



Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey

September 16, 1947 - March 14, 2021

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we announce the passing of Clarence Mercel Hickey on March 14th, 2021. Clarence was born on September 16th, 1947 in Tampa Florida to Marigold & Mercel Hickey. He was an accomplished Heavy Equipment Operator. Working for the Union Local 925, he was highly sought after because he could run anything that ran. He could also fix it. He taught himself to fix just about anything that needed fixing, whether at work, at home, or for his friends and neighbors. Clarence ended his working career at Wheelabrator McKay Bay, where he was a crane operator. He retired in 2014. When asked what he was going to do in retirement, he said, "Fish and spend time with my Grandchildren." That's exactly what he did.

Clarence married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Cook on April 19, 1965. They were happily married and almost inseparable for 55 years 11 months. Clarence and Patricia raised three children, Lori Hickey-Wynns, Kelli Bailey, and James Hickey. His four beloved Grandchildren, Lauren, Wyatt, Caroline, and Tristan, as well as his two Great Grandchildren, Kasyn and Harbor, are his proudest, most treasured legacy.

Clarence was preceded in death by his Father Mercel Clarence Hickey, Mother Marigold Hall, his brothers, Dick Key, Bo Hickey, and Gene Hall, and his faithful companion Goldendoodle, JuneBugg. He is survived by his wife

Patricia, three children, Lori, Kelli and James as well as his Sisters Jewel Overstreet and Carolyn Flack.

Clarence' passions included his Family, Fishing and JuneBugg. He was an animal lover his entire life but nothing could compare to the love he had for his dog. He loved to fish in fresh and saltwater. He could find the bright spot in anything, and could make you forget your troubles with his stories, riddles, and jokes. There has never been a more devoted man to his family, faith, and friends. He led by example and taught his family the meaning of hard work and nothing in life is going to be free. He taught them to be strong; to rise above challenges, to be responsible, to stand up to bullies, to protect the vulnerable, to live honestly, to reverse course when you're wrong, to never back down when you're right, to let your actions, not words, determine who you are. The love he poured into his children and grandchildren will be life lessons they will never forget.

A celebration of Clarence's life will be held on Saturday, March 20 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Graveside committal to follow at Alderman-Pelote Cemetery, Lithia. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at [Facebook.com/HopewellFuneral](https://www.facebook.com/HopewellFuneral). Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](https://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

Cemetery Details

Alderman-Pelote Cemetery

Pelote Cemetery Road
Lithia, FL 33547

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Funeral Service

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Hickey was such a wonderful and loving man. I enjoy talking to him and he love his wife and his kids so much and yes of course his dog Junebug that was his side kick every where he went junebug was with him. My deepest condolences to the family. Love, The Zeman Family



michele martin - April 01, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 29, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 20, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 19, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 19, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 19, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 18, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 18, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 18, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Robert Miller and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



Robert Miller and Family - March 18, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 18, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.*



March 18, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.*



March 18, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *Your Ace Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.*



Your Ace Family - March 17, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.*



March 17, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 17, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 16, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Mercel Hickey.



March 16, 2021 at 09:09 PM