



Dorothy Marie Grimsley

April 10, 1933 - March 23, 2025

Dorothy Marie Grimsley, age 91, of Eagle Lake, Florida, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2025. Born on April 10, 1933, in Hornersville, Missouri, Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who touched the lives of many with her kindness and compassion.

Dorothy was married to her loving husband, Joe Grimsley, for 63 wonderful years. Together, they built a beautiful family and shared countless cherished memories. Dorothy worked in the food service management industry and was a dedicated member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) and Gateway Church, where she found joy in serving the Lord and her community.

In 1965, Dorothy moved to Hardee County, Florida, from Missouri, where she became an integral part of the community. She was known for her tender heart and unwavering commitment to her family, always putting their needs above her own. Her hobbies and interests revolved around her children and family, and she took great pride in being a loving matriarch.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Janice Morrison (Steven) of Bartow, Glynis Thompson (Charles) of Winter Haven, Gary Grimsley (Lesa) of Wauchula, Jerris West (James) of Bartow, Jerry Grimsley (Sherry) of Wauchula, Joy Delaney (Mark) of Eagle Lake, and Jarrett Grimsley of

Williston, Florida. She is also survived by her sister, Waynoma Fort (Rick) of Paducah, and 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren who will carry on her legacy of love.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Howard Buster Pate and Emily Francis Moyer Pate; her husband Joe Grimsley; her daughter, Janet Joy Grimsley; her son, Jimmy Doyle Grimsley, her brother, Arthur Howard Pate; her sisters, Dessie Etheridge and Diann Johnson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Gateway Church, with burial to follow on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Sarasota National Cemetery. Charles Thompson will officiate the services.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gateway Church
4937 US Highway 17 N
Bowling Green, FL 33834

Burial

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Tribute Wall

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“ Jimmy Story purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy Marie Grimsley.



Jimmy Story - March 26, 2025 at 08:59 PM

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“ Jimmy Story planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Marie Grimsley.

Jimmy Story - March 26, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie Grimsley.



March 26, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Marie Grimsley.

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“ *Don and Denise Rodgers purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Marie Grimsley.*



Don and Denise Rodgers - March 26, 2025 at 08:42 AM