



## Mr. Donald C. "Don" McKean

December 8, 1943 - March 29, 2019

Donald C. "Don" McKean, 75, of Lakeland, Florida, born on December 8, 1943 in Waukegan, Illinois, entered into eternal rest on March 29, 2019. He was a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Tampa retiring after 20 years of service. He started the volunteer Fire Department of Bloomingdale and served as their First Fire Chief, and later was an advisor to Polk County Fire Department. He was an avid collector of memorabilia. He collected Nascar, GI Joe Military memorabilia, and trains. He has a complete H.O. scale train layout with a miniature town, which includes, of course, a burning building with pine scented smoke. He was a 48 year member of local Baptist Churches, most recently 11 years at Parkway Baptist. While there he taught men's Sunday School, sang in the choir, helped with Seniors Ministry, and served as a Trustee. His greatest joy was his family and spending time with them. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Virginia Cason Chancey McKean of Lakeland; sons, Donald Chancey (Adela) of Wauchula and Sean McKean (Angela) of Edmond, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Ciara Hernandez (Arturo) of Macon, Georgia, Marcus Chancey of Wauchula, and Marissa Benton (Kalob) of Hampton; great-grandchildren, Kortez Hernandez, Mia Hernandez, Ximena Hernandez, and Micah Benton; siblings, Jerry McKean, Tom McKean, and Patti McKean all of Moline, Illinois; and many loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eloise and Louis C. McKean; and step-mother, Alice McKean. The family will receive friends Thursday, April 4 from 6-

8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S. County Rd 39; where a funeral service will be held Friday, April 5 at 11:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://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

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donald C. "Don" McKean



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 02, 2019 at 04:37 PM

BC

*Enjoyed the photos. Lovely memories.*

Barbara Calvert - March 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM

SB

“ Virginia and family, I am saddened, and shocked to just hear and see this great loss for this earth...but God's gain into heaven where he will forever rejoice with his Lord and Savior. I am so sorry I did not know this earlier, or would have loved to go to his celebration of Life. I will pray for you and your family as you got through the sorrow of not having him here with you. Our prayers are with you, and only fond memories of Don and you, and how wonderful a couple and inspiration you both have been to so many are part of my memories...We love you and we pray for you as you go through this time of sadness.. Sharon Bailey



Sharon Bailey - April 08, 2019 at 12:58 PM

PN

“ Dear Virginia,  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Even though I've only seen you a handful of times I always felt close to you. How could I not when Steven always talked how great an aunt and uncle you were.  
Pam

Pam Nye - April 05, 2019 at 10:17 AM

TS

“ TOO MANY STORIES TO TELL BUT WE LOVED THIS MAN AND SHALL REMEMBER ALL THE GOOD TIMES.

TAFT AND SANDY SPENCE

TAFT SPENCE - April 03, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald C. "Don" McKean.



April 03, 2019 at 10:40 AM



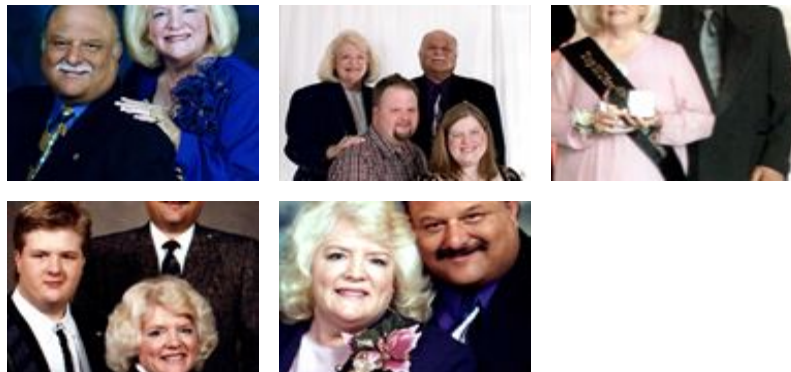
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald C. "Don" McKean.



April 03, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 02, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *Pete and Cheryle Conser and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Donald C. "Don" McKean.*



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**Pete and Cheryle Conser and family** - April 02, 2019 at 10:09 AM

LD

“ Virginia,

*I was very sad to see this. I was glad I got to meet Santa Claus and yourself when you came to see Mary Dorothy.*

*To you I offer these words from a favorite song of mine :*

*"One thing you need and nothing more,  
to hear the whisper of your Lord.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Rest in the arms of My embrace."*

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**Laura Derryberry** - April 02, 2019 at 05:25 AM

TC

“ Teresa Culpepper lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Donald C. "Don" McKean



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**Teresa Culpepper** - April 01, 2019 at 11:44 PM

MT

“ Mary & Henry Tapley lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Donald C. "Don" McKean



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**Mary & Henry Tapley** - April 01, 2019 at 08:07 PM

MT

*Many special memories of Don and Mom Virginia, Don always had kind words to say and went out of his way to be helpful whenever we went to the house . Absolute sweet soul and kind hearted far more than words could say. Prayers for the family for the loss but a BEAUTIFUL gain for Heaven. May the Lord Bless & keep you and make His face shine upon you and be gracious onto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Love The Tapley*

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**Mary & Henry Tapley** - April 01, 2019 at 08:14 PM