



Mr. Charles L. Edwards

February 9, 1924 - January 10, 2018

Charles L. Edwards, 93, of Lakeland, Florida, formerly of Plant City, born on February 9, 1924 above White's Pharmacy, entered into eternal rest on January 10, 2018. He played semi-professional baseball with the Plant City Berries. He attended University of Florida where he played baseball, and was a member of their National Champion Billiards team. He graduated in 1948. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1943-1946 in the 263rd Infantry Regiment. After graduation, he joined his father's accounting firm as a CPA. He married Jeanne Rauner in 1953. He was baptized, confirmed, and married at First United Methodist Church of Plant City. He had an excellent tenor voice, and sang for more than 50 years in the choir. He also sang in a barber shop quartet, the Herald's of Harmony, a Florida based men's acapella chorus. He was an avid golfer, and a founding member of Lone Palm Golf & Country Club. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Jeanne Edwards; son, Charles Scott Edwards; and son-in-law, Randell Platt. He is survived by his children, Barbara Ahlers (Paul) of Dover, Todd Edwards of Tampa, and Lesli Platt of Plant City; brother, Walter Edwards (Iris) of Ocala; grandchildren, Clara Ahlers Schlicher, Charles Onille Edwards, Jacob Paul Ahlers, Mackensi Platt Beers, and Randell L. Platt, II; great-grandchildren, John Paul Schlicher, Zachary Schlicher, and Eason Randell Beers. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 20 at 11:00 A.M. at First United Methodist Church of Plant City, 303 N. Evers Street, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Memorial

contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Plant City, 303 N. Evers St., 33563, Good Shepherd Hospice House, 3470 Lakeland Hills Blvd, Lakeland 33805, and/or Florida United Methodist Children's Home, 51 Main St, Enterprise, 32725. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Plant City
303 North Evers Street
Plant City, FL 33563
<http://www.firstchurchplantcity.com>

Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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“ Charles Edwards is my uncle. He has been special in my life ever since he came home from World War II when I was a kid. Our holiday visits to his parents, our grandparents, were special with Charles great tenor voice singing carols. He had a well trained German Shepherd dog we enjoyed. After he and Jeanne married visits to their home included great food at their house and restaurants where he was invited to sing if there was live entertainment. My husband was a champion armature golfer as was Charles. They enjoyed playing golf together and talking sports while Jeanne and I hung out at the pool. We even spent days with them on our honeymoon and liked that better than the fancy hotel in Miami. Last summer Charles hosted a gathering of cousins for lunch at Lone Pine CC when I came from my home in California. How I treasure each of these memories.

Since I am older than most of the living family members I will report a story my mother told me about Charles as a kid. He skipped school for a week or so to watch the pro baseball team that had spring training in Plant City. Then he wrote himself an excuse note saying he had the mumps. Somehow that did not sell to the school and he was in big trouble.

With love,

Ann McCann

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“ *We are never prepared for the loss of our love ones. Please accept condolences.*

The bible is the best source of comfort. Christ Jesus opened the way for mankind

to be released from death by means of the Earthly Resurrection.

John 5:28,29.

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