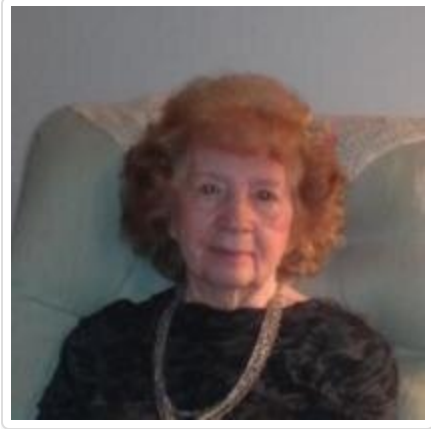




Mildred Grady Smith

April 12, 1925 - November 6, 2024

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.

Proceeded 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.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<http://www.gentry-morrison.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mildred Grady Smith



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 13, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mildred Grady Smith



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 13, 2024 at 09:44 AM

JL

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

Janie Lineberger - November 13, 2024 at 02:44 PM

WW

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

Wayne E. De Witt - November 12, 2024 at 06:08 AM

SH

“ *Sharon Harp lit a candle in memory of Mildred Grady Smith*



Sharon Harp - November 10, 2024 at 05:58 PM

JL

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

Janie Lineberger - November 11, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SH

“ 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

Sharon Harp - November 10, 2024 at 05:56 PM

SH

Eternal peace not “piece”

Sharon Harp - November 11, 2024 at 05:56 AM

LM

“ 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”.

Lois McGuire - November 08, 2024 at 07:23 PM