



Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler

January 9, 1939 - December 15, 2023

Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler, 84, passed away in Auburndale on Friday, December 15, 2023.

Lucy was born in Union City, Ohio to parents Joseph and Sara (Spencer) Smith on January 9, 1939. She married Jerry Wheeler in 1961 and the couple were loving parents to five children.

In 1980, Lucy and her family moved to Plantation, Florida, where they resided for many years and Lucy was a supervisor for the City of Plantation's Utilities department. Upon retirement, Lucy relocated to Sebring, Florida and lived there until her passing.

Lucy was exceptionally good at everything she did and was very active in her community. She was president of the Garden Club, Treasurer for Friends of the Library, a member of Bunco and the Red Hat Society. She and Jerry were also members of the Rare Fruit & Vegetables Council.

Lucy enjoyed quilting, gardening, crafting, and painting. She was a wonderful cook and so creative and talented. Most of all, Lucy was an amazing mother. She is preceded in death by her husband Jerry Wheeler; sons Matthew and Michael Wheeler; brothers Charles and Donald Smith; sister Joy Dennis; and grandson Dylan.

She is survived by daughters Kelly Buffenbarger, Wendy (Rick) Herlache, and Michelle (Michael Leccese) Kelley; brothers Bob Smith, Ronald (Florence) Smith, and Alan (Rebecca) Dock; sister Gloria (Willis) Hostetler; daughter in law Heidi Wheeler; son in law James Kelley; 10 grandchildren and 15 great

grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 3:00-4:00 PM, followed by funeral service at 4:00 PM, at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Serenity Gardens Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens South

2401 SW 64th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 20, 2023 at 04:17 PM

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“ *I mlss her everyday. Valerie*

Valerie Ingler - January 17, 2024 at 10:56 AM

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“ *Mom you are the most wonderful, beautiful, most kind and caring person I know. You are definitely my hero and my best friend forever!! I love you with all my heart. Until we meet again mom. You are the best to all. 💕😭😭😭💕 Lord please give us strength to get through this. Amen 🙏*

Michelle Kelley - December 21, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“ *Lucy you served us well for many years as President. You will truly be missed and yet I know that your two sons and grandson welcome you to a place of peace and joy! Garden Club of Sebring members.*

PATRICIA LEFILES - December 19, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler.



December 19, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ Pat Brooks Gaiefsky and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler.

Pat Brooks Gaiefsky and family - December 18, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Pat Brooks Gaiefsky and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler.



Pat Brooks Gaiefsky and family - December 18, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler.



December 18, 2023 at 01:02 PM

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“ Garden C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler.

Garden C. - December 18, 2023 at 09:14 AM

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“ Garden C. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lucille "Lucy" Wheeler.



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