



## Lula Elizabeth Downs

April 29, 1942 - March 11, 2026

Frankfort - Lula Elizabeth Wells Downs, age 83, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Scott Van Neste officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Monday. Lula was born in Crab Orchard, Kentucky. Her parents, Taylor "Dick" Wells and Gladys Burkhart, have deep roots in Leslie County, Kentucky.

Lula was the kind of person who could do or figure out anything. She retired from the state after many years at the Department of Local Government. She worked a variety of jobs in retail, a short time in a factory, and as a housekeeper, and she was a meticulous housekeeper.

She enjoyed the outdoors and like the inside of her house, her yard and its flowers were something to behold. The many types and numerous colors of flowers could have been from a southern home and garden magazine.

Another thing she loved very much was being the Sunday School teacher for the youngest children whose family attended her church, Bellepoint Baptist Church. She adored and doted on children so this was not just something to do for her, it was true love and enjoyment. Most of all, she loved her family, her husband Joe and three sons, John, Stevie and Tony. Her sisters and her brothers, and their children were always close to her heart.

She is survived by two sons, John Patrick (Brian Sharp) and Anthony Gene "Tony" and (Beth); and sister, Wanda Faye Dodson. She also left two

grandchildren, Matthew and Darlene as well as three great grandchildren and one great-greatgrandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Patrick; her beloved son Stevie, Steven Mitchell; and sisters, Ruth and Nola Gene.

Serving as pallbearers will be Alijah Hume, Clark Riley, Matthew Downs, Patrick Kelley, Brian Wells, Mike Hawkins, and Kyle Wells. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Wells and Kenneth Wells.

In lieu of flowers as an expression of sympathy, her son's ask that you make a memorial contribution to her church, Bellepoint Baptist Church, Kentucky Ave., Frankfort, KY.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road  
Versailles, KY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
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# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *I had the privilege to meet Miss Lula back in 2025 as a caregiver. Sweet precious lady.*



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**Melissa** - April 18 at 02:27 PM



“ *Marlene Eads lit a candle in memory of Lula Elizabeth Downs*



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**Marlene Eads** - March 24 at 05:15 PM

PL

“ *Reading this and seeing your photo makes it more real. It isn't the same you being gone. You loved your yard, your flowers and being outside for sure. Caleb was blessed with all the stories you told him and taking time to tell him about rocks and plants. Thank you for loving that little boy who grew to be 6'2" and hair down his back. He will never forget you. We love and miss you Lula. Many hugs Pamela, Johnny and Caleb.*

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**Pamela Lefler** - March 20 at 02:00 PM

LZ

“ *Lisa Zahalka lit a candle in memory of Lula Elizabeth Downs*



**Lisa Zahalka** - March 18 at 02:16 AM

TW

“ *Tammy And Walter Weitzel lit a candle in memory of Lula Elizabeth Downs*



**Tammy and Walter Weitzel** - March 17 at 01:52 PM

DC

“ *Del Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Lula Elizabeth Downs*



**Del Collins** - March 17 at 11:05 AM

TA

“ *Tammie lit a candle in memory of Lula Elizabeth Downs*



**Tammie** - March 16 at 02:56 PM

CH

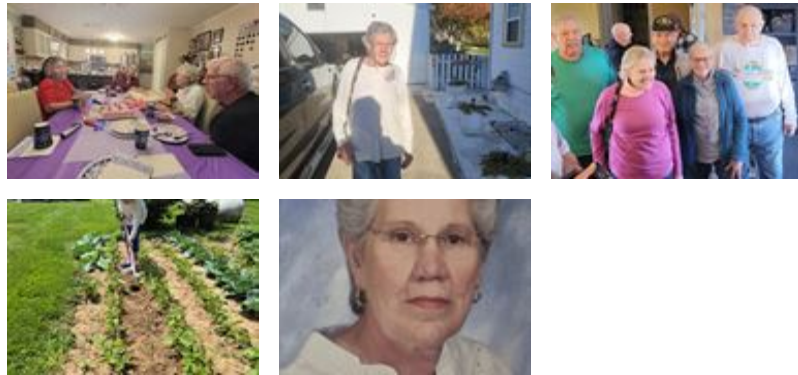
“ Connie And Helge lit a candle in memory of  
Lula Elizabeth Downs



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**Connie and Helge** - March 16 at 10:58 AM

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“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Harrod Brothers Funeral Home** - March 16 at 10:49 AM

WM

*Beautiful memories* 💖

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**Wendy Moredock** - March 16 at 05:28 PM