



# Frances Elrod

JAN 1, 1936 - OCT 5, 2025



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**M**ary Frances McArthur Elrod, 89, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones, on October 5, 2025, in Lakeland, Florida.

Born a New Year's baby on January 1, 1936, in Sonoraville, Georgia, she lived a long and meaningful life marked by devotion to her family, faith, and community. 'Frances' was preceded in death by her husband, George Elrod; her parents, Lester James McArthur, Sr. and Lola McArthur; and her brother, Lester James McArthur, Jr.

Her memory lives on through those who loved her dearly: her son, Michael Elrod, Sr., and his wife, Susan Elrod; her grandson, Michael Elrod, Jr., and his wife, Alyson Elrod; and her cherished great-grandchildren, Jackson and Lillian Elrod. She also leaves behind her best friend of over 80 years, Dorothy Powers Maddox-a testament to the enduring bonds she nurtured throughout her life.

For more than four decades, Frances was a devoted member of Highlands United Methodist Church-now Shepherd's Community United Methodist Church-where she faithfully served as the volunteer bookkeeper. Her commitment to the church reflected the deep spiritual foundation that guided her life.

Known affectionately as "Mema," she was a loving and sweet presence whose warmth touched generations of her family. An avid cook and baker, she found joy in the kitchen, where she created countless meals and memories for those she loved. Her family will treasure her beloved recipes and will attempt to recreate them for generations to come.

A graveside service to celebrate Frances's life will be held at Oak Hill Burial Park in Lakeland, Florida, on Sunday, October 12th, at 2:00 pm. Arrangements are being handled by Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home.



# Events

**Frances Elrod**

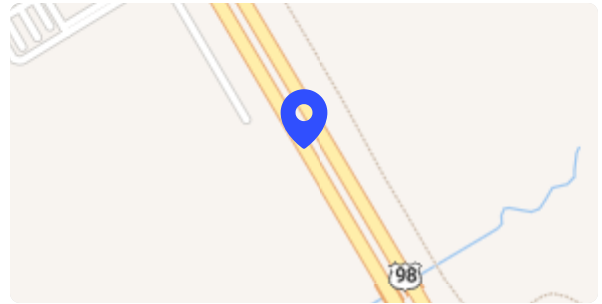
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## Graveside Service

 **Sunday**, October 12, 2025

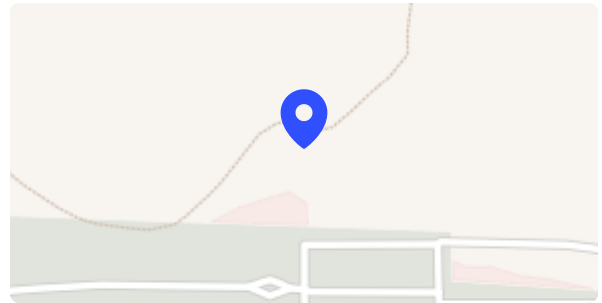
 2:00 PM ET

 **Oak Hill Burial Park**  
4620 US Highway 98 S, Lakeland FL 33812-4212



## Cemetery Details

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





# Tribute Wall

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**The Coomes Bill Vicky Misty Billy Kenny** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Elrod family.

October 11 at 11:24 AM



**The Coomes Bill Vicky Misty Billy Kenny** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Frances.

October 11 at 11:24 AM



**Rose Rex & Family** sent a Fairest of All to the Elrod family.

October 9 at 7:11 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Elrod family.

October 9 at 4:37 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Rose Remembrance to the Elrod family.

October 8 at 3:40 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Frances.

October 8 at 3:40 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Elrod family.

October 7 at 12:33 PM



**Dot Maddox** posted:

Frances and I were walking around outside one day during a visit looking at flowers and naming them. We came to one I didn't know and I asked her it's name. She said, "kiss me and I'll tell you". I finally gave up guessing and kissed her. The name of the flower was "kiss me and I'll tell you"! She got such a big laugh out of that. We were around 11 or 12 years old.

October 7 at 11:48 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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