



POLK, Bobby James "Papa"

April 22, 1932 - March 7, 2025

POLK, Bobby James "Papa", 92, of Plant City, Florida, passed away on March 7th, 2025 surrounded by family. He retired over 25 years ago as a mechanic with W.R. Grace after proudly serving his country in the US Navy. He was also a dirt farmer, avid coin collector, landlord, antique car enthusiast, and junk collector. Bobby is preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Vernice I. Polk; son, Randy Polk; and brother, Manfred Polk. He is survived by his son, Ricky Polk; two granddaughters, Robin Polk (Michele) and Staci Alderman (Brian); five great-grandchildren, Will Harris, Brantley Harris, Reese Polk, Aaron Alderman, and Logan Alderman; daughter-in-law, Marie Polk; and siblings, Sharon Young, Paulette Polk, and Shelton Polk. A funeral service with military honors will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment at Memorial Park Cemetery, Plant City. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2401 North Paul Buchman Hwy
Plant City, FL 33563

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of POLK, Bobby James "Papa"



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 17, 2025 at 01:42 PM

TS

“ Tricia S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of POLK, Bobby James "Papa".

Tricia S. - March 14, 2025 at 03:53 PM

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“ Tricia S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of POLK, Bobby James "Papa".



Tricia S. - March 14, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 14, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *The Lawson's (Stephanie/Jasmine/Marina) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of POLK, Bobby James "Papa".*



The Lawson's (Stephanie/Jasmine/Marina) - March 14, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Harold & Cindy purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of POLK, Bobby James "Papa".*



Harold & Cindy - March 13, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MP

“ Bobby Polk was a one of kind man that’s for sure. I loved him and his wife Vernice. They were like my mom and dad. Boy at the fun we use to have! I’ll never ever forget them! And I will miss them both. He was hardheaded but I really enjoyed him. And Vernice was something else she always made sure that me and my daughter was doing ok. And her son Randy he was always making sure that his daughter had everything she needed. But Bobby he was all ways right there. I love y’all !!!!

marie Polk - March 11, 2025 at 07:29 PM

RP

He loved you very much Marie and truly thought of you as a daughter as well! Thank you for the kind words.

Robin Polk - March 11, 2025 at 07:56 PM

SA

Love you mom! He always loved you and had nothing but good things to say about you.

Staci Alderman - March 12, 2025 at 12:07 PM

SW

“ Bobby was a character for sure, stubborn in his own way but it was a pleasure getting to know him. Fly High, Sheila (The Canopy)

sheila wiggins - March 11, 2025 at 09:14 AM

RP

Thanks for taking such good care of him!

Robin Polk - March 11, 2025 at 07:54 PM

SA

Thank you Sheila. He thought the world of you!

Staci Alderman - March 12, 2025 at 12:07 PM

CF

“ *It was an honor to take care of Mr. Bobby! He was such sweetheart!! I loved listening to his stories. One of a kind! Heaven gained another precious angel.*

Courtney Floyd - March 11, 2025 at 08:26 AM

RP

Thank you for the kind words

Robin Polk - March 11, 2025 at 07:53 PM

SA

Thank you for taking the time to listen to him!

Staci Alderman - March 12, 2025 at 12:08 PM