



Mrs. Vera Kate Whitehurst

October 11, 2011

Whitehurst, Vera Kate, 91, of Plant City, Florida, passed away Oct. 11, 2011. She was predeceased by Willard, her husband of 68 years, and Johnny, her youngest son. Vera is survived by her children: Joyce Kantrowitz (Howie), Patsy Vittor, Terry Whitehurst, Kaye Miller (Ray); sister, Betty Lochridge, 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and many loving nieces and nephews. Vera's 5 children kept her on her toes. She perfected her two-fingered, ear-piercing whistle to call the kids home from playing. You could hear that whistle for an entire block. It meant to get home and washed up for supper...6 o'clock...on the table...every day. Vera was a wonderful cook. Everything she made was delicious, but her buttermilk biscuits were legendary. More than one person watched and tried to duplicate them to no avail. There wasn't a recipe--some of this, a little of that, and a lot of her magic. Vera was a mother who was truly involved in her children's lives--making her children's clothes, doll clothes, and Halloween costumes for them. She was a room mother for a different child each year, baking goodies for their classes and driving on numerous field trips. She created a warm and welcoming home for her children's friends and would even set an extra place at the table for them at mealtime. Vera was a gifted athlete. Early in her marriage she played softball for the Redtops. After her 5th child was born, she won the city tennis championship and remained an excellent player for years. She was an even better golfer and won multiple club championships at both Plant City and Walden Lake Country Clubs. It was especially through her golf that Vera made

many lifelong, cherished friends. She and Willard were charter members of Whitehurst Road Baptist Church and remained loyal members throughout their lives. There was no one else like Vera, and her memory will live forever in the hearts of those who loved her. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 1:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at Noon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Tampa Bay at <http://humanesocietytampa.org>. Interment to follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Vera Kate Whitehurst



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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Scott Kantrowitz - October 16, 2011 at 10:11 PM