



Mr. Charles Jodie Eakins

January 22, 1936 - May 11, 2026

Charles Jodie Eakins, 90, of Plant City, born on January 22, 1936, in Lakeland, entered into eternal rest on May 11, 2026. A proud Veteran of the United States Army, he dedicated his life to service and community. After a long career on the road, he retired as a truck driver with Albertsons. His commitment to the community was evident through his many leadership roles, including serving as a long-time gate manager for the Florida Strawberry Festival and as a Past President of the Plant City DAV. A man of deep faith, he served as the Sunday School Director at Countryside Baptist Church and found great joy in the simple pleasure of cooking for those he loved. He was preceded in death by wife, Shirlene Eakins; and son, Randy Eakins. He is survived by children, Cindy Eakins Smith of Plant City, Lawrence Eakins (Heather) of Turkey Creek, and Michelle Davis (Steve) of Lake Placid; grandchildren, Bill, Shayla, Dustin (Diana), Clayton (Jessica), Aaron, and Elizabeth; 8 great-grandchildren; and sister, Martha Jean Alderman. A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 23 at 11:00 A.M. at Countryside Baptist Church, 13422 Sydney Road, Dover, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Countryside Baptist Church at <https://www.cbcdover.org/>. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Countryside Baptist Church
13422 Sydney Rd
Dover, FL 33527-5906
(813) 571-8200

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

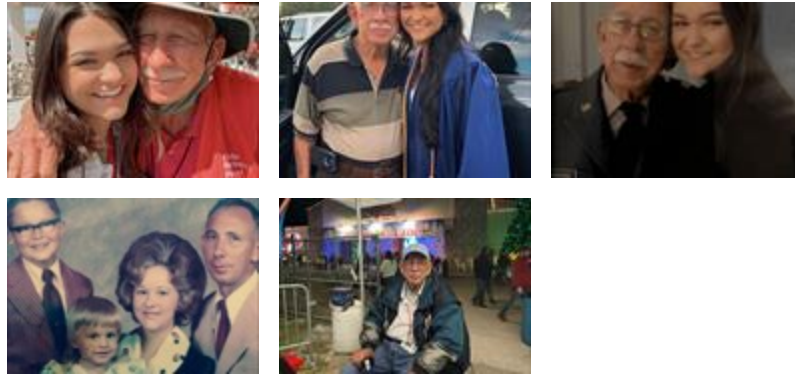
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“ I met Mr Charles about 6 or 7 years ago at Christmas Lane. He was a Sweet Sweet soul and would happily share his Christian walk with you. Thoughts and prayers for his family I know he will be missed.

Kathleen Hill - 1 hour ago

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



elizabeth eakins - 1 hour ago

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What wonderful pictures and memories for you 💕💕

Patty Hines - 33 minutes ago