



Marinda Napier

December 14, 1937 - May 17, 2025

Marinda Frances Napier. 87 of Lakeland went home to be with the Lord Sat. May 17, 2025 Marinda passed away peacefully at Good Shepherd Hospice of Lakeland.

Marinda was born in the beautiful hills of W. Va. in the small town of Kenova Dec. 14, 1937 to parents John Marcum and Ruby Ramey Marcum. Marinda had been residing the last 16 months at Lake Gibson Village Assisted Living of Lakeland and all that knew her there loved her, her great sense of humor, sweet spirit and the love she showed to so many of the staff and residents.

Marinda, most knew her as Fran, was married for almost 69 years till her husband Paul passed. They were members of Bethany Freewill Baptist Church of Lakeland for many years. Their walk with Christ led them to gospel singing at various churches which they thoroughly enjoyed for many years.

Marinda was a great cook in her days and loved cooking for her family. Her passion led her to have restaurants, sandwich shops and a yogurt shop too. In addition to her parents Marinda was preceded in death by her husband Paul Napier, infant son Dale Allen Napier, Brothers, Jimmy Roger Marcum and Danny Ray Marcum.

Marinda had 4 children, Debra (Frank) Purcell of Lakeland, Teresa Small of

Lakeland, Paul (Angie) Napier of Leesburg ,Melissa (Johnny) Register of Lakeland. 7 Grandchildren, David (Sherri) Freeze of Zephyrhills, Kevin (Renee) Freeze of Oviedo, Mindy (Jason) Crandell of Dade City, Travis Calhoun of Lakeland, Terena Landowski of Lutz, Jacob (Jennifer) Register of Lakeland Jessie (Thea) Napier of Casselberry.

Marinda had 10 Great Grandchildren, Baker, Colton, Alex, Quora, Andrew, Mallory, Jessa, Leo, Johnny and Gracie. 2 Sisters, Fara (Bob) Sturz of Plant City and Erma Weston of Lake Wales.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marinda Napier*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - May 22, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Marinda Napier.*



May 23, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marinda Napier.

May 23, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ *Catharine R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marinda Napier.*

Catharine R. - May 23, 2025 at 09:13 AM

EF

“ Erma and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marinda Napier.

Erma and family - May 23, 2025 at 07:51 AM

EF

“ Erma and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Marinda Napier.



Erma and family - May 23, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marinda Napier.



May 22, 2025 at 05:30 PM

TF

“ Till we meet again Debbie & Frank planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marinda Napier.

Till we meet again Debbie & Frank - May 20, 2025 at 07:41 PM

TF

“ Till we meet again Debbie & Frank purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Marinda Napier.



Till we meet again Debbie & Frank - May 20, 2025 at 07:41 PM

PS

“ Our sympathies to the family and friends. Francis was much loved by us all. Thanks for the days you were wonderful neighbors, relatives and friends to my own family



Pamela S Staley - May 20, 2025 at 01:11 PM

LN

“ My Aunt Francis I will miss you and your beautiful laugh! You were one of a kind and you were always kind to me ! I love you! ❤️
RIP



Leisa Napier - May 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JF

“ James, Glen, Carl, Roger and families purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Marinda Napier.



James, Glen, Carl, Roger and families - May 20, 2025 at 10:07 AM

RT

“ I will never forget the way Francis always treated me like I was her son called her mom so many times and I will never forget the chocolate gravy church the quartet singing at the house so many memories and good times in my heart

Randy Tomblin - May 19, 2025 at 11:19 PM

RT

“ Randy Tomblin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marinda Napier.

Randy Tomblin - May 19, 2025 at 11:15 PM

RT

“ Randy Tomblin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Marinda Napier.



Randy Tomblin - May 19, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marinda Napier.

May 19, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Marinda Napier.



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