



Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry

April 28, 1935 - June 18, 2018

Alfred "Al" Berry, 83, of Plant City, Florida, born on April 28, 1935, entered into Heaven on June 18, 2018. He was a man of deep faith, and loved his family, church, and community. He enjoyed casting fishing nets, hunting with his metal detector, HAM radio communications, and making videos.

He was a member and former Deacon of First Baptist Church Plant City, former Executive Board member and Past President of the Florida Strawberry Festival, member and Past President of Plant City Lions Club, former Trustee of Hillsborough Community College, former Hillsborough County Civil Defense Director, former Mayor of Dover, and former board member of Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce, Plant City Photo Archives and History Center, and City of Plant City Board of Adjustment.

He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, Co-Owner of WPLA Radio Station, and Editor in Chief of In the Field magazine.

He has received numerous awards, including the 1998 Plant City Citizen of the Year, and Plant City Family of the Year.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patsy Davidson Berry; daughters, Kellie Lee Corry (Craig) of Indian Shores, Lori DeMello (Raul) of Plant City, and Karen Berry of Plant City; grandchildren, Cliff Brown (Crystal), Kelsie Corry,

Kylie Fox (Bradley), and Ryan DeMello; great-grandchildren, Jayden, Makyla, Caydance, and Ophelia; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Nita Berry; and siblings, Nettie Mae Draughon, Betty Jean Howell, and Mary Alberta Berry.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 22 from 6-8:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L Redman Pkwy, Plant City, where a funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 23 at 11:00 A.M. Committal with military honors to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Plant City Building Fund, 503 N Palmer Street, Plant City 33563. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L Redman Pkwy
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://fbcpc.com>

Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Our sympathy to Patsy and family. We enjoyed knowing Al and will miss him. Sincerely, Dan Hogan & Aileen Perlman

Dan Hogan - September 04, 2018 at 01:02 AM

SS

“ I well remember Al's signature signoff at the end of his airshift (before the time of This 'n That). After reminding his listeners to drive safely he would always say "I'd rather be a little late and still be Al Berry than be the late Al Berry." In the Lord's wisdom it is now our time to remember and celebrate the life and legacy of the late Al Berry, and what a legacy he left us! It was my privilege to work with Al at WPLA in the 1960's and see first hand the truth that made Al a local legend. The public and private Al Berry were one and the same. What stories he must be sharing with George and Ercelle in that great studio in heaven. Al lives on in the many lives he touched. Our prayers are with Patsy and the entire family.
Steve Sparkman

Steve Sparkman - June 23, 2018 at 09:42 AM

LH

“ So many memories of the Camp family and the Berry family. Dad and Al were so much fun to spend time with. No doubt heaven's angels are enjoying their company! So comforting to know we will be reunited with our loved ones again. God bless you and comfort you during these difficult days. Love you all, Lisa Camp Holwerda

Lisa Camp Holwerda - June 22, 2018 at 08:45 PM

LW

“ *Al Berry was not only the voice of Plant City and a leader in our community, but a friend who helped so many. Al was instrumental in helping build the following of our family business and we consider it an honor for him to have done so.*

Our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies are with the entire Berry family.

~ The (Felton) Williams Family

Lee Williams - June 22, 2018 at 06:53 PM

 Sally
Raburn

“ *Patsy and family, there aren't words to say to ease your pain, if so the line would be very long with your friends wanting to say them... you are loved by many people.*

We are thinking of you all, keeping you, the girls, the grandchildren and the greats in our hearts and prayers. With love, Bobby and Sally Raburn

Sally Raburn - June 22, 2018 at 04:39 PM

DC

“ *Patsy and family....so very sorry. Al was Mr. Plant City and loved and admired. So sorry for your loss.*

Donna Jean Crocker. - June 22, 2018 at 04:34 PM

DG

“ Patsy, Earl and I have very fond memories of our times together with mutual friends long time ago, before they moved away: Jim and Julie Jones are in Colorado. Joe and Mannon Taunton are in Tennessee. We last saw Al at Fred's Restaurant about a year ago. we enjoyed his down-home, old southern stories in the In The Field Magazine. He was always kind, friendly and humorous. And he loved you dearly. We will all miss him. Love and prayers from Dee and Earl Grantham

Dee and Earl Grantham - June 22, 2018 at 03:50 PM

JL

“ Our condolences to the Berry family. I feel blessed to have met Mr. Berry. My wife felt like she knew him through his column published in In the Field magazine. God Bless and our prayers are with you all. Jeff and Jody Leake.

Jeff Leake - June 22, 2018 at 02:36 PM

Jl

“ Joe, Cindy, and all of us Tully-Menard Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry.



Joe, Cindy, and all of us Tully-Menard Inc. - June 22, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry.*



June 22, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Patsy, Remembering all the good times I had with you and Al. He always had a smile for everyone he met. Truly, a great man. I wish you and the girls peace through this difficult time.*
Barbara Moore Holton

Barbara Holton - June 21, 2018 at 10:30 PM



“ *Rosemary V. Madonia purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry.*



Rosemary V. Madonia - June 21, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry.*



June 21, 2018 at 09:10 PM

CJ

“ Prayers for Al's family and friends. I've been gone from Plant City since '64, but my memories of Al are when we were in Jr. High and PCHS. He was always all that has been said about him....funny, thoughtful, kind and friends with everyone. I know he will be greatly missed.

Carolyn Grace Jordan - June 21, 2018 at 08:29 PM

TH

“ Tommy and Dot Hicks purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry.



Tommy and Dot Hicks - June 21, 2018 at 04:47 PM

VO

“ My dearest Patsy,

So, so sorry to hear this. You and Al have been such great friends for four decades. Wesley & Florine dearly loved you both, as Jami and I both do. It was a pleasure to have known Al for all these years. He was a great asset to the Festival and will be missed by all.

*Vicki, Zeke and Jami
Oler Productions*

Vicki Oler - June 21, 2018 at 03:22 PM

KR

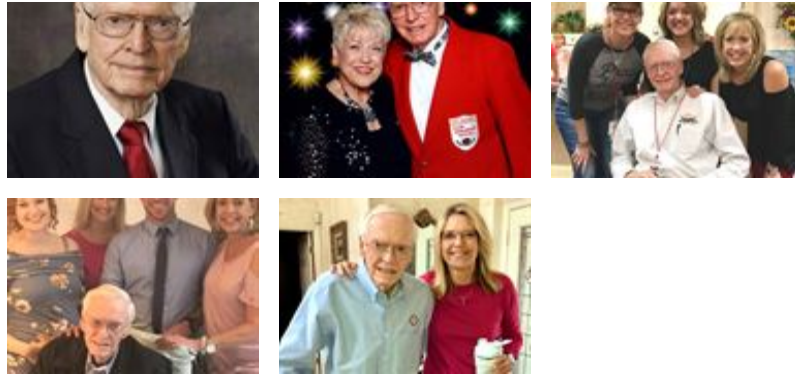
“ Lo-Lo, Karen and Ms. Patsy,
My heart breaks for you but I know you all have so many wonderful,
fun memories that will carry you though. Hugs to you all and know
that you are in my prayers. May Jesus wrap you up in His sweet
arms, hold you tight and comfort your souls.

Krysta Lawson Johnson

krysta - June 21, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 21, 2018 at 02:28 PM

QS

“ All of us at QP3 Training Systems send our deepest sympathies on
the loss and void in your lives of this very important man.

May his memory always bring your comfort.

Qp3 Training Systems - June 21, 2018 at 01:05 PM

TG

“ Condolences to Patsy and the Berry Family. I feel honored to have met Al and to see over the years how much he loved his family and the community of Plant City. God bless Al and his loved ones.
Terry Greenhalgh

Terry Greenhalgh - June 21, 2018 at 11:44 AM

GF

“ So sorry for the family's loss...Prayers sent your way. Truly a GREAT man and will be missed!

Boyd & Gwen Faulkenberry

Gwen Faulkenberry - June 21, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry.



June 21, 2018 at 09:04 AM

Wayne Haynes

“ SO sorry for you and your families' loss Kelli. May God be with him eternally now, and watch over you all here. :-(

Wayne Haynes - June 20, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry.*



June 20, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Uncle Al was much more to me than an uncle, he was my Big Brother, my Best Friend, my Mentor and the "Father-Figure" of my life. He taught me how to fish, how to drive a car, and how to speak. My 32 years in Christian Broadcasting was due to his guidance. And, it was his example of a loving Christian Husband and Father that I've tried to pattern in my own life. He was, most of all, my Christian Brother in Jesus. Love you Uncle Al*

Kevin MacKenzie - June 20, 2018 at 02:33 PM



Hi Kevin. Didn't know Al Personally, but was moved by your post. My dear friend Steve Smith really appreciated him. Wish I'd known him as well.

Tom Chase - June 20, 2018 at 06:10 PM

WH

I considered Al a friend, though I only saw him once or twice a year, usually at the Florida Strawberry Festival Media Night. I know when he was a local voice on Plant City radio station, WPLA, he had many dedicated listeners. As busy as he was, even in later years, he always had time to talk with me.

When I was offered a Federal Communications Commission construction permit to build a radio station in the area, I called him to get his opinion. He was right in telling me some of the big problems, including engineering problems the station would have had. He was a very intelligent man.

*Bill Histed, editor,
The Mulberry Press,
Mulberry, Florida*

William Histed - June 21, 2018 at 12:14 PM

AD

“ *Angela DeMontmollin--Kirk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry*



Angela DeMontmollin--Kirk - June 20, 2018 at 10:47 AM

AD

“ *Mr Berry was plant City the festival the radio station and my cousin , I have way to many fond memories to list . I just know he took a part of my heart and will always be in my heart*

Angela DeMontmollin--Kirk - June 20, 2018 at 10:44 AM

BB

“ I have know Al Berry for many years, well since I was a kid. He was always a pleasure to be around and will never forget him and have never forgotten when he was at WPLA. Yes he was such an Icon to Plant City and a great businessman. He will be greatly missed. Such a great man and he always managed to have that "sense of humor". His family and friends have my "Deepest Sympathy" at their time of grief.



Barbara Brown - June 20, 2018 at 10:10 AM

KJ

“ Working with Mr.Al at the strawberry festival and my Grandchildren's Grandfather.Al loved Plant City,His family and all that crossed his path.He will be missed.



Kathy jones - June 20, 2018 at 08:02 AM

KJ

Great Grandfather!

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MM

Our condolences to your family. My father, Jerry Eubanks, was very fond of Al and our entire family felt that he was a part of our family. Always on the radio of WPLA playing in our home. He and Ercelle were so much a part of Plant City. Cannot imagine it without them! Love to you Kelly!

Melody McCrary - June 20, 2018 at 10:14 AM

GA

We will always remember Al and Patsy for the love and friendship they shared with us at Lake Weir many summers ago. They set the standard for a beautiful couple, and strong soldiers of God. Al is truly the hands of Christ! Love the Albright family of Lake Weir.

George Albright - June 20, 2018 at 02:55 PM

LS

So sorry for the loss of your father, and grandfather! He was much love and well respected and has left your family with a wonderful legacy! Prayers, love and hugs!

Lisa Shaker-Knopp - June 20, 2018 at 03:44 PM

CW

I don't think anyone can really explain Al, he was always doing something for Plant City, Al and Pasty thank you for all the great things you both were to us. We will always miss Al and love you both Love and Prayers Cleo and Judy Willis

Cleo and Judy Willis - June 20, 2018 at 04:54 PM

PB

I will remember his voice on the promo videos for the Paso Fino Horse Association and the marketing he did for the breed.

Patti Blichmann - June 20, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“Charlotte Wiggins Mathews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry



Charlotte Wiggins Mathews - June 20, 2018 at 06:07 AM



“ *My condolences to your family. Al was always smiling and he was a very kind man. He's an icon of Plant City and will be missed by many.* ”



Charlotte Wiggins Mathews - June 20, 2018 at 06:07 AM

JM

“ *Jason Mattair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred "Al" Berry* ”



Jason Mattair - June 19, 2018 at 11:15 PM

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