



Dorothy Lee Ryan

December 21, 1938 - June 9, 2021

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.” (Psalm 116:15). As we remember the life of Dorothy Hicks Ryan, the words “precious in the sight of the Lord” and “faithful servant” have never rung more true.

Dorothy was born on December 21, 1938 and was one of seven siblings. Even as a young girl, she loved the Lord and went to church faithfully... bringing her siblings to church with her as well. Little did she know then the tremendous impact her life would have as many of her siblings and even her mother later came to the Lord as a result of her faithfulness in those early days.

Dorothy married Lynn Ryan on November 27, 1964 and they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Belinda. Dorothy’s faithfulness to the Lord and to church continued on as she attended the Church of God of Prophecy in Leesburg. Over the years she served in many capacities such as VLB leader, worship leader, church treasurer, and pastor booster. She also sang as part of the Leesburg Trio with her sister, Flossie Stevens and pastor’s wife, Wilma Whitten... even singing at the church State Convention.

Not only did Dorothy minister at church, but she lived out the scripture to love not only with words or speech but with actions and truth (1 John 3:18) daily at work and at home. Many of her customers and co-workers became life-long friends and anyone invited to her home would be made to feel like family. It would not be long after meeting her that she would say “Call me Big Mama” and you would immediately feel special and loved. This gift Dorothy had of making people feel loved is probably one of her greatest legacies, as she has impacted so many lives over the years.

As those of us here mourn her loss, loved ones that have gone on before her rejoice at their reunion. Dorothy is preceded in death by her loving husband of 27 years Lynn, and her brothers Adolf and Johnny Hicks. She is survived by her brothers, Kenny and Daryl Hicks, sisters Wanda Hicks and Flossie Stevens, daughter Belinda and son-in-law Steven Wilhelmson, grandson Dallas Summerlin and his wife Alyssa, great-grandchildren Bristol

and Beau, as well as many nieces, nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, Dorothy's family has requested that a donation be made to the Leesburg Church of God of Prophecy in her honor.

For anyone who was unable to attend in person, they may watch a recording the services by following the link below.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/55489/hash:45E9B481B9004442>

Cemetery

Events

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens JUN

1901 County Road 25A
Leesburg, FL, 34748

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Visitation

01:00PM - 02:30PM

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Funeral Service

02:30PM

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Graveside Ceremony

10:30AM

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Comments



“ She was my mom's best friend for years, she always knew how to make you smile and laugh, she will be missed terribly



Pamela Morgan - June 12, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lee Ryan.



June 11, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Love, Your Gator Harley Davidson Family purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dorothy Lee Ryan.



Love, Your Gator Harley Davidson Family - June 11, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lee Ryan.



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“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lee Ryan.



June 11, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lee Ryan.



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“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lee Ryan.



June 11, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Dorothy was an amazing lady. She touched my life more than once. She came into my life when i needed someone special. She loved me and just was a treasure to be around. She gave me always words of encouragement. Reminded me that no matter the mistakes i made that God still loved me and is there for me. She always made me laugh. She always was a delight to be around and if you was sad she picked you right up. This lady was such a witness to me and was family. I will miss her so much. I know she is in heaven and rejoicing and singing with the angels and telling jokes as well. Finally home with the Lord. Big mama will be truly missed.

Love and Prayers to you Ms. Belinda and your family.

Love,
Kira, Zoe and Drew.



Kira Floyd - June 11, 2021 at 09:06 AM