



## Mrs. Alpha Adams Piland

October 14, 1925 - October 22, 2019

Alpha A. Piland, 94, of Tallahassee, peacefully passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, while surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Pelham, Georgia on October 14, 1925, she was a daughter of the late William W. and Ophelia Boutwell Adams. She is also preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Gene W. "Buster" Piland, Sr.; great-grandson, Austin Fleetwood; and siblings, Sarah J. Capps, Leroy Adams and Harry Adams.

A 1943 graduate of Pelham High School, she attended Troy University for a while, then moved to Atlanta, Georgia and in 1945, while living in Atlanta, married her high school sweetheart, Gene W. "Buster" Piland, Sr. Following their move to Tallahassee, she worked for and retired from the State of Florida, Office of the Governor.

She was a member of Temple Baptist Church (now North Florida Baptist Church), loved art and painting and was the President of Women in Construction from 1970 -1971. She also enjoyed traveling, water aerobics, spending time with family, but most of all, loved her family.

Survivors include her four children, Walter (Paula) Piland, Pamela (Jack) McKinnon, Mark A. Piland and Lane (Stacey) Piland; nine grandchildren, Pam Barksdale, Tammy Fleetwood, Trey Piland, Michele (Kelly) Kitchens, Mac

(Tarah) McKinnon, Amy (Daniel) Cook, Shelby Piland, Colby Piland and Brandon Leggett; ten great-grandchildren, Jenna Hurst, Lauren (Michael) Shields, Amanda Piland, Johnny Piland, Branden Piland, Dawson Kitchens, Kamdyn Kitchens, Milee Harper Kitchens, Rylan McKinnon and Breckon McKinnon; four great-great-grandchildren, Natalie Hurst, Makenna Hurst, Brayden Shields and Hadley Shields; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral is 11:00 AM Friday, October 25, 2019, at Abbey Funeral Home, with private interment following at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home a half hour prior to the funeral. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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[abbeyfh@comcast.net](mailto:abbeyfh@comcast.net)

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alpha Adams Piland.*



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October 24, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *May the caring and love of family and friends bring you all comfort, and may the KNOWING that you will see Sweet Alpha again bring you peace beyond all understanding. You all have my deepest sympathies, fondest memories & unending love,*

*Always,  
“Kathy” (& Randy) Rafnel*



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**Kathleen W. Rafnel** - October 24, 2019 at 01:26 AM



“ *The Piland family is very close and their love for each other is evident in their actions and words. I, too, was privileged to know the love of Gigi/Alpha. I am Michele's (Kitchens) mother-in-law and from first meeting her grandmother Piland, I felt genuine warmth, acceptance and affection from her. She occasionally stopped by to visit when I would be down keeping Dawson when he was just a baby. I recall her reaching out to me at other times and I cherished her friendship. Heaven gained a Saint and she left a wonderful legacy for her children and grandchildren. I feel blessed to have known her.*

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**Linda M. Kitchens** - October 23, 2019 at 09:57 PM

MS

“ *Mildred Sheppard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alpha Adams Piland*



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**mildred sheppard** - October 23, 2019 at 02:38 PM

CS

“ *Cathie Sheppard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alpha Adams Piland*



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**cathie sheppard** - October 23, 2019 at 05:54 AM

MS

“ *So sorry for your loss. I know that all of you will have beautiful memories of her. I pray Gods comfort for each of you.*



*Mildred Sheppard*

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**mildred sheppard** - October 23, 2019 at 05:50 AM

CS

“ *Cathie Sheppard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alpha Adams Piland*



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**cathie sheppard** - October 23, 2019 at 05:23 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alpha Adams Piland.



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October 22, 2019 at 10:53 PM