



# Rita Ida Loper

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## **Rita Ida Loper**

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**R**ita Ida Loper 96, longtime Eustis resident, passed away on September 13, 2013. She was born in Rochester, New York and moved to Eustis in 1929. She was a longtime active member of the First Baptist Church of Eustis giving her time and talents. She worked with them to help build churches in many states. She worked for the University of Florida Agricultural Extension Service as a Home Consultant assisting low income families in the use of commodity foods to prepare nutritious meals for their families. She was well known in the Eustis community and a past Eustis Washington's Day Parade Queen. She enjoyed a life of adventure and travel, the highlights of which were her journey to the Holy Land and river rafting through the Grand Canyon. She was a Veteran having served in the U.S. Women's Army Corp during WWII and a past President of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was predeceased by her husband Acie Loper; they were married over 50 years. Rita is survived by her children; Rose Loper of Lakebay, Washington and Gerald (Nadine) Loper of Altamonte Springs, Florida and her granddaughter Brigitte Loper of Winter Park, Florida. The family will receive friends in the Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel on Tuesday September 17th from 4 until 6 PM, services will be in the First Baptist Church of Eustis at 11 AM on Wednesday September 18th. Private interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Eustis. The family requests memorials be given to Shands Children's Hospital, University of Florida, Gainesville, 352-265-0111. You may share your own special thoughts and memories by visiting [hamlinhilbish.com](http://hamlinhilbish.com). Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors 326 E. Orange Avenue, Eustis. 352-357-4193.



# Events

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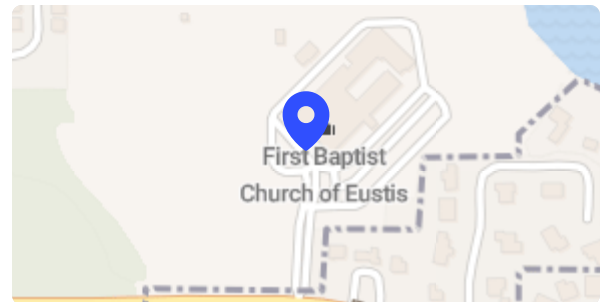
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, September 17, 2013
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
- Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel**  
326 E. Orange Avenue, Eustis FL 32726



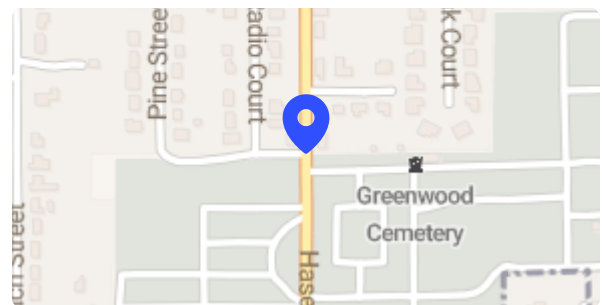
## Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, September 18, 2013
- 11:00 AM ET
- First Baptist Church of Eustis**  
3551 East Orange Ave., Eustis FL 32726



## Cemetery Details

- Greenwood Cemetery**  
220 Haselton Street, Eustis FL 32726





## Tribute Wall

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RR

**Rabun Reynolds** posted:

Gerald, I am so sorry about the loss of your Mom, I know how difficult it is, My prayers are with you, I often tell my students about you and the kind of great person you are. It was a privilege to coach you, You are a super representative of the PANTHER NATION. Coach Reynolds

October 11 at 1:11 PM

NR

**Nancy Bennett Rinehart** lit a candle in honor of Rita.



September 26 at 12:59 PM



**Sylvia Olson** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Rosemary and Gerald: We are saddened by the loss of your mother. We know she had a wonderful and full life and you were very lucky to have her with you for so many years. But, this does not ease the pain of the loss. No matter how well you prepare yourself there is still the emptiness in our hearts. Our Prayers are with you and your families. Aunt Willa Sylvia, Kandi, Cyndi



September 18 at 3:52 AM

CH

**Cherry D Hewitt** posted:

Rosemary "Rosie", So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You were certainly lucky to have her with you for so long. She was such a sweet and caring person and a good friend to my mother over the years. Thinking of you and Gerald. Cherry Dunlope Hewitt

September 17 at 12:43 PM

JG

**Jackie Vanderput-Gandre** posted:

Rose Mary - I just learned of your mother's passing. Remembering the times spent at your home while growing up, especially when my mother decided I needed a permanent, are fun memories. Your mother was an adventuresome lady and she passed that on to her daughter. I pray for peace of all understanding through Christ our Lord. God Bless you and your brother.

September 17 at 7:00 AM



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JG

**Jackie Vanderput-Gandre** lit a candle in honor of Rita.



September 17 at 6:57 AM

BH

**Beth Hayes Holder** posted:

Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. I have fond memories of her during our EHS days and the sleep over at your home. We have lost touch over the years but my thoughts are with you and your family. Beth Hayes Holder

September 17 at 6:04 AM

BO

**Bonk** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you Gerald ('Loper Boy'), Rose, and family! What a wonderful lady. I am so blessed to have her and your dad in my life during that time we were growing up together. She lived life and did it with caring style. A wonderful example of love, independence, and strength. Thanks for everything Mrs. Loper!

September 17 at 2:40 AM

AL

**Archie Leroy Loper Jr** posted:

Rosemary and Gerald, Archie (Lee) Loper Jr. here. I just wanted to say I'm so sorry about Aunt Rita passing away. I always had the most outright respect for you mom. Never in my 55 yrs. did I ever hear her raise her voice in anger. Even though sometimes she got mad when we (John) wouldn't stop playing on the staircase. Aunt Rita was defiantly one of kind. I have lost contact with everybody since my mom died in April of 2007. Please contact me at [loperarchie@gmail.com](mailto:loperarchie@gmail.com) or 407 459 5981. Again I'm so sorry about Aunt Rita. A very kind and gentile soul. Heaven got a new angel.

September 16 at 11:09 PM

JS

**Jg Scott** posted:

Gerald and Nadine, my condolences to you and your family. John Scott

September 16 at 12:24 PM



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LC

**Lindy Colvin** posted:

Gerald and Rose Mary....my heart is with you. May you both find peace with beautiful memories.

September 16 at 3:15 AM

RJ

**Rebecca Perrine Jagers** posted:

What a precious, precious lady. She went on several of our mission trips and always had a smile and encouragement for everyone. Always sat in the back of the church with Miss Martha and welcomed everyone! She will be missed.

September 15 at 6:16 PM

RM

**Ruth Palmer Mccollum** posted:

Rose Mary, sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Praying for peace and comfort for you and the rest of the family. Ruth Palmer McCollum

September 15 at 1:00 PM

DW

**Diane Greene Williams** lit a candle in honor of Rita.



September 15 at 12:26 PM

DW

**Diane Greene Williams** September 15 at 12:27 PM

I remember times with the Lopers while in school, we all lived on Washington Ave. My prayers are with the family.

CH

**Christine** posted:

Rose and Gerald, You Mom will be missed and was a great lady . You both are in our thoughts and prayers. John, Christine Carter Getchell and Family

September 15 at 10:38 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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