



## Mr. Cecil M. Bostick

May 16, 1934 - October 2, 2016

Cecil M. Bostick, 82, of Ocala, born in Plant City, Florida on May 16, 1934, entered into eternal rest on October 2, 2016. He was a retired Chief Aviation Ordnanceman with the United States Navy. He loved cars, hunting, and fishing. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sharon Bostick; children, J. LaTrell Kielbasa (John) of Ft. Lauderdale and Harold V. Dean III (Lisa) of Lakeland; grandchildren, Jonathon R. Kielbasa (Askandra), Alethia J. Kielbasa, Jeremy M. Kielbasa, Jason Matthews, and Elizabeth Dean; and siblings, Margie Boyette, and Theron Bostick (Carolyn). He was preceded in death by his son, Clayton "Corky" Bostick. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 8 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](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

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

## Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Cecil M. Bostick



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - October 06, 2016 at 04:20 PM

BP

“ I am sorry this is so late, but I figured better late than never. I served under Chief Bostic when were with VAL4 in Vietnam. I really the Chief because he got things done without beating us up to make himself look good. If we worked hard and got the job done, we were good to go. I had a lot of respect for him and that makes life, even in Vietnam, a lot easier.  
I just wanted to let you know how much he was liked and respected, and that I am sorry for your loss. "Fair winds and following seas".

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**Bill Pippin** - June 20, 2023 at 09:15 PM

BP

“ I hope someone is sent an email or text about my comment. I am going to reference him as Chief, since that is the way I always addressed him. I was stationed with him in VAL-4 in Vietnam. I was an ordnanceman, and he was my shop chief. My memory is a little cloudy, so I don't remember dates all that well. I don't remember if he was there when I arrived or not, so I don't remember how long I served under him.

I really like Chief Bostick. He was very pleasant...as long as the work got done. He didn't put up with any...well, you know, from the officers. If it was a fair request or the situation deemed it, he was more that happy to assist. But if he was just throwing his weight around, the Chief let him know.

What really inspired this comment was the fact that will looking at Navy photos online, I spotted the Chief's name three times. There was a picture of him early on when he was in VP-8 [https://vp8alumni.org/VP8\\_Alumni\\_Photos/Photos1960s/960%20Meier%20&%20Bostick.jpg](https://vp8alumni.org/VP8_Alumni_Photos/Photos1960s/960%20Meier%20&%20Bostick.jpg)

He was also mentioned in a post, that the Chief was present with the crew that found the space capsule that Sam, the money went into space in... 12/4/59. I felt that will all of these sightings online, I needed to see if he was still living. It appeared he lived a full life, and for that I am very glad. I hope you get this, as it may add some added history to a good man's life. I apologize for the picture below. No matter how I cropped it, this format chopped the top.

*Bill Pippin ex-AO2 VAL-4*



Bill Pippin - April 24, 2021 at 04:38 PM

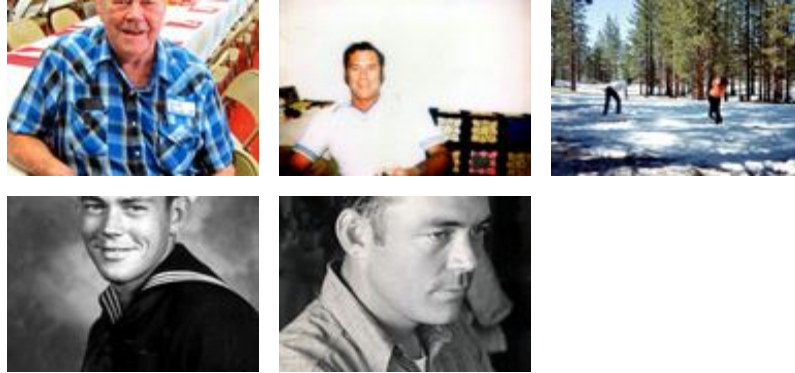
BP

*When the picture was enlarged, the photo showed the full profile, thank goodness.*

**Bill Pippin** - April 24, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - October 06, 2016 at 04:17 PM

JK

“ 1 file added to the album *A look into his life*



**John Kielbasa** - October 05, 2016 at 09:27 PM

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“ *Cecil holds a special place in our hearts. He was my fishing buddy & I loved his stories. Love to you Sharon & family. Buck & Debbie Simpson*

**Debbie** - October 05, 2016 at 04:35 PM



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - October 05, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Cecil's passing. He was a favorite cuz of mine and I always looked forward to chatting with him at our reunions. He will be greatly missed. Best to you, Sharon, and the family. He's in a better place. Love Jean and Don Shannon.

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**Jean Shannon** - October 04, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ Sharon, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Cecil was a special cousin and will be missed. We had some good times on the boat fishing or whatever. Dale and him would get to talking about their service days and where they had been. Great stories. Lot of memories. He will be missed.

*Dale and Elaine Hall (double first cousins)*

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**Dale and Elaine Hall** - October 04, 2016 at 06:43 AM