



Mrs. Virginia C. Watkins

January 12, 1938 - October 26, 2022

Virginia C. Watkins, 84, of Plant City, Florida, born on January 12 , 1938 in Hopewell, entered into eternal rest on October 26, 2022. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Brandon, and a retired teacher for Turkey Creek Middle School. She enjoyed going to the beach, sewing, reading, playing the piano, and cooking. She was preceded in death by husband, Austin. She is survived by children, Eddy Watkins (Julie) of Brandon, Michael Watkins of Lakeland and Marilyn Hinkle (Jeff) of Plant City; grandchildren, Jonathan Hinkle (Caroline) and Tracie Preston (Michael); great-grandchildren, Haleigh Nielson, Aidan Hinkle, Kallie Hinkle, Logan Hinkle, Irelynn Hinkle, and Victoria Preston; and brother, Cecil Mitchell. A funeral service will be held Saturday, November 5 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM. A private interment at Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, Brandon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Horizons Group Homes Inc. at www.NewHorizonsHomes.org. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillsboro Memorial Gardens

2323 W Brandon Blvd
Brandon, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ We always called her Aunt Virginia even though she was our great aunt. A beautiful lady with such a gentle and kind disposition and always a smile and a hug for us whenever we saw her. She had many talents and patience for days. I will never forget riding with her in her convertible and the family beach trips to Anna Maria. She would always share memories of when she and Austin were raising their children and say how important memories are. Thank you, Aunt Virginia for the sweet wisdom and for the love. You are missed but always with us, and we will see you again. All our love to our family and loved ones who miss and love her dearly.
Love,
Heath, Amber, Grant, McKenna and Kylie Grace

Amber Burr - November 04, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia C. Watkins.



November 02, 2022 at 02:19 PM

“ I have so many fond memories of my sweet cousin, "aunt" Virginia as we called her. Some of them included the times she patiently taught me to sew and bake. If ever there was an inspiration to do that, SHE was mine. She nudged me into a lifetime love of sewing as well as baking! She starting teaching me sewing when I was probably about 8 or 9, showing me how to make doll clothes, which later on led me to make a lot of my own clothes. (Today, because of her, I am an avid sewist). And baking. Oh my! She used to make the cupcakes for a lot of the baby, wedding and housewarming showers. I loved that. Those had to be the best cupcakes in the world! I want to share with you that she helped me through some very tough times in my teen years. No matter who it was that would put me "down", when I needed her, she was there...with kindness and encouraging words, backing me up and offering a shoulder to cry on. She took me along with her to the beach when she and her family had a beach rental on Anna Maria Island. (That's where we did some extra curricular sewing at night to keep busy. I remember it with such fondness. I would go with Marilyn, who was maybe 2-3 years old? and Eddy and Mikey down to the beach and play with them during the day hours. Gosh I miss times like that. In her later years (the last 6 or 7) she and I would occasionally go out to lunch or buy it and take it back to her house. If she could hear me now, I would say to her that she was one of a kind..and I loved her very much. She would probably cringe at the thought of me babbling on about this, as she was an extremely headstrong and private person, but I smile at that. No one got in her way. If she had a thought to do something, she did it! If ever there was a song written about her, it would have been " My Way" by Frank Sinatra. For those of you reading this, google it and listen. It's Virginia all the way! Every time I hear that song I will think of her. I am so sorry that I neglected to stay in touch in the last couple of years. Rest in peace pretty lady....I love you

Pamela (Jeanette Carter) Hess - October 29, 2022 at 07:51 PM

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“ *Condolences to Virginias family. I went to school with Virginia at Turkey Creek. She was a gracious friend. I enjoyed the company of she and Austin. May she Rest In Peace* ❤️



Gail Sink Higgins - October 29, 2022 at 03:37 PM

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“ *So many special memories with this sweet lady. From Turkey Creek days to visits with her at her home. She was a dear friend and may she Rest In Peace in the arms of Jesus. My sympathies to the family.*

Marcy Beck - October 29, 2022 at 01:24 PM