



Mrs. Joyce Marlene Mercer Sullivan

March 29, 1940 - January 17, 2026

Joyce Marlene Mercer Sullivan, 85, of Lithia, Florida, born in Plant City on March 29, 1940, entered into eternal rest on January 17, 2026. She was a member of the church The Dwelling Place, where she was a Missionette leader. Renowned for her southern cooking, many friends and family enjoyed her chicken and dumplings, pies, and fudge, but her most coveted recipe was her turkey and dressing, now lost to us. Joyce was also known as an avid collector of cow memorabilia, which began after she received her beloved "Holly" as a calf one Christmas. She was preceded in death by husband, Jeremiah "Billy" Sullivan. She is survived by children, DeWayne Paul Sullivan (Beth) of Dover, Denese Williams (Steven) of Lithia, and Delores Sullivan (Ron Jopek) of Lithia; grandchildren, Jennifer Sullivan (Robert Amstutz), David Williams, Daniel Williams (Stephanie), Lauryn Leverenz (Darren), Tyler Jopek (Fran), and Amanda Joiner; and great-grandchildren, Seneca, Syrianna, Levi, Riley, and Harlow. A funeral service will be held Saturday, January 24 at 2:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. A graveside committal will follow at Alderman-Pelote Cemetery, Lithia. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Alderman-Pelote Cemetery

Pelote Cemetery Road
Lithia, FL 33547

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Joyce Marlene Mercer Sullivan



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 26 at 08:21 AM

LW

“ I'll miss seeing Miss Joyce when I go to visit my mom. May the Lord comfort you & your family during this time.

Lohri Williams - January 24 at 07:16 PM

DW

“ Hi, Mom, I love you and miss you so much! You will always be a part of my heart and memories. Sending love, hugs and kisses. Love you forever and always,
Denese



Denese Williams - January 23 at 05:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Marlene Mercer Sullivan.*



January 22 at 03:08 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 22 at 11:19 AM



“ *While the memories of childhood fade, and generations pass on to the next as per God's design, the enduring love of family remains. We will forever miss you Aunt Joyce.*



Rick Mercer - January 21 at 06:25 AM

RM

“ Rick & Char Mercer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Joyce Marlene Mercer Sullivan.



Rick & Char Mercer - January 21 at 06:18 AM

SM

“ Sharon & Mary purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Joyce Marlene Mercer Sullivan.



Sharon & Mary - January 20 at 08:52 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon Mercer - January 20 at 07:59 PM