



## Gladys Elizabeth Berkey

April 18, 1928 - March 10, 2022

Gladys Elizabeth Berkey, 93, passed away March 10, 2022. She was born April 18, 1928 in Jeannette, Pennsylvania to the late Edward and Elizabeth (Epley) Clayton.

Gladys graduated from Jeannette High School and attended Valley Forge Christian College. Her life was devoted to Christ and to her husband in a lifetime of ministry to others. She led a dynamic ministry to pastors' wives. She loved to read the Bible and was an incredible woman of prayer.

Gladys enjoyed reading, baking, needlepoint, cross stitching and she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She came to Sarasota in 1999 from Deltona, Florida where she had spent 2 years. Prior to that she came to Florida from Agawam, Massachusetts. The Tabernacle Church of Sarasota was her church home.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 74 and half years, Pastor Edward B. Berkey; sons, Dr. E. Dale Berkey and his wife Deborah Kay; Douglas Neil Berkey and his wife Cheryl; daughter, Damaris Ann Berkey; grandchildren, Breanna Miller and her husband Tommi; Brittany Hayes and her husband Cameron; Blake Berkey and his wife Alexandra; and Cambria Ryan and her husband Justin; great grandchildren, Colt, Mia, Payton, Rory, Penelope and Clayton; mother of the three granddaughters, Doris Berkey; and

many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Gladys was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah; sisters, Doris and Hazel; and brother, Robert.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 13, 2022 from 1:30 to 2:00 pm at The Tabernacle Church, 4141 Desoto Road, Sarasota, Florida 34235. Funeral service will begin at 2:00 pm. Graveside service will take place in Grandview Cemetery in Johnstown, Pennsylvania under the direction of the John Henderson Funeral Service in Johnstown.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gladys' honor to Tidewell Hospice, 6310 Capital Drive, Suite 100, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202. Memories and condolences may be left for the family at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Previous Events

## Vistation

MAR 13. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Tabernacle Church  
4141 Desoto Road  
Sarasota, FL 34235

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Tabernacle Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ My heart was so saddened to hear of your loss, Ed, and the entire family, but I know we all celebrate that she is with Jesus, in her beautiful glorified body, finally free from pain. We'll continue to pray for your peace and comfort, dear ones, and I personally will look forward to seeing Gladys again one day in Heaven.

*My one regret is that I only got to meet her once with you, Ed, but what a joy it was!*

*Sending a loving hug from Atlanta,  
Deborah Lareau  
Convoy of Hope*

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**Deborah Lareau** - March 17, 2022 at 03:52 PM

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“ Have fond memories of Gladys when with Pastor Berkey they came to minister at one of the Uomini Nuovi Christian Conferences in Calabria, Italy. She was such a warm and loving lady. 💕💕💕

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**Yolanda Risi** - March 16, 2022 at 06:33 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gladys Elizabeth Berkey.



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March 12, 2022 at 07:54 AM

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“ Dear Pastor Berkey and Family,

*We are thankful we were able to be a part of the Bethany church family in Agawam, MA. It was a privilege for me ( Carole) to be the receptionist for several years. Mrs. Berkey, who we affectionately called "Mrs. B" was such a joy to work with. She was a shining light and had such a sweet spirit.*

*We were so blessed to see you both last year and appreciated your hospitality.*

*Heaven is a better place because she is home!*

*We know you will miss having Gladys by your side. We will continue to pray you will have peace knowing that she is healed.*

*We send our love,*

*Tom and Carole Richardson*

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**Carole Richardson** - March 11, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gladys Elizabeth Berkey.*



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March 11, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Elizabeth Berkey.*



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March 11, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Gladys Elizabeth Berkey.*



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March 11, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Robb Clayton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gladys Elizabeth Berkey.*



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**Robb Clayton** - March 11, 2022 at 11:50 AM