



## Evelyn E. McCleary

August 19, 1937 - September 23, 2021

Evelyn Elizabeth McCleary, 84, of Davenport, Florida passed away September 23, 2021.

Mrs. McCleary was born August 19, 1937 to the late James and Ruby Greenå in Shamrock, Florida. She had lived in the Old Town, Florida area for 13 years prior to moving to Davenport. Mrs. McCleary had owned and operated the Carriage Inn Restaurant in Cross City from 1989 – 1996, and she was of the Pentecostal faith. She had helped start the American Red Cross, the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Neighborhood Watch all in Old Town.

Mrs. McCleary is survived by her sons Richard Hayes (Rose) and Freddie McCleary (Belinda), her daughters Pamela Jordan (Mike), Sue Cunningham (David), and Theresa Hayes (John), her sister Dessie Thompson, six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband Frederick McCleary.

Funeral services for Mrs. McCleary will be held 3:00 PM Friday, October 1, 2021 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with Rev. James Coombs officiating. Interment will follow in the Cross City Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral

Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and  
Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at  
[rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cross City Cemetery

127 SE 289 St  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
PO Box 1208  
Cross City, FL 32628

## Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Evelyn E. McCleary



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - September 29, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn E. McCleary



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - September 29, 2021 at 10:37 PM

RH

How beautiful. It couldn't have been done any better. Thank you so very much. McCleary Children

Rose Hayes - September 30, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ Evelyn E. McCleary

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Evelyn E. McCleary*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Lynne sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn E. McCleary*



Lynne - October 01, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *Lynne lit a candle in memory of Evelyn E. McCleary*



Lynne - October 01, 2021 at 03:18 PM

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“ Mom was such a loving and caring person. She loved music, cooking and going to church. Although her first love was God her family never felt like they were in second place. Mom was always proud of us even when we made mistakes. Her love for us was abundant. I remember the time I ran away from home. Mom never punished me. Her worry was immense until I returned. The day I did, She had prepared my favorite supper and welcomed me home with open arms. Regardless, of any pain, hurt, or disappointment that I caused my mom, she ALWAYS said she had the best children in the world. But you know what..... It was us that had the GREATEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD!!!!!!!!!!!! She was an Angel who walked on earth!!!!!!



Theresa Hayes - September 30, 2021 at 08:56 PM

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“ Rose Hayes sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn E. McCleary



Rose Hayes - September 30, 2021 at 08:35 PM

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“ Rose Hayes lit a candle in memory of Evelyn E. McCleary



Rose Hayes - September 30, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Evelyn E. McCleary.*

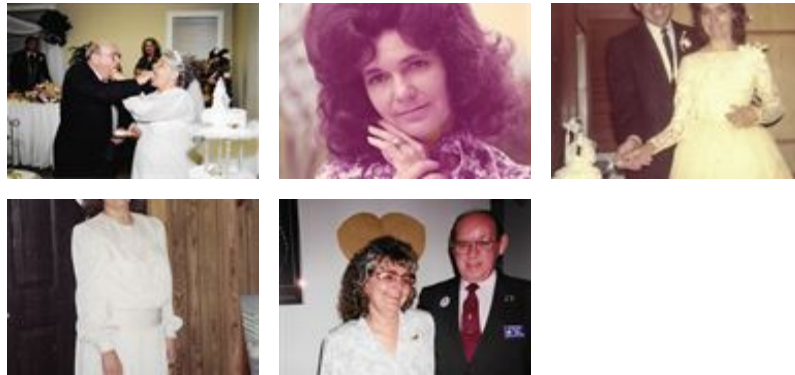


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September 30, 2021 at 05:43 AM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - September 29, 2021 at 09:37 PM

RH

*How lovely. Thank you Jason!! Rick, we can't thank you enough for all your services with ALL our family, but Thank you most of all for Jason. He has been absolutely kind and patient helping us through this most difficult time.*

*McCleary Children*

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**Rose Hayes** - September 30, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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*I would like to thank everyone at Rick Gooding Funeral Home for the wonderful job they did for us. This was a very devastating loss for our family. However, Rick, Jason and all of the staff went out of their way to help ease the stress at this difficult time. Thank you does not begin to convey my gratitude.*

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**Theresa Hayes** - October 01, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Evelyn E. McCleary.



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September 29, 2021 at 11:44 AM