



## Mr. Billy Joe Bruce

March 12, 2014

BRUCE, Billy Joe, 74, of Lithia, Florida, and born in Pahokee, Florida, entered into eternal rest on March 12, 2014. He was a member of the Painter's Union Local 88. He is survived by his children Billie Sue Lee (Richard), Gayla Bruce, Henry V. Bruce (Toni), and Marilyn King (Kevin); siblings Jimmy Bruce (Dorothy), and twin Betty Buttram (Gerald); grandchildren Darrell Lee (Jamile), Eric Lee, Kelsey Bruce, Kyle Bruce, and Austin King. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 21 from 6 - 8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City; where a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 A.M. Special thanks to LifePath Hospice for their care. Expressions of condolence at [www.wecare.io](http://www.wecare.io). Care provided by Hopewell.

# 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

**MAR 21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

**MAR 22.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss here on this earth. Just remember we will all meet again. .

Denise Watts Seckel - March 21, 2014 at 08:29 PM

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Gayla Bruce-Harris - March 21, 2014 at 05:32 PM

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Dad and Papa Dossey loved to fish. They had gone fishing on Lake Kissimee and had brought back a huge catch and were going to send in this picture to one of the fishing magazines. They were two of a kind when they got together. My dad loved my papa! I hope there is good fishin' where they are now! :)

Gayla Bruce-Harris - March 21, 2014 at 05:36 PM

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“ This picture is exactly how I remember Mr. Bruce. So many years have pasted by but you and Mrs. Bruce had such an impact on my life that you'll never know. I thought of you guys often but unfortunately, as life goes, time flew by and now you're gone. I thank you for the impression that you had in my life and will always remember you and Mrs. Bruce with love and affection.

Sheila Diane Pitts

Sheila Pitts - March 21, 2014 at 06:30 AM

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*Thank you Sheila for such a sweet sentiment! Daddy loved you too! You were a part of our family and the memories that we all shared are in our hearts! Much love to you, Gayla*

**Gayla Bruce** - March 21, 2014 at 01:26 PM

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*“ My father was the strongest man I ever knew. His strength helped me become the woman that I am today. He had the greatest sense of humor and could make anyone laugh - his ability to tell a joke and make someone laugh was one of the most endearing traits of my daddy. He loved his family unconditionally and he made sure that we had a wonderful life as we grew up. Dad worked so hard as long as I can remember and when it came time for him to rest, it was hard for him to stop. I believe that his purpose in this life was to make sure those he loved were happy. He didn't share his feelings easily, but when he did, his heart was true. I know my dad is in a better place and my prayer is he has found peace at last. Daddy, I love you more than words can ever express and I thank you for choosing to be my father. I am so thankful you were able to meet my Gary and that my husband got to know my wonderful dad. Rest now; there are no more cows to feed, now more pastures to mow - just sit back and enjoy the music! Your loving daughter, Gayla Bruce-Harris*

**Gayla Bruce-Harris** - March 20, 2014 at 10:29 PM