



## Mr. Bert Franklin Dull

August 19, 1933 - April 24, 2024

Bert Franklin Dull, son of the late J.T. and Annie Dull, peacefully departed to be with His Lord on April 24, 2024. Born in Winter Haven, Bert was raised in Plant City and proudly graduated from Plant City High School, Class of 1951.

For 64 years, Bert was a devoted husband to Jolly Howell of Plant City. Together, they raised two children, Molly Ann (William Buffington) and Bert Franklin (Angela), cherished by five grandchildren (Suzanne, Beau, Kathryn, Lauren, and Robert) and six great-grandchildren (Saige, Ashley, Christian, Stevie, McKenzie, and Melodie).

Growing up on Lake Shipp in Winter Haven, Bert found joy in fishing, hunting in the Everglades, and music. Family vacations often included trips to the Smokey Mountains and visits to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. Their shared love for NASCAR races led to memorable travels across the southeast to attend many races. A modest collection of trophies reflected his passion for golf.

Bert served in the United States Army during post-WWII Germany and France. Following his military service, he pursued a career as an Engineer with the Seaboard Airline Railroad, retiring after 45 years with CSX Railroad. While with the railroad, Bert was elected Local Chairman of the United Transportation Union, becoming an advocate, arbitrator, personal advisor and

friend to many. He worked ardently with state and federal legislators to create safer workplace environments and better benefits for rail workers, something he was passionate about. He also served as Associate General Chairman of Florida UTU. Bert was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and was active in the Olin S. Wright Masonic Lodge, the Order of Eastern Star serving as a Worthy Patron, as Grand Representative of Wyoming in Florida, and a 32° member of the Scottish Rite.

Bert lived a life marked by adventure, hard work, a share of good luck, and the support of loved ones. As he peacefully passed, he found solace in reuniting with his beloved wife and Loving Savior on the other side. Bert's legacy of dedication and service will forever be remembered. May he rest in eternal peace with His Lord.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 4 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends at 2:00 P.M. Interment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)**

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



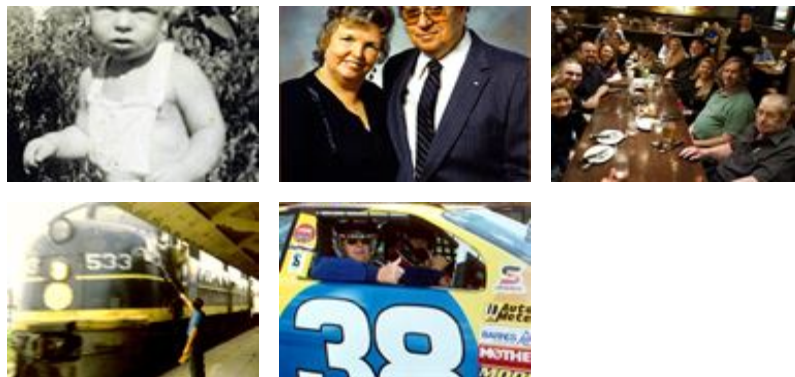
“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bert Franklin Dull



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ Always had an enjoyable, safe and educational trip with Bert during my time working the extra board. He was a gentle giant and a little rough around the edges, but once you worked with him awhile he was kind, very knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with. He will be sorely missed . Prayers and condolences to his family for healing from this sad loss. Walt Rogers, retired conductor.

Walter Rogers - April 30, 2024 at 09:57 AM

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“ Bert was a good person and will be missed by all. He did his best to make our railroads a safer place to work and was a Big Brother to all. RIP Bert. Carl Cochran, SMART/UTU Alumni National Coordinator

Carl Cochran - April 28, 2024 at 08:28 AM

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“ Bert I'm so sorry for your loss my prayers for you and your family



Susan spradley - April 27, 2024 at 07:37 AM

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Another of the "Greatest Generation"...Fair winds and following Seas, ...God speed to him and all the family. Will remember this man fondly.

Cameron Gibbs - April 27, 2024 at 02:46 PM