



Mr. Don Clifton Kilgore Sr.

October 17, 2015

Don Clifton Kilgore, Sr., 73, of Plant City, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on October 17, 2015. He was a lifelong resident of East Hillsborough County, and his family helped to settle the area known as Hopewell that sits just outside the city limits of Plant City known. He helped to co-author the book "Hopewell Pioneers" and was a lifelong member of Hopewell Baptist Church. He went to University of South Florida for his undergraduate schooling and obtained a degree in elementary education and a minor in sociology before he went on to attend the University of Florida Law School where he received a law degree. Upon returning home from college, he served as a member of the Hillsborough County School Board before being elected the youngest county judge. He was preceded in death by his father, Madison Adair Kilgore, his mother Hilda McDonald Kilgore Cooper, his eldest son Don Clifton Kilgore Jr, and granddaughter Adaira Emilie Kilgore. He is survived by his daughter Kym Hooker (Jackson) and Granddaughters Alix and Jacey Hooker, His Daughter Keri Kilgore, and youngest son Sean Kilgore and grandson Finnian Glenn Kilgore, his brother Dr. John M. Kilgore (Cindy) and niece and nephew Hope and Kyle Kilgore. He was an outstanding citizen as well as an unconditional loving father whom would do anything for his children. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 11:00 A.M. at Historic Hopewell Baptist Church , 6003 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Old Hopewell Cemetery

6005 SR 39 S
Plant City, FL 33567

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Hopewell Baptist Church
6003 CR 39 S
Plant City, FL

Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Old Hopewell Baptist Church
6003 CR 39 S
Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall

CK

“ My heart goes out to all of Don's family and I feel your loss deeply. Don and I became friends early on at USF, through a summer at Florida Southern, and for the remainder of our lives even if we didn't communicate frequently. He was one of the most generous men I ever met and would have done anything for a friend. I am so happy that we were able to share some special times and conversations over the past few years.

To Bambi and the rest of his children I have yet to meet, I know that you all were his proudest accomplishments. I hope the happy memories of all the good times will soon overshadow the pain of his loss.

Rest in peace, my friend! You were loved.

Celeste Kirkland
Dothan, Alabama

Celeste Kirkland - October 23, 2015 at 12:11 AM

MR

“ Sorry we found out too late to attend the services and pay our respects. Don was a dear and generous friend. Our families spent many happy times together when our children were young. Our deepest sympathy to his family. We will miss him. Tony and Mary Ann Romer

Mary Ann Romer - October 21, 2015 at 04:28 PM

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“ On behalf of the judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and Hillsborough County, we extend our sincere sympathy to the family of our former colleague, Judge Don Kilgore. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Chief Judge Ron Ficarrotta

Ron Ficarrotta - October 20, 2015 at 09:55 AM

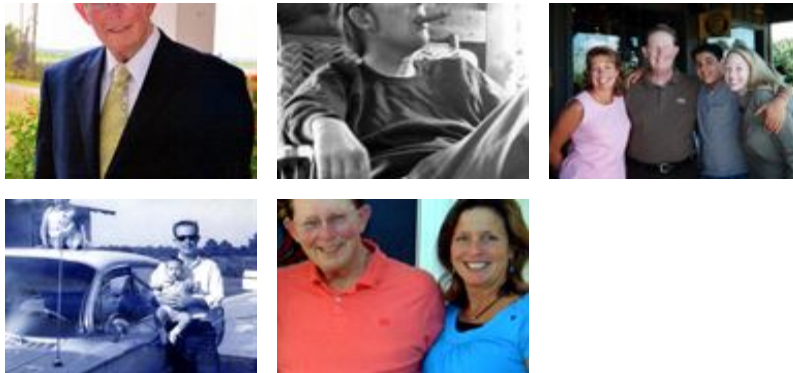
KK

Thank You Judge, Dad thought a lot of you as well and we appreciate your condolences,
Keri Kilgore

Keri Kilgore - October 25, 2015 at 04:34 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 20, 2015 at 09:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Don Clifton Kilgore Sr..



October 20, 2015 at 08:53 AM

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“ *Bambi...May fond memories of your dad bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were able to share these before he passed away. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family and may my friendship, sympathy and heartfelt condolences bring you comfort. Love, Lori Orso*



Lori Phillips Orso - October 20, 2015 at 08:06 AM

NM

“ *Prayers are with the family..*



Natalie T. Marshall - October 19, 2015 at 05:49 PM

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“ *He is gone from our sight but lives on in sweet memories. Prayers to you all from the Class of 1960.*



class of 60. - October 19, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Don Clifton Kilgore Sr..*



October 18, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ *Prayers and thoughts to the entire Kilgore family. My father, Bob McInvale, and Don were in law practice together years ago. My mother, Betty McInvale, was his secretary when he became judge. Our families had many fun times together. Judge Kilgore was a kind and caring man. The one thing I remember most about him was his love for his children. My condolences to you all. Anne McInvale Stang.*

Anne Stang - October 18, 2015 at 06:28 PM



Thank you so much, I know he thought a lot of you guys!

Keri - October 18, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ *Ginger Hall Houck lit a candle in memory of Mr. Don Clifton Kilgore Sr.*



Ginger Hall Houck - October 18, 2015 at 06:17 PM

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“*Don, WA Smith, Lynda Rogers Fuller and I went all through school together. We have wonderful memories, but our little group is getting smaller. Don was a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed.*

Ginger Hall Houck - October 18, 2015 at 06:06 PM