



Kay Moody Buffington

May 30, 1934 - October 5, 2023

Kay Moody Buffington, 89 of Plant City, Florida, was called home to her Savior on the evening of October 5, 2023 after a long battle suffering with dementia. Kay was born in Plant City on May 30, 1934 and was the first born child to the late Frank and Hazel Moody.

Kay married Charles Thomas Johnson Jr. (Tommy) in 1953 and together they welcomed 4 beautiful children. She loved being a wife, mother and grandmother. She served her family and set a godly, loving example for all. Kay was known for her love for others and her love for the Lord. One of her true gifts was making deep lasting friendships throughout her life.

Kay earned her BA in education from USF in 1974 and taught school for a short time at Bryan School in Plant City. After the passing of her beloved Tommy, she married Herb Buffington in 1979. She moved to Knoxville, Tennessee and started a new adventure where she continued serving her family, her church, and her new extended family.

Kay is survived by her 3 children Mary Kathryn Johnson, Patricia Johnson Phillips (Jim) and Charles Thomas Johnson III (Susan). Grandchildren Whitney Phillips Hembree (John) and Lindsey Jane Rife (Jeremy); Kathryn Farrish Sawyer (Andy) and Alexandra Farrish Boggus (Cullen); and Nicholas Charles Johnson. Great grandchildren Lottie Jane and Bridger Rife; Emmalyn Kay and Nora Kate Sawyer; and Ashley, Waylon and Moses Hembree; siblings Gail Moody Kroeze (John) and John Herron Moody (Cheryl); and Herb's loving family.

She is preceded in death by her husband Charles Thomas Johnson, Jr., husband Herbert Milton Buffington, daughter Melanie Jane (Janey), her parents Hazel and Frank Moody and brother Frank Estes Moody.

A memorial celebration of our sweet Mamie's life will be held on Monday, October 16 at 1:30pm at GracePoint Church in Plant City, Florida.

Memorial contributions can be made either to the Alzheimer's Support Group.

First Baptist Orlando

Attn: Alzheimer's Support Group 3000 S. John Young Parkway Orlando, FL 32805

Or the Gracepoint Church Mission Ministry GracePoint Church Attn: Mission Ministry 1107 Charlie Griffin Road Plant City, FL 33566

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **16**. 1:30 PM (ET)

GracePoint Church
1107 Charlie Griffin Road
Plant City, FL 33566

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Service*



rifeljane - October 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM

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“ *Kay was such a sweet, smiling and loving Christian woman. She was so hospitable and kind to me when I moved to Plant City. Know she will be missed by many. Praying for the family. Much love, Cheryl and John Duck*

Cheryl Duck - October 14, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Moody Buffington.*



October 13, 2023 at 09:09 PM

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“ *A mix of happy and sad precious memories have flooded our minds today as we think of the 1960s and families with young kids and happy times in Plant City with Kay and Tommy, She was all sweetness and hospitality. We're thankful to have known her. Sara and Herschel Ponder and girls*

Sara H Ponder - October 13, 2023 at 03:46 PM

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So agree with Sara Ponder! Kay and Tommy were my first Sunday School teachers at First Baptist. Sitting at their long dinner table was always so much fun for socials.

Diana Shuman - October 14, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Kay Moody Buffington.*



October 13, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kay Moody Buffington.*



October 13, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kay Moody Buffington.*

October 12, 2023 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Tem, Lucille, Julie, Sam and Margie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Moody Buffington.*

Tem, Lucille, Julie, Sam and Margie - October 11, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Tem, Lucille, Julie, Sam and Margie purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Kay Moody Buffington.*



Tem, Lucille, Julie, Sam and Margie - October 11, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kay Moody Buffington.*



October 11, 2023 at 11:26 AM