



Mr. David John Catlin

July 31, 1955 - September 6, 2025

David John Catlin, 70 of Plant City, Florida, was born in Alma, Michigan, on July 31, 1955 and went home to be with the Lord on September 6, 2025. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He lived an unselfish life in service to the community when he was with Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office and was a strong example while teaching God's Word and discipling countless families. Although he enjoyed building, sports, and golfing, his pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ruth (Miller) Catlin; his children, Bethany (Catlin) Davis (Jamie), David John Catlin II (Michele), and Jeffrey Catlin (Sarah-Cheriè); his grandchildren, Vivianna, Thomas, Nolan, Macadyn, Jaece, and Wyatt; his siblings, Vance Catlin (Sandra), Jane Anderson (Tim), and Jan Duke (Jimmy); and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, September 13 at 11:00 A.M. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 13515 U.S. 301, Thonotosassa, 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 in his honor to missions at Fellowship Baptist Church <https://www.fellowshipgo.com/give> and/or Harmony Baptist Church at <https://www.harmonybaptistpcf.com/>. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](https://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>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

fellowship baptist church
13515 US-301
Thonotosassa, FL 33592-4207
(813) 982-1000

Celebration of Life

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellowship Baptist Church
13515 US-301
Thonotosassa, FL

Service will be live streamed at <https://www.fellowshipgo.com/watch>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David John Catlin*



Hopewell Funeral Home - September 15, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Robert Mobleyg lit a candle in memory of Mr. David John Catlin*



Robert Mobleyg - September 16, 2025 at 03:56 PM

MD

“ *Mr. Catlin left a lasting impression on our family. He was kind, generous and caring. I often wondered where he found time to be so involved with so many others and still be able take time with his own family but he managed it all just fine.*

I will miss hearing his voice on speakerphone with my husband, David....he gave him solid advice and encouragement when he needed it both regarding business and personal life and I am forever grateful for the positive influence he had on David as it reflected in our marriage and his day to day life.

Mr. Catlin....there are so many people who miss you, but we are so thankful that God allowed you to be a part of our life and family. You truly are a blessing from God who touched many lives. We will not forget you....and we will not forget those you leave behind.

Martha DiLullo - September 16, 2025 at 10:02 AM

AH

“ *Ruth and family know you all will be in my prayers. I am sorry to hear about Davids passing. You all have meant so much to me over the years and so thankful to know you all and what a sweet Christian man David will always be. Sending heartfelt condolences to you all. Love in Christ, April Curby Holmquist*

April L Holmquist - September 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DW

“ *Our condolences to the Catlin Family. God bless you and give you peace!*

- Mustache Painting

Dustin Whitney - September 12, 2025 at 06:22 PM

MG

“ Margaret G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David John Catlin.

Margaret G. - September 12, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



September 12, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - September 12, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



September 12, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Greg Howell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David John Catlin.

Greg Howell - September 12, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ Greg Howell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



Greg Howell - September 12, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



September 11, 2025 at 02:51 PM

VM

“ *David John Catlin was a wonderful brother in law. He didn't have to say it because you saw it that he loved God, Ruth and family. Together they have grown a wonderful loving family and served their community in a loving Godly way. His humour lightened your day. He will be missed greatly but he left an impact and great memories to those around him.*

Vincent Miller - September 11, 2025 at 01:06 PM

GS

“ *George Striker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David John Catlin*



George Striker - September 10, 2025 at 03:19 PM

GS

“ *George Striker lit a candle in memory of Mr. David John Catlin*



George Striker - September 10, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MS

“ *My deepest condolences to Ruth and the family. Dave was a great classmate, athlete and friend. You will be missed tremendously Dave. RIP*

Marcy Savola-Schlosser - September 10, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. David John Catlin.

September 10, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



September 10, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Rest in peace, David. A man who lived life with honor and with a devoted love for his family. A respected co-worker and friend. With sympathy and condolences to David's dear family.



kathy smith - September 10, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Dave Catlin was a friend, brother LEO and the best home builder in Hillsborough County! He was a soft spoken man that loved his family and friends! He truly will be missed, may he Rest in Peace ❤️ In lieu of flowers 🌸 Donation sent to his Fellowship.

Lowell and Karen Cain - September 10, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.*



September 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.*



HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH - September 09, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ *Ruth, always had great conversations with Dave when we would see him up in Canada. Always admired his solid testimony and love for the Lord and his family. He has impacted more lives than you will ever know for the glory of God. Dad and mom always had a special place in their hearts for both of you Ruth. Even though you are experiencing such a great loss, may you rejoice in knowing that David’s faith has become sight and has finally met his saviour of whom he loved and lived out his faith for. Love you all and will be praying for your family. Gord and Tracie Ironside*

Gordon Ironside - September 08, 2025 at 11:11 PM



Thank you Gordon. He was very active for the Lord. You described it so well. I visited him and Ruth a week before He went home. He asked me to help him deliver a door to a building they were setting up at a Church to print Bibles. He was to preach there the next day.

Vincent Miller - September 11, 2025 at 11:29 AM

AF

“ Arnold and Sue Morris and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



Arnold and Sue Morris and family. - September 08, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. David John Catlin.

September 08, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



September 08, 2025 at 09:13 PM

SF

“ Sarah Kopke and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



Sarah Kopke and Family - September 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM

SF

“ Sarah Kopke and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David John Catlin.

Sarah Kopke and Family - September 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM

J(

“ Jessica, Linsy, & Elizabeth (Rushford) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David John Catlin.

Jessica, Linsy, & Elizabeth (Rushford) - September 08, 2025 at 08:34 PM

J(

“ Jessica, Linsy, & Elizabeth (Rushford) purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



Jessica, Linsy, & Elizabeth (Rushford) - September 08, 2025 at 08:34 PM

BP

“ Barry and Shirlene Philippus

As much as we will miss David Catlin we will forever be grateful that we knew him. He was one of a kind, the best kind. He left us with so many great memories and we thank you for being such a blessing.

Barry and Shirlene Philippus - September 08, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. David John Catlin.

September 08, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. David John Catlin.



September 08, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ A Real Champion of The Faith! He was my hero and impacted my life for The Glory Of God. I'm so thankful we became friends. His love and devotion to The Lord and his family will forever be a path I strive to follow in my life. Mrs.Ruth, Bethany, David John and Jeff, thank You for sharing David with me. With much love, Mark Pate and family.

Mark Pate - September 08, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ Michele and family, may the good Lord wrap his arms around all, give you strength and comfort now and forever. God Bless!

rozanne - September 08, 2025 at 07:21 PM