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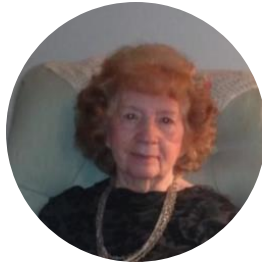
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Mildred Grady Smith of Lakeland, Florida, 99 years old, passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Good Shepherd Hospice. She was born in Doylestown, Ohio, on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1925, to Carmon F. and Elizabeth (Glossen) Heller.

Mildred (Millie) and family came to Lakeland in 1965 where she was catalog manager of Montgomery Wards. Due to World War II, she never followed her dream of becoming a nurse but did become a Certified Nursing Assistant and cared for many residents in their homes. Her enjoyment of life was ballroom dancing, which she did until her late 80s. Millie was past President of American Legion Post 4 auxiliary both District and Central Florida. She was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choirs for many years. Preceded in death by her parents, husbands, and four sisters, Mildred was survived by her four children, Kathleen Schuck (Geoffrey), Michael McGuire (Lois), Marilyn Pierce Aurand and James Grady (Jan), 7 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held November 14 at Gentry Morrison South at 2:30pm. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Care Team Ministry at St Paul Lutheran Church or Good Shepherd Hospice both of Lakeland Florida.



Events


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Memorial Service

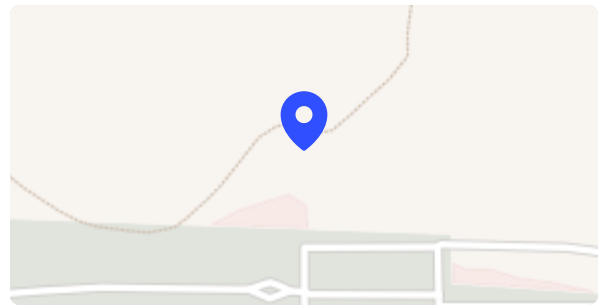
 **Thursday**, November 14, 2024

 2:30 PM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel**
1727 Bartow Road , Lakeland FL 33801

Cemetery Details

 **Oak Hill Burial Park**
4620 US Highway 98 S, Lakeland FL 33812





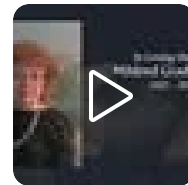
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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.



November 13 at 5:44 AM



Janie Lineberger November 13 at 10:44 AM

Such a beautiful tribute of memories ❤️ You can see from these photos, she loved and cherished her family ❤️❤️❤️❤️



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



November 13 at 3:22 PM



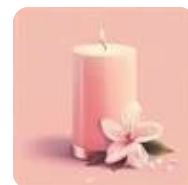
Wayne E. De Witt posted:

My Aunt Middy 🙏, Many memories . Prayers for all the Cousins. ❤️ Keep looking up! Waynee

November 12 at 2:08 AM



Sharon Harp lit a candle in honor of Mildred.



November 10 at 1:58 PM



Janie Lineberger November 11 at 6:23 AM

What a beautiful gift of love your message gives to all. Peace be with you, Kathy and your family 🙏🙏



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Sharon Harp posted:

I have some good memories of grandma from when I was a young girl. One of my favorite memories is spending the day with her on my birthday. She would take me to Maas Brothers department store and let me pick out a dress or nice blouse. Then, we would go upstairs and she would treat me to lunch at the cafe they had on the second floor. It was a memorable time and I felt like a special little lady to be able to spend that time with her. I also remember her baking my favorite pie for Thanksgiving and the stories she would tell of my mom and her siblings when they were growing up. I always wanted to spend weekends with grandma and my uncle James. I also remember her crochet and her picking me up from school when I was sick or my mom was working. I loved her dressy clothes and costume jewelry, her stories about dancing, her political engagement and her very red hair along with her matching spirit. I'm sad and feel regretful that I didn't spend more time with her in her later years and was not able to say goodbye to her. I'm holding my family in this loss and the grief and imagining her in heaven with her parents and siblings. Grandma: I'm glad you are not suffering in your earthly body and are now in God's hands. Rest in eternal piece. I love you. Your granddaughter, Sharon

November 10 at 1:56 PM



Sharon Harp November 11 at 1:56 AM

Eternal peace not "piece"



Lois Mcguire posted:

She wasn't my mom, but she was "Mom" and she taught me how to crochet, which I still enjoy doing today. At our first lesson, she asked me what did I want to crochet first and I told her "booties". She looked at me with surprise and asked was I pregnant. We have laughed many times over this unusual way of announcing to her that I was pregnant. She got me involved with home health care, took me to Tallahassee with her, and taught me about lobbying and so much more. There have been good and not good times over the years, but I also learned, in spite of differences, to love "Mom".

November 8 at 3:23 PM



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A blue rectangular graphic for a webcast. In the top left corner, there is a white 'L' shape and a blue pill-shaped button with the word 'WEBCAST' in white. The word 'WATCH' is written in white, spaced-out capital letters. Below it, the word 'LIVE' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. A white circle highlights the letter 'I' in 'LIVE'. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black pill-shaped button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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