



## Mrs. Lila McCarroll Eckelbarger

April 8, 1924 - June 20, 2016

Lila McCarroll Eckelbarger, 92, of Lakeland, Florida, formerly of Plant City, Florida, born in Jasper, Alabama, entered into eternal rest on June 20, 2016. She loved her church and family. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Bill McCarroll and Jack Eckelbarger. She is survived by her sons, Marion D. Potts (Nancy) of Westland, Michigan, and Gary B. McCarroll (Tami) of Lakeland; and grandchildren Jeff Potts, Joe Potts, Sydney McCarroll, and Cody McCarroll; 4 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 23 from 6 - 8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 24 at 11:00 A.M. at Memorial Park Cemetery, 2401 N. Wheeler Street, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

2401 North Paul Buchman Hwy  
Plant City, FL 33563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
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## Graveside

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Park Cemetery  
2401 North Paul Buchman Hwy  
Plant City, FL 33563

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lila McCarroll Eckelbarger



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - June 22, 2016 at 09:37 PM

DH

*It was a wonderful tribute to my Aunt Lila. Thank you so very much.  
Jimmy and Debbie Hayes*

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**Deborah Hayes** - June 24, 2016 at 03:25 PM

JR

“ I met Lilia over 30 years ago at Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia, MI. She came with her son, Don Potts and his family. She would visit just about every year & since I was part of the same church, I'd get to see her too. In time we became "related" because my youngest daughter, Amy Richter became Amy Potts because she married her grandson Joseph Potts. I remember spending quite a bit of time when she came to MI for their wedding in 1998. One of those times I asked her how she was doing and she told me about dating Jack. She had been really good friends of Jack & his wife, who had died. She said she wasn't sure what to do, because just before she left for MI, he had asked her to marry him. I told her I thought that was "great"! They were friends first and he was a Godly man, and they both would have companionship. Well, it turned out (of course I didn't here about it until after), she went back to FL after the wedding & surprised Amy & Joe (they went to FL on their honeymoon) with her marriage to Jack.

Since 1998 I've spent several Christmases at her home because I'd come to visit Amy & Joe & was graciously invited to join all of them for a Holiday meal/ celebration. I've been able to meet Gary & his family and also a couple of Jack's children. I've been a widow for over 30 years, so being included in all the family things has been a blessing.

Lilia has always been very kind, welcoming, and a pleasure to be with - I'm sure all the family will miss her and I'm grateful to have been part of her "family". Thank you to those that I've met, for sharing her with me.

May God be a Comfort to you all,

Joya Richter

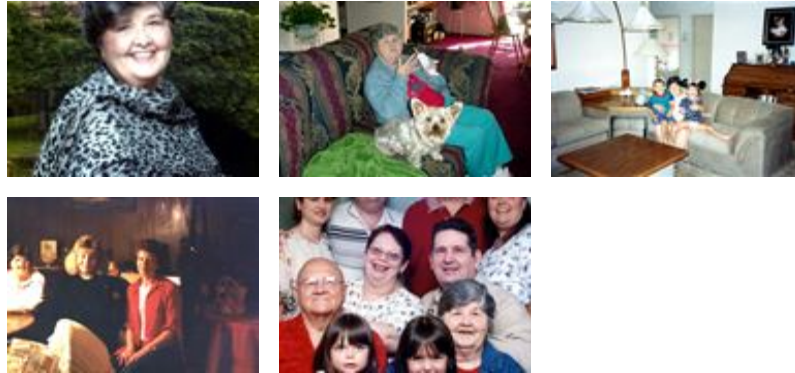
PS. I now live in FL too.

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**Joya Richter** - June 24, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 22, 2016 at 09:34 PM

JS

“ Loved this little lady, she had so much courage, driving up the country to go to camp meeting. She had joy that just made her countenance shine. We loved her and will miss her something fierce. Wouldn't want her back as I know she's having a great time fishing on the riverbanks in Heaven.

Jean Shields - June 22, 2016 at 07:33 PM

JP

We sure loved Lila! So many years she would drive up to Michigan - which always amazed me - she was fearless! She would come and spent a week at our house with us - lots of fun adventures we had she was ALWAYS up for a new experience! Thank you to her family for sharing her with us - Dave and I will miss her calls and visits! I know she's sitting and visiting with Jesus! ❤️

Jeannie Perry - June 22, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lila McCarroll Eckelbarger.*



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June 22, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lila McCarroll Eckelbarger.*



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June 22, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lila McCarroll Eckelbarger.*



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June 22, 2016 at 03:33 PM



“ *What a sweet lady she was! Heaven is rejoicing with her. Her son, Gary, will always be a very good friend of mine. I am honored to have known and to know Lila*

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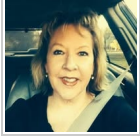
**Marsha Miller Kevitch** - June 22, 2016 at 01:19 PM



*I am honored to have known, and to know, Lila and Gary.*

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**Marsha Miller Kevitch** - June 22, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ I've know this lovely lady since I was in High School, she always made me feel very special, she did this with everyone she came in contact with. You simply couldn't be in a bad mood around Lila. Her mood was always upbeat and contagious. Thank you for your friendship all these years. They are happy in Heaven to have your presence !! Love you!

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**Mary Simmons** - June 22, 2016 at 01:14 PM