



Mr. Billy "Papaw" Ward

May 30, 1936 - June 20, 2016

Billy "Papaw" Ward, 80, of Valrico, Florida, born May 30, 1936 in Hot Springs, North Carolina, entered into eternal rest on June 20, 2016. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and a retired meat inspector with the State of Florida. He was a family man who adored his grandchildren, and he enjoyed aircraft, classic cars, and the outdoors. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Linda Stills Ward; daughter, Dolores Gustafson (Christopher Jerzak) of Brandon; grandchildren, Justin Ward of Valrico, Marissa Ward of Valrico, and Fallon Gustafson of Brandon; sisters, Mary Patelidas (Tom), Agnes Cathey (Norman), and Pat Dotson (Joe) of Asheville, North Carolina; and daughter-in-law, Denise Ward. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Ward; parents, Bill and Helen Ward; and siblings, Jim Ward, Betty Rollins, and Charles Ward. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 25 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will begin receiving friends at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JUN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Billy "Papaw" Ward



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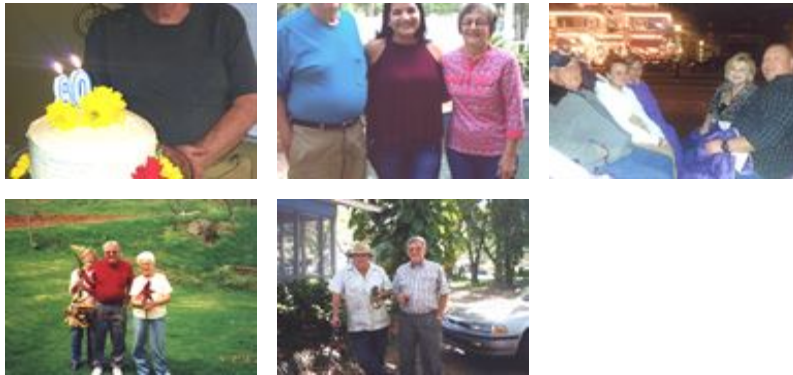
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What a beautiful tribute. thinking of you all. Kathy Harmon Thomas.

Kathy Harmon Thomas - July 02, 2016 at 11:26 AM



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“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy "Papaw" Ward.*



June 23, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy "Papaw" Ward.*



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“ *Linda, Dolores, Denise and grandchildren*

Oh how we will miss Billy, his kind heart, sense of humor and just being a fun and kind person. I am praying for all and know God will get us through. Love you all.

Joe and Pat Dotson

Joe and Pat Dotson - June 22, 2016 at 12:46 PM