



Mrs. Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson

April 24, 1936 - April 7, 2026

Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson, age 89, of Plant City, Florida, born April 24, 1936, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She never met a stranger and had the natural gift of encouraging others. She lived her life daily guided by her deep faith and her love for God. Sara Beth worked in medical insurance for Dr. M.R. Pope, the Plant City Hospital, and several other doctors. She was always supportive of her children's activities and was very involved in the early years of the Pinecrest Little League serving as their first female treasurer while her sons played baseball. She taught Sunday School for many years and served on the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Plant City. She was a member of Turkey Creek First Baptist Church. She had a deep love for baseball from an early age and was a big Tampa Bay Rays fan. She spent many years as an avid FSU football fan enjoying games with her husband of 67 years until his death. She had many lifelong friends whom she cherished. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Lloyd Frierson; her mother, Dorothy C McLaughlin; her father, Leon W McLaughlin; and her sister, Margaret Sikes. She is survived by her children, Becky Smith (Rick), Mike Frierson (Lori), and Joe Frierson (Angie); 5 grandchildren; 3 great granddaughters, with another due in May; and several close nieces, nephews, and cousins. Her family would like to express sincere appreciation to Grace Manor at Lake Morton and Vitas Hospice for exceptional compassionate care. The family will receive friends on April 24, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. with a

Celebration of Life beginning at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Pinecrest Baseball & Softball (Formerly Pinecrest Little League) P.O. Box 733, Lithia, FL 33547. One More Child (formerly Florida Baptist Children's Home), 1015 Sykes Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33815 (onemorechild.org), or Residing Hope (formerly Florida United Methodist Children's Home) (residinghome.org). Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2401 North Paul Buchman Hwy
Plant City, FL 33563

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
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Funeral Service

APR **24**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 24 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ We will miss Mrs. Frierson. Mrs. Frierson was one of the kindest person you will ever meet. She always had a smile on her face and she would help you with whatever you need. Sending prayers to all the family at this difficult time.

Jeff & Lynda Buchanan - April 25 at 09:15 PM

JB

“ Jeff & Lynda Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson



Jeff & Lynda Buchanan - April 25 at 09:09 PM

JK

“ John M Kilgore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson.



John M Kilgore - April 23 at 05:17 PM

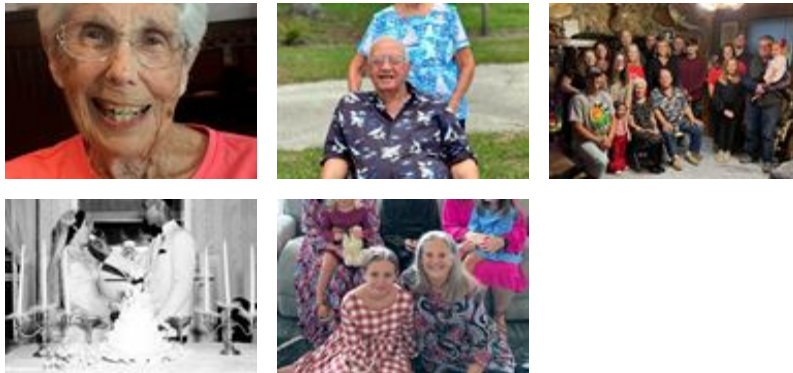
JK

“ John M Kilgore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson.

John M Kilgore - April 23 at 05:17 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 23 at 07:49 AM

JM

“ Jeffrey, Mary, Jordan, Skye & Emily Minchew purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson.



Jeffrey, Mary, Jordan, Skye & Emily Minchew - April 23 at 04:42 AM

TF

“ The Todd Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin Frierson.



The Todd Family - April 22 at 10:56 PM

JS

“ Mrs. Sara Beth was such a sweet lady. Always having a beautiful smile that just made you smile in return. She gave that gift to her daughter ❤️
I am going to miss her gentle spirit... Jesus bless your family.

jane saranko - April 11 at 03:50 PM

BS

Thank you so much, Jane!

Becky Frierson Smith - April 15 at 04:03 PM

GH

“ Sara Beth was one of the most beautiful and sweetest ladies I know. Always loved seeing her and Sam. They made a very handsome couple and are together again. They always had something sweet to say to you and was happy to see you.

Ginger Hall Houvk - April 10 at 08:22 PM

BS

Thank you so much, Ginger.

Becky Frierson Smith - April 15 at 04:04 PM