



Mrs. Sarah "Grace" Helms

November 30, 1930 - October 15, 2019

Sarah "Grace" Helms, 88, of Plant City, Florida, born in Charlotte, North Carolina on November 30, 1930, went to be with her Lord on October 15, 2019. She started out working for Belk in Charlotte, where she would go to picnics at Mr. Belk's home. She later moved to Plant City, where she worked as a cashier at Sears, retiring after more than 28 years there. She was "Mayor of Turkey Creek". She loved her church, where through the years she served as Sunday School secretary, cooking for Wednesday night Family Dinner, and singing in the choir. She also sang as part of the ladies ensemble, Gentle Spirits. Her family was always first in her life, and she loved taking care of everyone. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Helms; son, David Helms; siblings, Ed Freeman, Edna Owen, and Lois Sutton; and parents, Fred D. and Jessie Grogan Freeman. She is survived by her son, Mike Helms (Vicki) of Plant City; grandchildren, Chyrstie Bombardier (David Vance) of Winter Haven, Scott Helms (Tara Griffin) of Medford, Oregon, Mark Helms of Lubbock, Texas, Michael Helms of Plant City, and Sarah Jean Helms of Plant City, who was her Granny's caregiver and best friend; and 9 great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held Friday, October 18 at 11:00 A.M. at Turkey Creek Cemetery, 4915 W Trapnell Rd, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SPCA, <https://spcatampabay.org/>, LifePath Hospice, chaptershealth.org, or a charity of your choice. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Turkey Creek Cemetery

4915 W Trapnell Rd
Plant City, FL 33566

Previous Events

Graveside

OCT **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



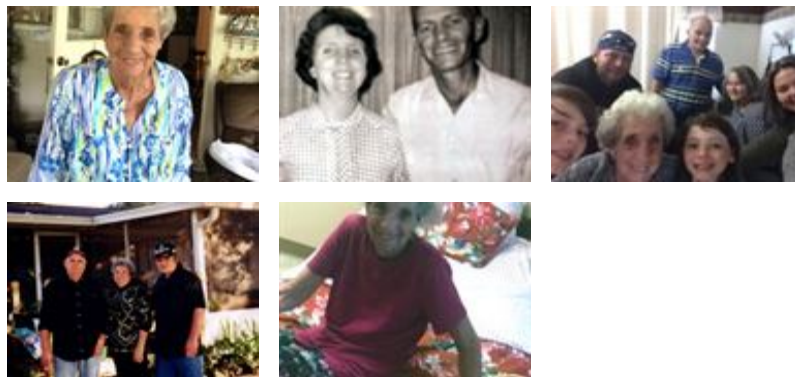
“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Sarah "Grace" Helms



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 21, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



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JS

“ Grace was a special lady. She always had a sweet smile and song ready to sing. She was faithful, and a blessing to our church.

Jimmy and Jane Saranko

jimmy and Jane Saranko - October 17, 2019 at 09:05 PM

VH

Thank you for the sweet message. You nailed it, Mom was so very special. The hardest part of her illness was seeing not being able to continue going to church because that was the love of her life. Her voice was so very beautiful. Thank you again. Love in Christ, Mike and Vicki

Vicki Helms - October 18, 2019 at 06:38 AM

GH

“ Always enjoyed going to Grace's with Vicki, Mike, Michael and Sarah Jean. Grace was always so friendly when we would see her out and about. Leo has fond memories of Grace and Edna when they worked together at Clay's Groceries. She's at peace. Love y'all. Leo and Ginger

Ginger Houck - October 17, 2019 at 06:49 PM

VH

Thank you for the sweet message you sent to us. There is not many families that have had the closeness we have. We have had some great memories. We love y'all, Mike Vicki, Michael and Sarah Jean

Vicki Helms - October 18, 2019 at 06:33 AM



“ *Michael Wayne Helms (Sarah Jean) .
Our sincerest and loving condolences on Your Mother's passing.
There's rejoicing in Heaven!!
Your Mother (my favorite Aunt) was such a kind and gentle Soul
whom I loved dearly. It was always fun and exciting to go visit
Grace. You never knew what was going to happen with her cats!!
😬. Everything was Just fine, as long as you remembered that the
cats 🐱 Ruled.
May God grant you and Yours the Peace and Understanding only
God can Grant.
Don and Rene' Owen*

Don Owen - October 17, 2019 at 11:02 AM



Vicki Jean not Sarah Jean, sorry

Don Owen - October 18, 2019 at 06:09 AM

VH

*Thank you so much for the so very sweet words. She was so kind to
everyone and always excepted and never judged. Don you know you
are more like a brother than a cousin to Mike. Rene you know how
special you are to me. We love y'all so much, Mike, Vicki and family.*

Vicki Helms - October 18, 2019 at 06:20 AM



*Thanks Vicki!
That is very sweet. Rene' says she feels that special feeling too. After
Vietnam, Mike and I seemed never apart. We also got into our share of
trouble too! 😬
Grace was over at my house looking for Mike more than she stayed at
her house!! There's some really great memories there!!
We love You Guys*

Don Owen - October 18, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss Scott, Chyrstie, and Mark. I'll always remember the good times we had walking to her house from yours. I will be praying 🙏 for you all

Angela LaFever Waitschies - October 16, 2019 at 07:18 PM

VH

Thank you for sending the sweet message to Chyrstie, Scott, and Mark. They love you and I know it meant a lot to them. You are so sweet. I remember y'all playing out in the field behind Grannies and your Aunt JoAnn's and Uncle David's. God bless you for being there for your cousins. Love you, "Uncle Mike and Aunt Vicki" 😊

Vicki Helms - October 18, 2019 at 06:29 AM

CM

I had the honor of working with Grace at Sears for many years. She was such a sweet, kind lady. Sorry for your loss. Praying for God to comfort you during this time. Beautiful picture of her.

Cindy Mansfield - October 18, 2019 at 07:19 AM

VH

Thank you Cindy for your words regarding Mom. She was always the same to everyone. Even with her memory loss she was always kind gentle person to all around her. Love in Christ, Mike and Vicki Helms

Vicki Helms - October 18, 2019 at 03:48 PM