



## Mrs. Opal Othelia Murphy

April 25, 1931 - April 5, 2020

Opal Othelia Murphy, 88, of Plant City, Florida, born on April 25, 1931, entered into eternal rest on April 5, 2020. She was a member of Victory Worship Center, loved her family dearly, and enjoyed gardening, butterflies, and bird watching. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome Wallace Murphy; daughters, Caroline Major, and Othelia Hall; and a grandchild, and a great-grandchild. She is survived by her children, Ronnie Hester (Pat) of Douglas, Georgia, Howard Murphy (Tracy Stone) of Plant City, Roger Murphy (Linda) of Morriston, Sylvia Tirey (Rick) of Lakeland, and David Murphy (Susie) of Kingsport, Tennessee; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Lewis Chaney (Naomi), June Chaney, and Pat Simmons; and close family friend, Deborah Thorley. A private graveside service will be held on Thursday, April 9 at Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland. (Due to COVID-19, the service will be limited to immediate family only, but it will be live-streamed for extended family and friends. Please email [office@hopewellfuneral.com](mailto:office@hopewellfuneral.com) to request an invite.) Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Springhead Cemetery**

County Line Road  
Lakeland, FL

# Tribute Wall

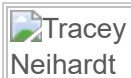


“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Opal Othelia Murphy



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 07, 2020 at 07:30 PM



Tracey Neihardt

“ I never had a chance to meet Opal but I heard so much about her from my neighbor Deborah. Sorry to hear the loss of Opal. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. RIP Opal



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**Tracey Neihardt** - April 09, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ Prayers go out to the family. I am truly so sorry for your loss it is never easy losing a loved one.

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**Ashlee schilling** - April 08, 2020 at 09:37 AM

KG

“ I remember going home with Carolyn on Sundays after church. Mrs. Murphy always made the best koolaid for lunch. She was always smiling and seemed to be so happy. She will be greatly missed. You as her family will be keep in my prayers, for your severe hurt and pain, she is now the happiest ever now and forever. I m so sorry for your loss and suffering

*Katie Hawkins Gillum*

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**Katie Hawkins Gillum** - April 08, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Opal Othelia Murphy.



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April 07, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mrs. Opal Othelia Murphy.



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“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 07, 2020 at 07:32 PM

MM

“ Aunt Opal was one of my favorite aunts. When I was young, she made me the most beautiful handmade Barbie clothes. I remember specifically a fur coat, and a ballgown of gold brocade. I loved spending the night with y'all at the Charlie Taylor house, and your Kool-Aid made out of the mix in the tall, thin glass bottles! (Isn't it strange what little things stick in your brain? lol) I love you, Aunt Opal See ya in heaven!  
*Melinda*

**Melinda J Mitchell** - April 07, 2020 at 06:54 PM

RT

“ We at Sydney Assembly of God want to express our thoughts and Prayers with the family of Sister Opal we know she and brother Murphy are rejoicing together in Heaven. All our LOVE and Prayers are with you . Pastor Hellen Raburn and Congregation of Sydney Assembly of God

**Rev Sam Taylor** - April 07, 2020 at 05:55 PM