



Doris Ann Lapple Oakes

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Doris Ann Lapple Oakes, of Leesburg, Florida, went to be with her Lord Jesus, on February 3rd, 2024. On Mother's Day, May 12th, 1935, in Erie, Pennsylvania, she was born to William G. and Rose Marie Phillips Lapple. When she was five years old, she trusted Christ as her Savior. In 1953, she graduated from high school and enrolled at Baptist Bible Seminary, in Johnson City, New York, where she met Maurice Oakes. They married in 1955 and had two children, Kimberley and Douglas.

Doris worked as an administrative assistant at SUNY Geneseo, in New York State and as a Welcome Wagon Representative. Additionally, she traveled with her family across the U.S. to churches, schools, Native American reservations, Christian camps, and various venues, spreading the good news of the Gospel through puppets and music. A flourishing artist, Doris taught others her skills of painting, drawing, and crafts. She was an excellent pianist and lyric soprano with a full-ride scholarship to Julliard, but God led her instead to seminary.

She loved animals and people. She took time to ask questions about people's lives so she could encourage them. One of her favorite sayings was, "Live each day as if it were your last and your future will shape into a guiltless past." Her life verses are John 14:1-4 and Galatians 2:20. She wanted others to know about Jesus and to have eternal life in Heaven.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Martha Marie Cowley, and Lucy Mae Ellwanger. She is survived by her devoted husband of sixty-eight years, Maurice Oakes, of Leesburg, Florida, her children, Kimberley Bennett (Larry), and Douglas Oakes (Becky), 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 4 nieces and nephews.

Her Celebration of Life Service will be held at First Baptist Church of Okahumpka, Florida, on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 1 pm at 27714 County Road 33, Okahumpka, FL 34762. To join via Zoom, click:



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83512228213?pwd=NWJmV290UVRsSk0yRWUvT2ErSINMQT09>.

Instead of flowers, donations in her honor can be made to Les Feldick Ministries at www.lesfeldick.org or donate to missions through your local church in her memory.




A Celebration of Life Service

 **Saturday**, February 24, 2024

 1:00 PM ET

 **First Baptist Church of Okahumpka**
27714 County Road 33, Okahumpka FL 34762

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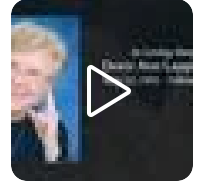
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February 26 at 4:09 AM



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Bill & Sue, Joy & Jim, And Jim & Sue planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Doris.



February 8 at 1:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Lapple Oakes family.



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Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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