

Mr. David Maxwell Miller

June 30, 1929 - February 5, 2017

David Maxwell Miller, 87, of Plant City, Florida, died at Lakeland Regional Medical Center on February 5, 2017. He was born on June 30, 1929 in Yazoo City, Mississippi to Max and Maynie Miller. He grew up in Benton, Mississippi, where he graduated from Anding High School in 1947. He married his first wife Catherine and began farming. He later worked at Mississippi Chemical for 10 years and then at CF Industries for 31 years with assignments in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Tampa, and Bartow. He retired in 1998. His professional success has been accompanied by a remarkable commitment to Plant City's welfare. His service and generosity to his community improved the quality of life for everyone and will leave a positive imprint for many years to come. He served on several boards and committees with an expertise in fundraising and civic projects including; First Presbyterian Church of Plant City, Plant City Chamber of Commerce, Plant City Rotary Club, Greater Tampa YMCA, South Florida Baptist Foundation, Hillsborough Community College, and Florida Strawberry Festival. He was a man of God, serving as a Deacon and Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Plant City. His accomplishments were too vast to list, but he was the type of citizen you turn to if you need something done successfully. He enjoyed church, helping others, mentoring, working, and yard work. He will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 31 years, Catherine Miller; children, David M. Miller, Jr., Elizabeth "Beth" Miller Meng, and Catherine "Cathy" Miller

Leibenguth; parents; and sister, Harriet Kintner. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Emma Martin Pitts Miller; sister, Elizabeth Drummond of Plant City; grandchildren, John Lewis Meng, Jr. (Jennifer) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Amanda Adams Kinderman of Tampa; great-grandsons, John Lewis "Tripp" Meng, III and Tucker David Meng of Baton Rouge; son-in-laws, John Meng of Baton Rouge and Leslie Leibenguth of Fernwood, Mississippi; step-children, Jack Paten Pitts of Apopka and Sheila S. Pitts of Orlando; and several nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 3:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church of Plant City, 404 W. Reynolds Street, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the United Food Bank of Plant City at <http://ufbpc.org/donations/>. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Plant City
404 W. Reynolds St.
Plant City, FL

Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David Maxwell Miller



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 17, 2017 at 12:32 PM



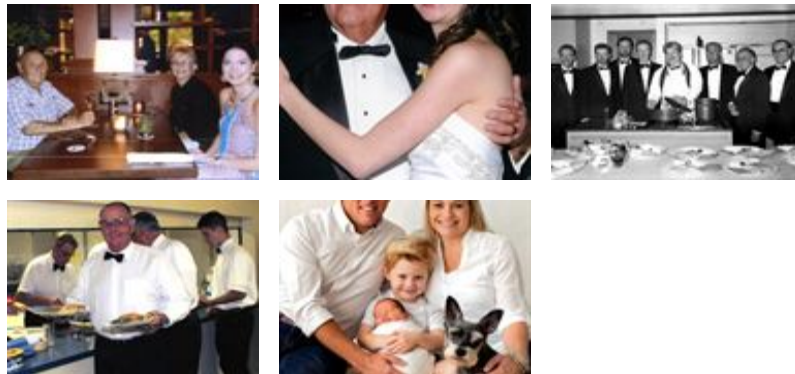
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. David Maxwell Miller.



February 17, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 17, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 16, 2017 at 09:26 AM

MT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to David's family. He will be missed. From all the people at COMANCO Environmental Corp.*

Mark Topp - February 16, 2017 at 08:09 AM

SW

“ *Amanda,
I remember when I stayed the night at your house. Your grandpa got up early to make us breakfast. :) He was always such an awesome, nice guys! Blessed to have known him. Prayers for peace for you and your family.*

*Much love,
Stephanie W.*



Stephanie Watkins - February 09, 2017 at 09:17 PM

AS

“ David, a dear friend, neighbor and brother Rotarian, taught me everything I know about cookin' Cajun and gator. Never at a loss for words and always in good humor, he embodied the Rotary "Four-Way Test".

All of us who know and love David feel the loss. May Emma and the family find peace and comfort in their fond memories of David.

With Sympathy,

Art Schauffert

Art Schauffert - February 09, 2017 at 02:32 PM

 Ronda Stutts

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I immensely enjoyed my time working with him at the CF Bonnie Facility. He was an excellent leader and brought a lot of great stories and laughter with him each day.

Terry & Ronda Stutts

Ronda Stutts - February 09, 2017 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Davids passing. He was a wonderful man and we certainly enjoyed all our times together! Especially enjoyed his fried turkey at his Christmas parties

carol and tommy brock - February 08, 2017 at 04:35 PM

SD

“ My husband, Bill Dodson and I had the privilege of knowing David and working with him on several projects. He was an honorable man, very humble and kind, and respectable. Straight talker and to the point, always helpful.

David was always willing to help you with a worthy project. When he was able, David made his special recipe of the Louisiana Style Gumbo for the Empty Bowls Project. He and Emma would come to the event and serve the Gumbo to the public as well.

Bill and I will always treasure the memories of David and the many projects we worked on together with Emma's love and support always.

God bless his soul and give us peace that the love and memories of this humble man will always be with us.



Silvia Dodson - February 08, 2017 at 03:01 PM

VG

“ David was a Hero to so many people. He was full of love for mankind. Loved his laughter energy and passion for life. Our deepest sympathy to Emma and family. Prayers and Comfort. Ron and Vonda Gainey

Vonda Gainey - February 08, 2017 at 01:37 AM

AB

A good friend will be missed!

Al Berry - February 08, 2017 at 03:40 PM

DU

David Miller was one of those rare people you meet in life. Knowing him has made my life better. His influence and wisdom will be missed. God bless him and his family.

Doug Updike - February 09, 2017 at 09:46 AM

JG

David was not just a good friend he was like a member of our family. Our children called him Mr. Miller when we moved next door to them in Baton Rouge many years ago. From that day on he and his family became part of our extended family. He was all ways there to give love, support, knowledge, a kind thought, and be the best friend that one could always count on to be there for you. We loved him and we will greatly miss him! Andrew and Jeannette Gasaway and family. 😭

Jeannette Gasaway - February 16, 2017 at 08:27 AM