck Everidge (Chrissy); and her grandchildren, Ryan and Megan Everidge, who brought her endless pride and joy.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Hopewell Funeral Home, located at 6005 S. County Road 39, Plant City, Florida. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the service at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Plant City Children's Theatre Performing Arts Scholarship, P.O. Box 12, Lecanto, Florida, 34460.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hopewell Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Jackie Everidge



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 24 at 09:29 AM



“ Just wanted to take a moment to reflect back on the special times spent at Ms. Jackie's Dance Studio! The kindness, the understanding, the ability to have such patience,... especially with kids like me... I was definitely a handful!!! And at that time, all i could think about was playing sports ...and playing music! I know i was a challenge, but I thank you for "hanging in there" to help me be a little bit more graceful, and a little less clumsy! 😊 Also for you, your family, and some of your amazing Students, for helping with different events that we did at SFBH.... You helped to take those special times to the next level and I will always be grateful 🙏 No goodbye's....I will simply say "See ya later" Much Love, cgreene 🕊️

Candace Greene (Candy) - February 20 at 11:01 PM



The "Celebration of Life" was a Beautiful Service ! You could feel the Love, as we reflected back on the precious memories.. wanted to also say what a great job the family did with the video, and Tommy's tribute also!!!!Ms. Jackie would be so proud!!!!❤️🙏🕊️🎭🎭

Candace Greene (Candy) - February 25 at 09:14 PM

KJ

“ One of my favorite memories of Jackie is when I first started taking class at her studio at the age of 12. Her dancers were preparing to perform at the Florida State Fair and she immediately put me in a dance routine with 2 other girls. What had originally been a duo was now a trio! Although I had taken dance for several years, my performance experience was limited to year end recitals. Jackie didn't care. She expected me to get up on that stage and give it my all even though I didn't feel like I knew what I was doing! Jackie gave me the confidence to perform. This confidence has carried forward and served me well in my life. Jackie was such an integral part of my teenage years. There are so many memories from all classes, the performances, and going to convention. I will treasure them forever. My sympathies to Buddy, Sharon, Chuck and their families. Jackie was so loved and she will be missed.

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**Kim Johnson** - February 20 at 10:48 PM

CF

“ Cindy Jeffries Kilgore & family purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Mrs. Jackie Everidge.



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**Cindy Jeffries Kilgore & family** - February 20 at 03:17 PM

CF

“ Cindy Jeffries Kilgore & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jackie Everidge.

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**Cindy Jeffries Kilgore & family** - February 20 at 03:17 PM

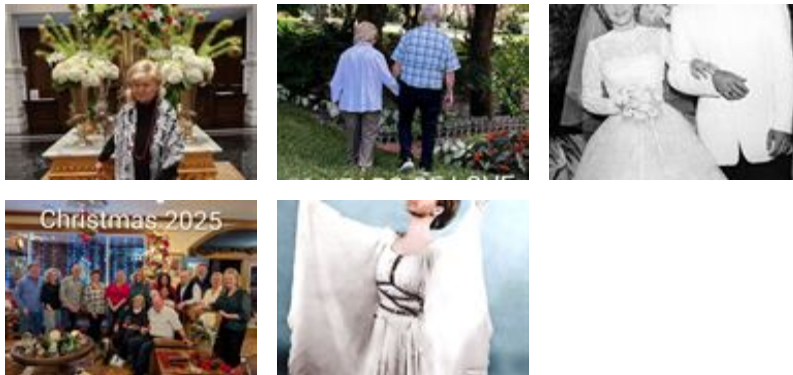
DZ

“ Jackie was a mentor to me since 1958. I remember all the recitals: 1959 at the Capital Theatre with the Around the World theme, later recitals at Plant city High School auditorium 1960 An Evening in Paris, 1963 Broadway Revue, 1964 Meet Me at the World's Fair, 1967 Hansel and Gretel. I still have the programs for the above performances. What a wonderful team Buddy and Jackie made with their teamwork in life. Thank you for being an inspiration to so many all your life.

Diana Sanchez Zimmerman - February 19 at 11:31 AM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 18 at 11:11 AM

JK

“ Jan Jackson, Josh & Kyle Knowles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Jackie Everidge.



Jan Jackson, Josh & Kyle Knowles - February 17 at 02:30 PM

VG

“ *What a energetic ,creative,talented lafy who madeva real difference in so many young lives. She was a star in her career and a good community contributor in so many ways in many events. Our deepest sympathies to her dear family and friends. May she rest in peace. Ron and Vonda Gainey.*

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**Vonda Gainey** - February 05 at 12:45 PM



“ *We spent so many years at Jackie's and still to this day we share the wonderful memories that were created. Thank you Ms Jackie I'm sure you will be teaching the little angels how to point their toes, with your sweet smile. You have left a legacy to be remembered. AD, Emily, Ian, Bianca and Bobbie* ❤️

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**Bobbie Cook** - February 02 at 02:41 PM

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“ *Thank you for everything you did for me. You started teaching me dance at 5 years old all the way up to adult hood and taught me so many things! Thank you for being there for me through all aspects of my life!! I love you today tomorrow and forever!! You will truly be missed by many!*



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**Toni Mullins** - February 02 at 12:16 PM

KH

*Jackie Everidge. Loved her so much. A precious lady. Loved her family. I didn't know her long like everyone else but what I did know. She was an awesome lady. Her last year she needed a nurse. I was able to be the one for her. A privilege and honor. The whole family is precious. So glad I was able to be a small part of her life. God bless the family and I'll keep you in my prayers.*

*Kathy Hamady.*

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**Kathleen Hamady** - February 06 at 08:31 PM



“ *our feeling, goes far , she was like sister to me all ours lives, school, our family, riding on jackie's and the children christmas floats for 25 years as mrs santa.s clause,decoring with my daughter julie , jackie floats for strawberry parades and most was her daughters wedding sharron what a wonderful beautiful time we were enjoying being all together all theses wonderful years, when I heard of her passing, I broke down HURTING. I loved this family, GOD WILL GIVE each the peace of all understanding AMEN . JUDY WILLIS @ FAMILY , PLANT CITY, FL. NOW LIVING IN MARION N.C.*

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**Judy Willis** - February 02 at 01:01 AM

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“ *We have so many memories of Miss Jackie and Mr. Buddy and Sharon at the studio and for Pioneer Day and children's theater. It feels like Breanna grew up at the studio dancing from 5 years old until you retired. Cheyenne and Dylan even got in on the fun for a bit. Our memories with all of you are cherished and the impact you had on all of us is hard to put in words. Jackie made the world a better place and we are lucky for having known her.*

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**Annette Muldowney** - January 31 at 08:29 PM

TI

“ Thank you for everything you taught me growing up. I know you're dancing in Heaven. Sending my love to you, Mrs.Sharon,Mr.Buddy, Chuck and the rest of the family.



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**Timber** - January 31 at 11:52 AM

NT

*I write this in loving memory of my incredible dance teacher & friend, Jackie Everidge, whose passion for dance inspires me to this day. Jackie was the driving force that transformed my life, health & fitness motivation throughout my 77 years. I teach dance to this day because of her. Jackie & Buddy allowed Susan Hagan & me to teach baton classes on Saturday's in their dance studio, which gave us our start. Jackie & Buddy have always been so special to me. I am holding cherished memories in my heart.*

*Love,*

*Nancy Shuman Toppan*

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**Nancy Shuman Toppan** - February 02 at 03:11 PM