



Frances Marie Hays

July 13, 1936 - September 5, 2020

Frances Marie Martin Hays was born on July 13, 1936 to the parents of William Gordon Martin and Jewell Marie Kendrick Martin, (both deceased). She was born in the home of her mother's sister, Mary Kendrick Burtz in Plant City, FL. She was one of 8 children, Betty Griffin (deceased), Gordon Martin (deceased), Larry Martin (deceased), Ernest Martin (deceased), Eloise Clements (deceased), Roy Martin (deceased). She is survived by her sister, Vera Venning. Frances graduated high school from Turkey Creek High School in 1955. She married Lemuel Leon Hays on June 17, 1955. They were married for 59 years until his death on September 14, 2014. They had two children; Ruby Elaine Hays, Shearer Kennedy and Leon Jefferson Hays. Together they gave her 7 grandchildren, Katie Lynn Hays Chatterson, Sarah Jean Hays Lynn, Cheryl Lee Hays June, Alyssa Marie Hays, Jefferson Tyler Hays, Jason Dwayne Shearer, Jonathan Thomas Kennedy. She had 7 great grandchildren, Alyssa June, Leah June, Broc Shearer, Victor Campbell, Luca Shearer, River Kennedy and Zaiden Hunter Kennedy.

Frances was a christian and raised her children up in the church. She attended Westside Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and was member of Westside 5 quintet. She later joined New Home Baptist and was active in the choir and "Under the Tree" ministry.

Frances worked for a little while at Publix store in Grove Park and at Ross of Florida as seamstress, until her back could not handle it anymore. She became an Avon Representative and achieved sales award called

"Presidential Awards". She loved crochet, and would make dolls and Barbie doll clothing and sell them on the street. You may have seen her on 92 West by Silver Moon Drive In. Frances also enjoyed camping and traveling, but her love was fishing! She was very competitive with her fresh water fishing. Many weeks she spent on Lake Arbuckle, Lake Placid and State Parks.

Frances loved her family! She fought hard to carry on the tradition of having family get together's with her siblings and nieces and nephews. Then her grandchildren came along and her joy came from them.

Then her great grandchildren she enjoyed giving them "sugar" all the time, and making them laugh.

Frances suffered from back and neck injuries, developed severe debilitating arthritis to neck and shoulders. Her health rapidly declined after her pacemaker surgery in March 2019. She became weaker and was bed bound the last 2 months. She finally went home to be with the Lord and to her husband on September 5, 2020 at 9:40 pm, peacefully with her family at her bedside. She is now resting without pain in the presence of her Jesus.

Cemetery Details

New Home Cemetery

901 N. Galloway Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
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Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

New Home Baptist Church
901 N. Galloway Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances Marie Hays*



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I will always remember you, you were a sweet and strong woman whom I admired. Love you always. Debra Lynn Clements Phillips.

Phillip's. Phillips - September 10, 2020 at 03:56 AM



“ *Frances Marie Hays*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *My heart goes out to all the family and friends. May God give each of you comfort and peace . That's what I noticed most in (Aunt) Frances , she always emitted God's Love and Grace. Such a beautiful soul will be missed here on earth.*



Kathy VanDrimmelen - September 10, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ So sorry she will be missed I am sure . We used to spend a lot of time to canning peas sitting outside under the tree shelling peas and beans . Mary Ann Norris .

Mary Ann Norris - September 08, 2020 at 10:58 PM



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