



## Mr. Earl Robert Caraway

December 29, 2014

CARAWAY, Earl Robert, 87, of Lake Placid, Florida, went to be with his Lord on December 29th, 2014. He was born in Plant City, Florida, on December 24th, 1927. On November 11th, 1950, Earl was wed to Van B. Burnham, his loving wife of 51 years who preceded him in death in 2001. Earl served in the United States Army and was a Veteran of the Korean War. In his earlier years he was a sharecropping farmer, and later became employed with Lykes Brothers Meatpacking where he continued until his retirement in 1990. After his retirement, Earl enjoyed his time gardening, fishing, reading, and taking road trips. Earl was a member of New Life Holiness Church of Lake Placid. He is survived by his children: Rufus (Teresa) Caraway of Arcadia, Cherry (Dwayne) Kent of Plant City, Wayne (Eva) Caraway of Webster, Barbra (Timothy) Baggett of Lakeland, and Earlene (Laverne) Harrison of Lake Placid; 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sharon Lerch and Francis Fulton. He was preceded in death by his aforementioned wife, 1 great-granddaughter, 4 brothers, and 4 sisters. A celebration of life will take place at God's Miracle Mission, 14550 Dr Martin Luther King Blvd, Dover, on Saturday, January 3rd. Visitation will begin at 12:30pm with a funeral immediately following at 2:00pm. Interment to follow at Memorial Park, Plant City. Special thanks to the staff of Veteran's Administration of West Palm Beach and Good Shepherd Hospice of Sebring. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park

Plant City, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

God's Miracle Mission  
14550 Dr Martin Luther King Blvd  
Dover, FL 33527  
<http://godsmiraclemission.com>

## Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

God's Miracle Mission  
14550 Dr Martin Luther King Blvd  
Dover, FL 33527  
<http://godsmiraclemission.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Earl Robert Caraway



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 31, 2014 at 02:53 PM

BA

“ We miss you Granddaddy Caraway. We miss seeing you in lake placid on the side of the rode selling your vegetables. We miss seeing you at church. What good services they were. You always knew how to make us laugh and put a smile on our face. You granddaddy showed us how to keep going even though we may have obstacles in our way. Thank you for the good memories. We thank the Lord for allowing us to know such a wonderful person. We love you! William O. & Cynthia Barfield and Monica Barfield



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**Barfields** - December 23, 2016 at 09:54 PM

TB

“ I Love and Miss You Granddaddy.

*Lil Timmy*

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**timothy baggett** - May 19, 2016 at 11:10 PM

AJ

“ *Ahava Judd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Robert Caraway*



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**ahava judd** - January 04, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Melanie Mcintire lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Robert Caraway*



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**Melanie Mcintire** - January 04, 2015 at 10:21 AM

MH

“ Sure do miss you, Granddaddy! You may be gone but thank you for all the precious memories that still live in my heart. All the times we went swimming (you saving me from drowning when I jumped in the pool without my swimmies on), fishing, on road trips (in the red dodge ram with the couch in the back that we could lay on), and for teaching me to drive. Oh what confidence you had in me! I don't think Granny shared the same amount of confidence, tho, when it came to letting me drive that big ol dodge ram on the interstate. You would sleep but Granny would be wide awake. :) You told me to set the cruise for a certain speed and then liked to tell people about the string of cars lined up behind me when we went through some construction and how they would zoom past me when it opened back up to two lanes. Lol :) After I got married and had kids you came to our house for a couple of days and showed me how to do a garden ( or should I say a mini field). I can still see you. You put the tiller in that thick st. augustine grass; let me just say it this way, you reminded me of the energizer bunny and his drum. It was you and your tiller, you just kept going and going and going!! Lol :) I remember thinking, What is Jonathan going to think? He got home that afternoon and just sat in the truck and looked on in amazement! Lol We had a huge garden that year. It was wonderful! You wanted to be a part of our life and us a part of your's. Granddaddy, I will always love you and Granny. Longing for the day I can see y'all again, in Heaven.

Love, Marisa

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Marisa Howell - January 03, 2015 at 10:01 PM

MH

“ *Marisa Howell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Robert Caraway*



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**Marisa Howell** - January 03, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Robert Caraway.*



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January 02, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Robert Caraway.*



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December 31, 2014 at 06:18 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 31, 2014 at 02:49 PM

WF

“ I read the obituary about the loss of your loved one and I extend my sincere condolences.

Death is truly an enemy but there is comfort in the Bible that “God will actually swallow up death forever and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.” Isaiah 25:8 Hold onto the beautiful memories of Earl and continue to have the love and support from family and friends.

williams' Family - December 31, 2014 at 01:42 PM

ST

“ I have kniwn the caraway family my entire life and i remember when I was young and my Dad and Mom had the church in Okeechobee Gods Miracle Mission they helped us out .he wad always quiet sweet and kind and so was sister van loved her preaching To the caraway family frombthe Tharp family we love all of yall dearly.Our prayers and thoughts arevwith all of yall.



Sabrina Tharp - December 31, 2014 at 10:50 AM

BR

“ I remember Brother Earl from church when he attended with Sis. Caraway. He was often silent, but he always smiled when you said hello. I have very fond memories of him and Sis Caraway. It brings peace of mind knowing that he is now with his creator and his wife. Your family is my thoughts and prayers. - Barbara Henson Rook

Barbara Henson Rook - December 31, 2014 at 10:32 AM

GF

“ Gloria Kent Fuentes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Robert Caraway



Gloria Kent Fuentes - December 31, 2014 at 12:29 AM

GF

“ I remember being neighbors (my brother married Bro. Caraway's daughter, Cherry) watching him mowing the grass, gardening, playing horseshoes, always staying busy taking care of his family. He was a good man. Rest in peace Bro. Earl.

Gloria Kent Fuentes - December 31, 2014 at 12:28 AM



“ So sorry for Your loss !! Prayers are with all of yall !

Scott Grace - December 30, 2014 at 07:29 PM