



Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan Jr.

April 22, 1954 - January 24, 2023

Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan, Jr., 68, of Plant City, born on April 22, 1954, in Orlando, entered into eternal rest on January 24, 2023. He was the former owner of Buchanan Fuel Oil in Orlando, former youth leader at Eastside Baptist Church, and a member of First Baptist Church Dover. He loved his family dearly, enjoyed fishing, cars, and work, and was an avid fan of Florida State University football. Although he wasn't perfect, he strived to be a good Christian man. He is survived by wife of 30 years, Becky Buchanan; children, Tiffany Campolo (Michael) of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Christopher Buchanan (Lilah) of New Orleans, Louisiana, Jared Buchanan (Kayla) of Silver Springs, Linsey Heaney (Adam) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Austin Buchanan (Ashley) of Plant City; grandchildren, Vanessa, Nick, Lilly, Zack, Liam, Jace, Brooks, Daniel, Ford, and David; great-grandchildren, Cameron, and Evelyn; brother, Butch Buchanan (Lela); and many other family and friends. A funeral service will be held Monday, January 30, at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Dover, 3223 Gallagher Road, Dover, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Building Bridges Academy, 14100 E Highway 40, Silver Springs 34488. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover
3223 Gallagher Rd
Dover, FL 33527
(813) 719-2273

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan Jr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 27, 2023 at 12:38 PM

AP

“ I was so sad to hear of Sonny's departure into eternity. Sonny was a kind man who always had a word of encouragement for me. Peace and comfort to you Becky, and to your family. In Christian love,
Anne Phillips

Anne Phillips - February 02, 2023 at 10:04 AM

BP

So sad he would come to the grove 2109 Conway gardens rd to fill up my grand father wiley pittmans oil drum we went to church with him at Eastside Baptist church rip my frend

bobby pittman - June 03, 2023 at 06:10 PM

JR

“ *Sonny, it's Johnboy. Just got the word from Ricky. Just sitting here dazed... memories of you taking time out of your life to take us (then) kids to Ridgecrest in in NC in a '78 Dodge maxi van (you drove us straight through), taking us tubing down in itchetuckny river, camping, (Sorry about the fire water), the big garage sale at your old house in Orlando and for just being there in general whenever we needed a grown up to talk to. Little things I remember, like your maroon dodge pickup with that funny front plate on the bumper, helping the old preacher at Eastside get his lawn mowed, looking for the preacher's daughter that wandered off at Ridgecrest...I could go on and on. When the day comes that you see "Fudpucker" (David) tell him I said hello. Love you brother. THANK YOU for having that big heart that you had and know how much you meant to me way back when. You were and always will be a blessing. Rest easy old friend. Much love and many memories..... John*

John Rolfing - January 29, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan Jr..*



January 28, 2023 at 11:34 AM

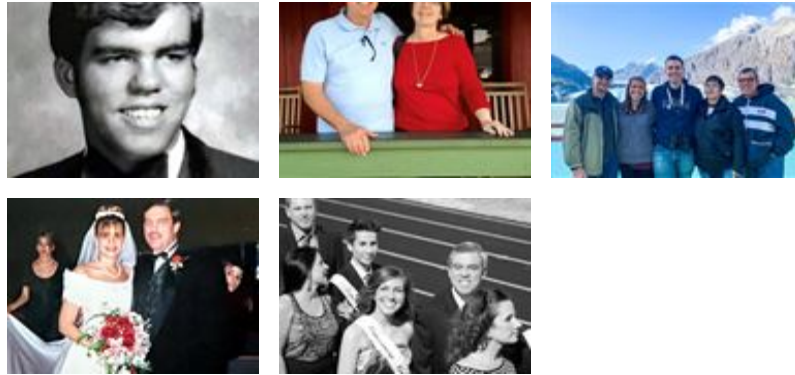
SL

“ *Sonny was my youth group leader at Eastside, but also a close friend. Many of my teenage years are filled with memories of him: road trips to Ridgecrest, tubing down the Itchetucnee River, a family trip to Virginia/PA chasing snow, fun and games at church, working at the business. He was a good man, and I wish we had not lost contact in my young adult years. I know his family will miss him dearly.*

Sheryl (Keith) Licht - January 28, 2023 at 05:54 AM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 27, 2023 at 12:35 PM

MP

“ *Sonny was my youth director at Eastside Baptist Church. So many fond memories of the many things we did as a group. He cared about the young and old alike. He was a witness for the Lord. You will always be remembered. Rest easy in the arms of our Heavenly Father my friend.....*
Michele Miller Powell

Michele Miller Powell - January 27, 2023 at 12:20 PM

YD

“ *Your FBC Dover Adult 3 SS Department! purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan Jr..*



Your FBC Dover Adult 3 SS Department! - January 27, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan Jr..*



January 26, 2023 at 06:59 PM

TW

“ *The Maranda Team Wamily purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan Jr..*



The Maranda Team Wamily - January 26, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Franklin Buchanan Jr..*



January 26, 2023 at 04:44 PM

MK

“ *Sonny was was my Youth Minister at Eastside Baptist and a neighbor for years on Brown St. I have many great memories of our Youth trips to Ridge Crest, NC, Tubing the Itchituchnee River, Youth Services, etc. I also worked a few years at Buchanan Fuel Oil. Sonny always had a Nice Smile, Time to Encourage his Youth Group and a friend to many. He was a Kind Soul who Loved God. Rest Well My Friend and Thank you for all the Great Memories. Heaven has gained another Angel.*

*Melanie Miller Kelly
Winter Garden, FL*

Melanie Kelly - January 26, 2023 at 04:10 PM

CD

Sonny was a kind and loving man and friend. Someone you could count on as a prayer warrior and encourager. He will be greatly missed. Becky and I are praying for you family. Love, Clint & Becky Dame

Clint Dame - January 27, 2023 at 12:02 PM