



Mr. Bethel H. Goddard

April 13, 2014

Bethel H. Goddard, 84, of Plant City, Florida graduated to Heaven on April 13, 2014. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, having served in the Korean War, and was a foster parent for 40 years and a member of First Baptist Church Dover. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Annie; children Allen Goddard (Patty), Lori Procopis (Perry), and Cheryl Taylor; sister Elizabeth Clemons (Dennis); 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and one on the way. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Dover, 3223 Gallagher Rd., Dover, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Dover Cemetery. Expressions of condolence at www.wecare.io. Care provided by Hopewell.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover
3223 N. Gallagher Road
Dover, FL

Celebration of Life

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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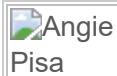
Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bethel H. Goddard



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 17, 2014 at 09:58 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Poppa*
The world is truly at a loss without your loving heart. You will be tremendously missed and profoundly mourned. I am forever grateful that you + Momma accepted me into your home and cared for me as your own. My life would be so very different right now had that not happened. Every choice that I make is better because of that very experience. It's been a while now, but I still love you all the same. Always - Angela P.

Angie Pisa - December 23, 2014 at 11:27 PM

PB

“ Mrs. Goddard, Alan, Lori and Cheryl.

I am so sorry for your loss. Words can provide some smiles, do I will share my words with you in hopes to put a smile on your faces and hopefully your hearts.

Although "The Goddards" were not my Foster Parents, they were however Parents to three of my siblings. Wade Rowan, Charlie Butler and my little Sister Billie Dee. I was allowed on occasion, to come visit and WOW what a visit. DINNER TIME was amazing and My fondest memory would have to be Mr. Goddard saying the blessing. The chatter, laughing, clicking of the silver ware. I looked up and seen Mr. Goddard paying no attention to the 20 Or something children talking and I was so distracted with all the stories. He obviously had learned! Block, eat and get to the recliner, in his case, if I remember correctly, Nap Thirty in Bed, because it was back to church that Evening!

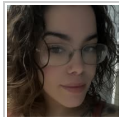
He was a good Father, and to many. Now he's with his Father.

You are all in my Prayers. Good Bless!

Petula Butler

A Prior ~ Foster Child

Petula Butler - May 13, 2014 at 09:42 PM



this is so sad bethel and ann were my foster parents when i was 14 years ago :(r.i.p

Estephanie Caban - December 05, 2014 at 01:07 PM

GH

“ We both have fond memories of working with you two at the phone company many years ago. . You do have our love and sympathy. Remembering you in our prayers. Gene and Elaine Hammer. We live in Town and Country and are in fair health. God Bless you and your loved ones.

Gene and Elaine Hammer - April 17, 2014 at 03:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bethel H. Goddard.



April 16, 2014 at 03:28 PM

JH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Bethel. When he was a teenager he worked in my parents grocery store. He was so good with the customers and a hard worker. I always enjoyed Saturdays when Aunt Maggie and Inez would come to shop. Elizabeth would often come with them. Then as an adult he was such a good father to his children and to the many foster children he and Ann provided a home for. He always saw that they were in church every Sunday. As his loving family you can be so proud of the fine Christian man that he was. Love always, Jeanette

Jeanette Hall - April 16, 2014 at 06:22 AM