



## Mrs. Lavone Williford Wingate

November 11, 1943 - July 1, 2025

Lavone Williford Wingate, 81, of Lake Wales, formerly of Dover, born on November 11, 1943, in Glennville, Georgia, entered into eternal rest on July 1, 2025. She was a former special needs school bus driver for Hillsborough County Public Schools for 27 years, an Eastern Star Worthy Matron for the Turkey Creek Masonic Lodge, and a member of Shiloh Baptist Church. She loved her family dearly, and enjoyed cooking, sewing, shopping, family gatherings, camping, and traveling. She was preceded in death by husband of 65 years, Willie W. Wingate; and son, William Duane Wingate. She is survived by children, Victoria Thomas (David) of Wimauma, and Sidney Wingate (Tracie) of Plant City; grandchildren, Billy Wingate (Corrin), James Wingate (Beverly), Royce Wingate (Crystal), David Thomas (Jennifer), Amanda Turner (Roscoe), Andy Wingate (Rachel), Michelle Booher (Evan), and Melissa Hoy (Brian); and 26 great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, July 9 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. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 9.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

**JUL 9.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lavone Williford Wingate



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 10, 2025 at 08:53 AM

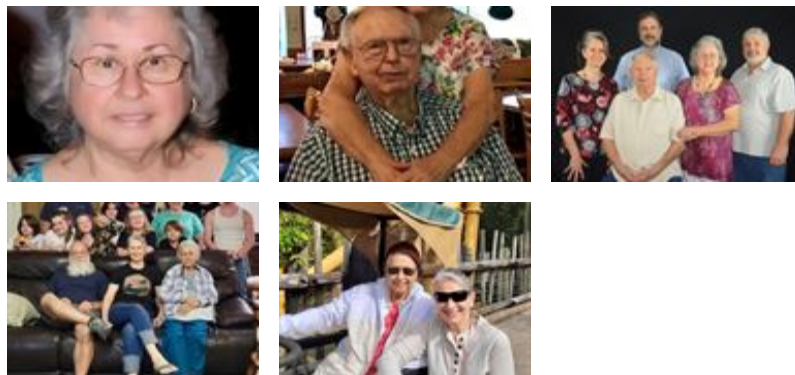
MF

“ I rode with Lavonne for quite a few years on the bus, she was such a sweet, caring woman, I loved her dearly, she is going to be so missed! Prayers and condolences for her family and friends! I will always treasure our time spent together and she will always hold a special place place in my heart! Love Always, Melissa Frier

Melissa Frier - July 09, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 07, 2025 at 03:15 PM

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“ *Monna Smith, Pam Gare and Sheri White purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Mrs. Lavone Williford Wingate.*



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**Monna Smith, Pam Gare and Sheri White** - July 07, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ *Oh wow I remember many good times with Lavonne when I drove years ago with her! I pray 🙏 for her family and all of us whom love her to find comfort and peace. R.I.P. Lavonne, you completed your journey here on earth and are now in a beautiful place with Jesus 🙏*



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**Sharon Martin** - July 05, 2025 at 05:14 AM

CN

*I drove with her always enjoyed it. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Cathy Newman** - July 06, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DC

“ *I had the pleasure of driving with your Mother. I Loved her to death. I am so sorry to her of this. She was a wonderful Lady. Condolences to the Family.*  
*Dana Canpbell*

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**Dana Campbell** - July 02, 2025 at 09:51 PM