



Mr. Bennie James Bentley

March 19, 1945 - April 17, 2017

Bennie James “Jim” Bentley, 72, of Salt Springs, Florida, entered into eternal rest on April 17, 2017. He was born on March 19, 1945 in Ft. Pierce to Lonnie and Pearlle Bentley, lived in Lakeland for most of his life, and retired to Salt Springs. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and a lifelong truck driver with Publix (produce), Pepperidge Farms, and Wal-Mart. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially locating Shellcrackers on the bed during a full moon. He is survived by his daughters, Cindy Bentley-Roberts (Robbie) of Lithia, Robin Bentley of St. Cloud, and Christy Arnold (Steve) of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Nicole Zimmerman, Ashley Zimmerman, Bentley Rae Roberts, Samuel Arnold, Isabel Arnold, Nathanael Arnold, Lucy Arnold, and Benjamin Arnold; siblings, Betty Harvill of Temple Terrace, Lonnie Carlton Bentley, Jr. of Ocala, Robert E. Bentley, Sr. of Bradenton, Carolyn Harrell of Live Oak, and Donald Bentley of Lakeland; and beloved lifelong friend and former wife, Eleanor Bentley. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Annette Hill. A Celebration of Life with military honors will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. He will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute at <https://howardtodumfloridaspringsinstitute.wildapricot.org/donate>. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

Bushnell, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

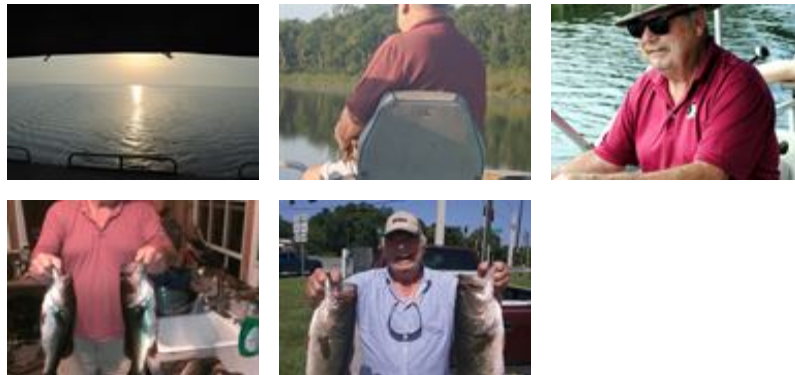
MAY 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 04, 2017 at 01:16 PM

JR

“ *Enjoyed many fishing trips with Jim. He was a sweet man and a friend to many. RIP. We will be in Alaska that day, but we will pause and day a prayer. God Speed*

Jack and Gina Roig - April 21, 2017 at 10:30 AM

DH

“ *Jim was a great friend we have known for 30+ years who we met when we bought property in Ocala National Forest in the 70's. He loved to fish,boil peanuts, raise vegetables and enjoyed life. We will miss his smiling face and friendship we had over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Cindy and Robbie and the rest of the family.He will be missed by all.*

Dale and Elaine Hall

Dale and Elaine Hall - April 21, 2017 at 07:49 AM

MW

“ Jim Bentley treated us like family and we felt the same way about him. Some of the best times of my life was spent with him and his family. We loved him dearly. If I could say all the wonderful things about him and what a loving person he was, it would cover so much space on this paper there would be no room for others to post.

Someday we will all meet again and we will take up where we left off.

*With loving memories
Merita and Mike*

Merita and Mike Williams - April 20, 2017 at 10:32 PM


Barbara
Watts

“ *Deepest sympathy, Charles and Barbara
[Suggs] Watts & Family*



Barbara Watts - April 20, 2017 at 08:59 PM

SU

“ *Cindy, Robbie and Bentley family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Me and my husband will truly miss visiting with Mr Jim when going to our weekend getaway place in Salt Springs. My favorite memory was a boat Christmas parade in lake Kerr. That night will always be my best memory. Sandra & Roger Ussery*

Sandra Ussery - April 20, 2017 at 08:55 PM



Robb
Withrow

“ *Mr Jim will be truly missed I met him years ago on our little dirt Rd going to the cabin he helped me for hours fixin my boat trailer and wouldn't take a dime and we became buddy's ever since. Me and my whole family and all of our friends would stop to see him when going down to the cabin. Mr Jim would help us anyway he could and we would do the same for him . Ocala wont be the same anymore just got use to passing by that barn he would always be sitting there at that table smiling and just waving ready to show me his latest cast iron pans he found or offer me some fish or boiled peanuts I feel lucky to have known him and to his family I am sorry for your loss Robb Withrow*

Robb Withrow - April 20, 2017 at 03:32 PM