



## Mrs. Marilynn Hodson Drowns

June 7, 1945 - August 5, 2025

We announce the passing of Marilynn Hodson Drowns on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 80 years of age.

Born in Kokomo, Indiana on June 7, 1945. Marilynn moved to Florida as a young girl and she and her brother, Tommy, lovingly referred to each other as “Sissy and Bubba”. They grew up having adventures together on their parent's farm in Dover, Florida. She met Bob when she was a young girl walking to school and he was working in the field across the road. They married on July 15, 1962, at Cork United Methodist Church. She attended Turkey Creek High School and later, at the age of 42, she obtained her GED. She was proud of her time spent as PTA President at Dover Elementary. Marilynn was an amazingly powerful woman who lived each day firm in her love and faith in the Lord. She was baptized at 14 years old and has served at Dover United Methodist Church for many years. One thing that she enjoyed was baking. She could always be found at church baking for a bizarre or serving others.

Marilynn loved poetry and reading, she always had a book nearby. She liked Elvis and enjoyed Jazz all decades of country music. She enjoyed sewing and made coordinating outfits for her 3 oldest girls for many occasions. She also made large rag dolls, not only for her girls, but for many neighborhood kids as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ivan and Goldie Hodson; her daughter, Lisa Young; Grandson, Allen Tomer; and Niece, Gina Lynn Hodson.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Robert “Bob” Drowns; Daughters, Susan (David) Young; Emily (Dean) Brown; Karen (Rich) Young; Brother, Tom (Mary Lou) Hodson.

Grandchildren include Madison (Dalton) Spare; Taylor Hall (Seth); Eric (Vanessa) Tomer; David Tomer; Emma and Luke Brown; Jaiden Butler; and Granddaughter-In-Laws Tracy Keene; Rebecca Hyde.

Great Grandchildren Vayda, Braxton and Carlis, Johnathan and Jacob, Rylee, Kileigh and Landon, Skyla and Alex

Her Best Friend Sharron Van Den Bogart

Marilynn was described by some as smart, stubborn, funny, kind, spunky and hardworking and this is what helped her to hold her family together in easy times and some of the hardest of times. She will not be forgotten and will always have a place in her friends and family's hearts.

The service will be held at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, Saturday August 9th , where the family will receive friends beginning at 10 am and service at 11:00. Graveside committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service

**AUG 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. Marilyn Hodson Drowns



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 12, 2025 at 11:28 AM

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“ Ms Beverly Keen purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Hodson Drowns.



Ms Beverly Keen - August 08, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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“ Ms Beverly Keen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marilyn Hodson Drowns.

Ms Beverly Keen - August 08, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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“ SPARKS CITY HALL purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Hodson Drowns.



SPARKS CITY HALL - August 07, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 07, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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“ *I remember visiting with Susan in High school and Her Mom Marilyn told me to call her mom or Marilyn instead of Mrs. Drowns, she said it made her feel old. Keeping you all in my prayers. Sending love and hugs from NC. Margaret Weber Warren*

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**Margaret Warren** - August 07, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Hodson Drowns.*



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August 06, 2025 at 08:46 PM