



## Mrs. Venita Doris Burke "Mimi" McClellan

June 28, 2012

McClellan, Venita Doris Burks "Mimi" "Docki", 85, of Plant City, Florida, went to be with her Lord on June 28, 2012. She was born in Braeholm, West Virginia in 1926, and moved to Plant City in 1995. In 1958, she and her husband Robert became born-again Christians, and they were instrumental in organizing several churches, including one of the first Freewill Baptist churches in Northeast Ohio, the Bristolville Free Will Baptist Church. She was a member of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Plant City. She enjoyed quilting, embroidering, puzzles, gospel music, and playing with her grandchildren, and she loved her family. She is survived by her husband Robert Henry McClellan; children Linda Sue Christlieb (Roger), Reverend Rodger Dale McClellan (Kathy), and Teddy Gray Craddock (Reverend Lee); grandchildren Rhonda Sue Helmuth (Edward), Robert Edward McClellan (Melissa), Tammi Leona Campis (Juan), Russell Carl McClellan, Dr. Jason Christopher Craddock (Miranda), Daniel Evan Christlieb, and Reverend Jeremy Lee Craddock (Brandy); sister-in-law Bonnie Burks; 13 great-grandchildren, and 3 great great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Sanford Bevely and Lake Leona Altizer Burks; son Sanford Robert "Sandy" McClellan; grandson Paul Edward Christlieb; and brothers John Loren Burks, Beverly Ray Burks, and Mae Yvonne Sos. A special thanks to her caregivers Tammi, Juan, and Malena Campis, and LifePath Hospice Aqua Team. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, July 3 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell

Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice, 12973 Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, Florida 33637. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road  
Lakeland, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Venita Doris Burke "Mimi" McClellan



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Love and prayers to all. Having trouble here leaving a message.  
Ck

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**Marsha Martin** - July 04, 2012 at 12:18 PM



“ I will never forget all the summers that I spent in Ohio with Aunt Dockie & Uncle Bud. They were the best! Sue, Rod & Teddy , your Mom was a wonderful person, and I am sure she is singing in the "Heavenly Choir". I am sure all of you will greatly miss her presence & "bossiness" for years to come. Love to you all, Kathy Sos Holden

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**Kathleen Sos Holden** - July 02, 2012 at 09:59 AM

JJ

“ I love my aunt "Docki" and think of her often. Even after the stokes, I have happy memories of her and her voice often fills my thoughts. All of us who knew her are better for knowing her. God will have a beautiful soul to add to his angelic choir. I truly miss and love you all. Give uncle Bud a hug for me. God bless all of you.

John Loren Burks jr. - July 02, 2012 at 09:12 AM

BC

“ Teddi,  
I will pray for your family during this difficult time & will ask God to give you comfort, strength and peace. I have never met your Mother but if she was anything like you, she was a wonderful person.  
Brenda Carr

Brenda Carr - July 02, 2012 at 07:32 AM



“ Felicia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Venita Doris Burke "Mimi" McClellan



Felicia Williams - July 01, 2012 at 05:31 PM

CD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I remember Sis. Doris from when Dad was pastoring at Bristolville. God Bless you all!

Carol Daniels & Rev. Paul Daniels - June 30, 2012 at 09:39 PM

FH

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. We love you all.*

Fannie & James Hutchinson - July 07, 2012 at 04:02 PM

JC

“ J CONRAD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Venita Doris Burke "Mimi" McClellan



J CONRAD - June 30, 2012 at 04:59 PM

TF

“ WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY AT THIS TIME. I'M SURE SHE'S HAVING THE BEST TIME EVER. Love Harvey & Melissa Allen

The Allen Family - June 30, 2012 at 10:45 AM

RD

“ Sis Doris always showed a true Christian Spirit. I know you will miss her but the separation is just temporary! Praying that Our Lord will give you comfort to help you carry your sorrow with dignity. Bro Leroy Dodrill



Rev. Kenneth Dodrill - June 29, 2012 at 10:30 PM

TF

“ *The Meeks Imes & Luther Family purchased the I Have You in My Heart Memorial Throw for the family of Mrs. Venita Doris Burke "Mimi" McClellan.*



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**The Meeks Imes & Luther Family** - June 29, 2012 at 03:26 PM