



Mary E LeFils

July 24, 1934 - March 18, 2026

Mary E. "Winkie" LeFils, age 91, of Osteen, Florida, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2026. She was born in Darlington, South Carolina, on July 24, 1934, to James E. and Mary A. Blackman.

Winkie had a lifelong passion for the Council of Catholic Women, serving with faith, leadership, and dedication since 1958. A devout Catholic since the age of 16, she was a longtime member of All Souls Catholic Church, where serving as a lector at Mass was one of her greatest honors. She was also a member of the Florida Farm Bureau, where she served as a State Director, the Florida Cowbells Association, and the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO).

Winkie was preceded in death by her parents, James E. and Mary A. Blackman; her husband, Donald F. LeFils Sr.; her son, Donald F. LeFils Jr.; and her daughter, Deborah Anne.

She leaves behind her children: Libbey of DeBary, Jim (Jody) of Osteen, Susan (Jeff) of Osteen, Greg (Susie) of Osteen, Teresa (Mike) of Summertown, Tennessee, Patricia of Ocala, and Sharon (Scott) of Ocala. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and many loving nieces and nephews.

May her memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved her, and may she rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to All Souls Catholic Church, All Souls Catholic School, Sanford Pregnancy Center in Sanford, or Saving Mercy in Ocala.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Catholic Cemetery

W. 25th St. and Hardy Ave.
Sanford, FL 32773

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

All Souls Catholic Church-Historic Location
800 S. Oak Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771

Public Visitation

MAR 27. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

All Souls Catholic Church-Historic Location
800 S. Oak Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771

Funeral Mass

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

All Souls Catholic Church- MAIN CHURCH
3280 W 1st St
Sanford, FL 32771

Meet & Greet

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Social Hall- Reception Area at Historic All Souls

810 S. Oak Avenue

Sanford, FL 32771

Historic All Souls Social Hall

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Winkie was such a mentor to me when I began in CCW. She was so warm and friendly and guided me through being a good CCW member helping me be a leader.

Karen Hill - March 27 at 06:57 PM

TF

“ The Drinkall family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E LeFils.

The Drinkall family. - March 27 at 11:01 AM

TF

“ The Drinkall family. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary E LeFils.



The Drinkall family. - March 27 at 11:01 AM

SO

“ Winkie was dedicated to the National Council of Catholic Women which is how I met her in 2012. She was kind, gracious, and always encouraging of the many ways people could serve the Lord. She was humble beyond measure but in small and big ways her servant leadership made the world a better place. May she rest in peace. May we each be inspired to do one kind thing a day in her memory.

Sharon A. O'Brien - March 26 at 11:40 PM

SO

“ Sharon O'Brien. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary E LeFils.



Sharon O'Brien. - March 26 at 11:21 PM

RO

“ One of Winkie's gifts that I admire, and strive to imitate, was her ability to make someone feel welcome and of value the moment she met you.

Robbie - March 26 at 05:56 PM

YF

“ Your Farmton Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary E LeFils.



Your Farmton Family - March 26 at 02:14 PM

CC

“ May your soul rest in peace Winkie. Remembering our time together at All Souls. Connie Costa

Connie Costa - March 26 at 09:14 AM

MP

“ *In celebrating Winkie’s life, we reflect on the ways she mirrored Christ’s love to the world. Her kindness, generosity, and steadfast faith inspired all who knew her and left a lasting imprint on our hearts. Though we grieve her absence, we find comfort in knowing she has returned to the loving arms of our Father. May her memory continue to guide us, reminding us to live with the same love and faith she so faithfully shared. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to her living family.*

Margarita Pecoraro - March 25 at 11:19 PM

CO

“ *conniepell@cfl.rr.com purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary E LeFils.*



conniepell@cfl.rr.com - March 25 at 04:22 PM

CO

“ *conniepell@cfl.rr.com planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E LeFils.*

conniepell@cfl.rr.com - March 25 at 04:22 PM

TF

“ *The Seilers and The Starling Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mary E LeFils.*



The Seilers and The Starling Family - March 24 at 02:39 PM



“ *Mickey Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mary LeFils*



Mickey Stroud - March 24 at 12:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary E LeFils.*



March 24 at 07:00 AM

TM

“ I will always remember Mary “Winkie” LeFils for her gentle Southern kindness, her quiet wisdom, and the warmth that radiated from her beautiful smile. There was a grace about Winkie that made everyone feel seen, valued, and loved—a reflection of the deep faith she carried in her heart throughout her life.

For decades, she poured herself into the Council of Catholic Women with unwavering devotion, serving faithfully since 1958. Her life was a testament to service, leadership, and love for the Church. As a devoted member of All Souls Catholic Church and a lector at Mass, she proclaimed God’s word with reverence—an honor she cherished and fulfilled with humility.

Winkie’s legacy reaches far beyond her many roles and accomplishments. It lives on in the countless lives she touched—her beloved children, her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her extended family, as well as her CCW sisters who were blessed to walk alongside her in faith and friendship. She gave so generously of herself, always offering encouragement, wisdom, and a listening heart.

Though our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that she lived a full and faithful life, and that she is now at peace in the loving embrace of our Lord. Her spirit, her kindness, and her steadfast faith will remain with us always.

Thank you, Winkie, for the gift of your life, for your love, and for the countless ways you uplifted each of us. You will be deeply missed, but forever cherished. May you rest in eternal peace. Love Always, James, Toya and Katherine Martin

Toya Martin - March 23 at 05:58 PM

NP

“ *Nanette P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E LeFils.*

Nanette P. - March 23 at 03:13 PM

NP

“ *I will always remember her Southern kindness and wisdom. Her unique strengths, charisms, and talents wrapped in her beautiful smile will be greatly missed. Thank you, Winkie, for so generously sharing yourself with all of your CCW sisters.*

Nanette ParrattoWagner - March 23 at 03:12 PM

CM

“ *Condolences to the LeFils family on the death of Mary (Winkie). Prayers from our Council of Catholic Women*

Coreen S Marklein - March 23 at 02:49 PM

YF

“ *Yarborough Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E LeFils.*

Yarborough Family - March 23 at 12:51 PM

YF

“ *Yarborough Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary E LeFils.*



Yarborough Family - March 23 at 12:51 PM

YC

“ Your friends at Brannon Construction purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary E LeFils.



Your friends at Brannon Construction - March 23 at 12:09 PM

DR

“ I will miss her beautiful smile. Winkie always made me feel welcome from the moment I first met her. May she rest in peace in the arms of our Savior. Dotty Rua

Dorothy M. Rua - March 23 at 10:52 AM

RB

“ Richard & Vilma Barrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E LeFils.

Richard & Vilma Barrett - March 23 at 10:33 AM

RB

“ Richard & Vilma Barrett purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mary E LeFils.



Richard & Vilma Barrett - March 23 at 10:33 AM

MD

“ *Much Love, Amy and Buddy Dykes purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary E LeFils.*



Much Love, Amy and Buddy Dykes - March 22 at 09:18 PM

BR

“ *Baldwin Angus Ranch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary E LeFils.*



Baldwin Angus Ranch - March 22 at 06:58 PM