



# Betty Godwin

MAR 30, 1934 - NOV 21, 2023



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## **Betty Godwin**

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**B**etty Zene Godwin, 89, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday November 21, 2023. Born March 30, 1934, in Hazelhurst, Georgia, daughter of the late Zene and Alva (Smith) Kirkland. Betty spent most of her childhood in Hazelhurst, Georgia before her family moved to Turkey Creek, Florida where she graduated from high school. In her early career days Betty worked at Badcock Furniture store, then became a Licensed Beautician, and then years later worked part-time in a jewelry store. Most of her life was dedicated to being a mother and housewife. She had a love and passion for reading the Bible and listening to the gospel on television. She was an exceptional listener and loved engaging in conversation about the “good ole days”. Betty, and her late husband Jim, enjoyed traveling to various places in the United States including the great state parks out West. They also loved going to Helen, Georgia to enjoy the changing of the leaves, the mountains and sitting out on their property admiring the lovely scenic lake. Her hobbies included: SHOPPING (especially for unique antiques), collecting cookbooks (recipes), and watching the cooking channel. Betty is preceded in death by: James Ralph Godwin (husband), Larry Alan Godwin (son), Zene William Kirkland (father), Alva (Smith) Kirkland (mother), Joan Kirkland Conrad (sister). She is survived by: her loving daughter Lisa Godwin Harris (Jay), grandson Emmanuel Paul Houvardas (Fabio), her two sisters Frances Faye Basel (Chuck) and Sandra Kirkland (Betsy), along with loving cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. The family wishes to give special thanks to all the amazing caregivers through the years, the staff at Azalea Park and the Hospice team. There are no words to express our love and gratitude to all of you. The family will be receiving friends and family on Wednesday the 29th of November 2023 at: GENTRY-MORRISON FUNERAL HOME SOUTHSIDE CHAPEL, 1727 BARTOW ROAD, LAKE LAND, FLORIDA 33801, 863-688-7679, VISITATION 9:00am and the SERVICE is at 10:00am.



# Events

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## Visitation

**Wednesday**, November 29, 2023

9:00 AM ET

**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



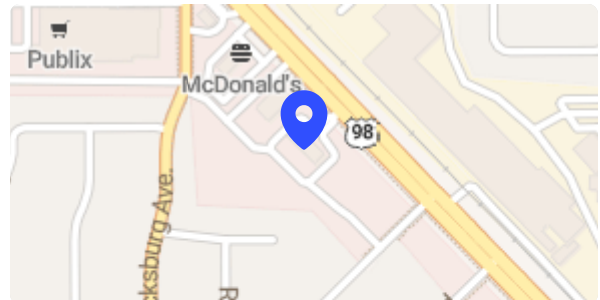
## Service

**Wednesday**, November 29, 2023

10:00 AM ET

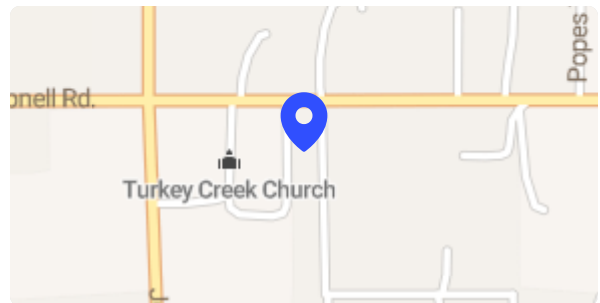
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## Cemetery Details

**Turkey Creek First Baptist Cemetery**  
4915 W Trapnell Road, Plant City FL 33566





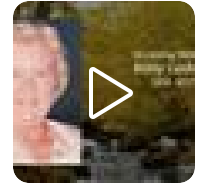
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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** shared a **Video**.



November 25 at 8:26 AM



**Robert L Ellis Jr** posted:

Mrs Betty Godwin is was a pleasure to have lived next door to you and jimmy and growing up with your 2 children..I bet jimmy is dancing in the rain. When you walked thru the gates of heaven..plus Larry probably was to..until my time to go there..Rip peace.. Robert Ellis

December 10 at 12:51 PM



**Cara Reinhold** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Godwin family.



November 28 at 7:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Godwin family.



November 26 at 5:51 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Godwin family.



November 25 at 8:05 AM



**Love, Lynn And Mark Bruner And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Betty.



November 25 at 8:05 AM



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**Angelia M Johnson** posted:

My mom and I were blessed to help care for Ms. Betty in the last few years of her life. We will miss her caring spirit and her stories. She is in the arms of Jesus now and will be greatly missed.

November 24 at 5:14 PM



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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