



Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves

October 8, 1940 - March 11, 2019

Katherine Ann Graves, 78, of Plant City, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2019, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Riverview, surrounded by her loving family.

Katherine was born on October 8, 1940, in Oil City, Louisiana, the daughter of Marion and Della McKnight.

Katherine was a 1958 graduate of Hobart High School, in Hobart, Indiana. She was in the glee club, on the girls basketball team, and involved in several campus activities. She met her husband and love of her life in 1957, at the Dandy Drive-In and they wed on April 5, 1958.

They moved to Portage, Indiana and started their own family- welcoming their first child in 1959. Al and Kathy had 5 children, Teresa Lynn, Michael Lloyd, Tamara Kathleen, James Edward, and Erika Denise.

In 1972 they moved the family to Plant City, which ended up being Kathy's lifelong home. She loved the warm weather, and the fresh strawberries. They joined the United Pentecostal Church in Lakeland. Katherine started driving a school bus for Hillsborough County Schools, where she retired after 38 years, in 2012. At the time of her retirement, she was the most senior bus driver on staff, she received awards for Safe Driving, and recognition for their appreciation of her service.

A true Apostolic of our Lord Jesus Christ, no matter if she was on the bus, in a store, or just talking to someone, she always praised what God was doing in her life. She respected everyone no matter who they were or their background.

Katherine was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She enjoyed reading the scripture and witnessing to others.

As her husband put it best- 'Katherine was the pearl of great price'.

Katherine's favorite bible verse was Jeremiah 29:11- "For I know the plans I have for you.. plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Katherine is survived by her husband Alonzo Graves Jr. of Hackleburg, AL; brother Robert McKnight; son Michael Graves of Little Rock; daughter Erika Pardee and husband Paul Pardee, and many beloved grandchildren- Diana Bell, Courtney Pope, Parker Pope II, Taylor Pope, Austin Pardee, Tyler Pardee, and Ciara Pardee ; son in laws William Brant and Parker Pope, great-grandchildren- Kyle, Dylan and Kaydence Bell; and many loving friends. She was predeceased by her parents; her son James Graves, Tamara Pope, and Teresa Brant.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 14th from 4-6:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where a funeral service will be held on Friday, March 15th at 3:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road
Lakeland, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 14, 2019 at 11:11 AM

DJ

“ I went to school with Erika and often think of her and Wonder how she is. I'm sorry for your loss. May God bring you all comfort.

Dara Jent - March 14, 2019 at 06:01 PM

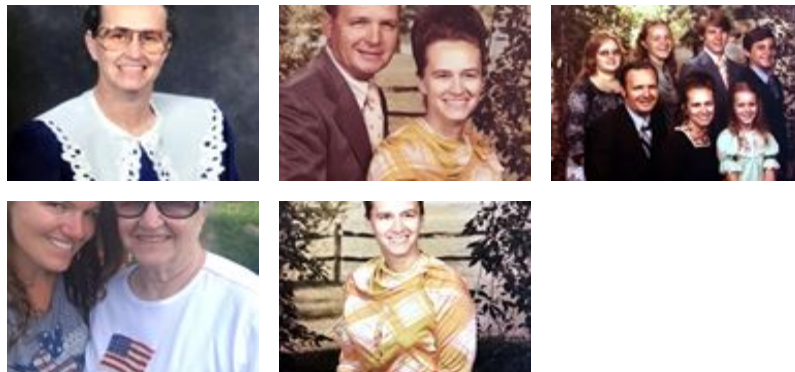
AG

“ Kathy was first a Friend and a great coworker always had the smile and at least 1extra pair of shoes just in case I cherish the days of the past as I reflect of such awesome memories
Prayers for this Dear Family because I Love each of you and are treasured may God Direct you each day as you go forward ❤️❤️

Alice Griffin - March 14, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ 36 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 14, 2019 at 10:07 AM

SS

Knowing you was my pleasure. Give Jimmy a big hug for me.

Starr Taylor Shirley - March 15, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves.*



March 14, 2019 at 09:52 AM

RP

“ *Mike, Erika and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Love and Prayers! Angie and Becky Yarbrough Pedigo*

Rebecca Pedigo - March 13, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves.



March 13, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves.



March 13, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ *Debby Goodson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves*



Debby Goodson - March 13, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *Diana Bell & Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves.*



Diana Bell & Family - March 13, 2019 at 05:25 PM

PC

“ *Paula Callaway Currie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves*



Paula Callaway Currie - March 13, 2019 at 04:47 PM

PC

My prayers are with you all. May Jesus keep you in his loving arms and comfort you in this time of sadness. Love to you all. Mike and Erika your mom was a strong lady in the Lord, she now is resting in the arms of her Savior with Jimmy, Tammy and Terri .at her side. I love yall.

Paula Callaway Currie - March 13, 2019 at 04:57 PM

DB

“ *Diana Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Ann Graves*



Diana Bell - March 13, 2019 at 02:56 PM