



## Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr.

October 24, 1941 - October 31, 2020

Charles "Ronald" Sewell, Sr., 79, of Valrico, Florida, born on October 24, 1941, entered into eternal rest on October 31, 2020. He was a member of Countryside Baptist Church, the Army National Guard, and Georgia Hunting Club, owned Sewell Septic during the 1970s, was a part-time farmer, and retired from CSX Railroad after 44 years. He was a graduate of Turkey Creek High School, where he starred on the football and baseball teams. He accepted a scholarship to play football at Auburn University, but became homesick and moved back to Valrico, and then played semi-professional football for the Tampa Buccaneers. He coached the Brandon Broncos and North Brandon Little League teams, where he mentored many young men. He loved his family dearly, was known as a true Southern Gentleman, and enjoyed traveling, fishing, and boiling peanuts for church events. He is survived by bride of 60 years, Betty Jean Cook Sewell, and enjoyed telling everyone that he married the 1960 Strawberry Queen; sons, Ronnie Sewell, Jr. (Aliesha), Randy Sewell (Tonya), and Ricky Sewell (Nikki), all of Valrico; grandchildren, Sydney Nantz (Jason), Kennedy Sewell (Russell Vint), Kasey Sewell, Kyle Rose (Samantha), and Mika; siblings, Buddy Sewell (Melba), and Lorene Der, both of Valrico; brother-in-law, Don Olson of Alabama; and dog, Bubba. He was preceded in death by parents, Grover and Riva Sewell; sisters, Elizabeth Wetherington, and Marlene Olson; and in-laws, Gene and Armanda Cook. A memorial service will be held Monday, November 9 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. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Countryside Baptist Church Building Fund at [cbcdover.org](http://cbcdover.org). Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Countryside Baptist Church  
13422 Sydney Road  
Dover, FL

## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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13422 Sydney Road  
Dover, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - November 06, 2020 at 03:58 PM

GM

“ Bob & I were so sorry to learn about Ron's death. We have many fond memories of him & his family. We especially remember his guidance & coaching when our son Mark was on his team at NBLL. What good friends Marl & Randy became--they even picked squash for Ron & Betty even though Mark would never have eaten it. And in years later Ron, Hugh Burbage, & Bob went on a fishing trip to the Keys. Thank goodness for fond memories--they help fill the emptiness we feel when our friends & loved ones pass on. Love & Sympathy to Betty, Ronnie, Randy,, Rickie & families

Gayle Mahoney - November 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM

BS

Thanks Gayle, a lot of good memories ❤️

betty jean sewell - November 15, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr..*



November 08, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Betty Jean, I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to all the family.*

**Susan Cook Dawson** - November 08, 2020 at 02:56 PM



*Thanks Susan* ❤️

**betty jean sewell** - November 15, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr..*



November 08, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Bro. Ronnie was a sweet sweet man. Praying for your family. God bless.*



**Patricia Chancey** - November 07, 2020 at 02:54 PM

BS

*Thanks Patti. Prayers for you & your family ❤️*

**betty jean sewell** - November 07, 2020 at 02:56 PM

AS

*You probably don't remember me, but I remember our fun times with Bronco football. My beloved Ed passed in 2018 (cancer), but he was fond of you & Ronnie. You will be in my thoughts & prayers as you go through this most difficult time. In Christian love, Alice Stockley*

**Alice Stockley** - November 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM

BS

*Alice , Yes remember you & Ed a lot of good times at Bronco field. Thanks*

**betty jean sewell** - November 15, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr..*



November 07, 2020 at 02:12 PM

DC

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. All of the Swells mean so much to us and you will forever in our hearts. We will continue to pray for comfort to each of you. Sincerely Buzz (Albert) and Donna Crosby.*

**Donna Crosby** - November 07, 2020 at 12:48 PM

BS

*Thanks Donna , nice to hear from you ❤️*

**betty jean sewell** - November 07, 2020 at 02:49 PM



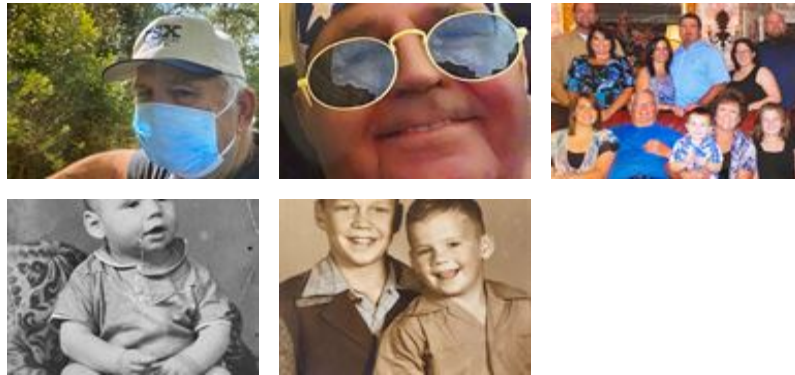
“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr..*



November 07, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ *36 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - November 06, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *IT SADEN US THAT RONNIE HAS PASS AWAY, HUGH ALSO WORK 44 YRS. WITH CSX. WE GO BACK A LONG TIME . MEMORIES OF FISHING, LOBSTER IN KEY WEST, CRUISES TO BAHAMAS, BOWLING, BETTY YOU HAVE A BEATIFUL FAMILY. OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYER ARE WITH YOU!!!! LOVE HUGH & BARBARA*

**Barbara Burbage** - November 05, 2020 at 02:55 PM



*Thanks Hugh & Barbara, a lot of good memories together ❤️*

**betty jean sewell** - November 07, 2020 at 02:53 PM

CB

“ I worked with Ronnie for many years at CSX Railroad. He was one of the first people I met at the railroad and he taught me how to be a good employee and a good person. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

*Chris Buzbee*

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**Chris Buzbee** - November 05, 2020 at 10:30 AM

BS

*Thanks*

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**betty jean sewell** - November 07, 2020 at 02:54 PM

BC

“ It was a sad day when I learned that Ronnie had passed away. I worked with Ronnie on the Railroad for most of my time there. There are so many good and fun memories that it would be impossible to share them all. Ronnie had a unique talent or personality to put a smile on just about anyone. He taught me how to catch a speckled perch (fish), and also a little about growing a garden, also how to boil peanuts which he loved. He was a wonderful person and will be missed.

*Ben Cesario.*

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**Ben Cesario** - November 05, 2020 at 08:27 AM

BS

*Thanks Ben, yes he's was such a great man . He thought so much of you & loved when he fishing with you❤️*

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**betty jean sewell** - November 07, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr..*



November 04, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss! Loved reading the story of his life and quite interesting. I sure enjoyed talking with you both at the eye doctor that day months back. So many memories we all shared at North Brandon Little League. God bless your family!! Dorothy Love*

**dorothy love** - November 04, 2020 at 10:54 AM



*Thanks Dorothy*

**betty jean sewell** - November 07, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you as you adjust to life without this special man. He always had a smile and a good word to say. Ellis counted him as a dear friend.*

**Stella Hall** - November 04, 2020 at 08:36 AM



*Betty and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about Ronald's passing, I know your heart is heavy. We know he's resting in the arms of Christ. You are in our prayers and we carry you in our hearts, We love you and praying for God's comfort in the days and years ahead. May the good Lord be with each and every one of you!  
Eric & Katherine Veyon and family*

**Eric and Katherine Veyon** - November 04, 2020 at 08:42 PM

TY

“ I remember him very fondly, a true gentle giant in my eyes. We loved picking strawberries on his farm.  
RIP SIR.

Terry Yearta - November 04, 2020 at 03:33 AM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of a long time friend. My prayers to Betty Jean and the children and grandchildren and all of the family. God bless . Hugs. 🙏💜

Annie Faye Varnum Shiflet - November 04, 2020 at 12:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Ronald Sewell Sr..



November 04, 2020 at 12:08 AM