



Mr. Garland Combs

October 13, 2015

COMBS, Pastor Garland, 87, of Plant City, Florida, passed away on October 13, 2015, at home under the care of LifePath Hospice Aqua Team. He was raised on a farm in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and knew what hard-work was all about. He graduated from Tyner High School, where he played football (captain), basketball, and baseball, and participated in many other activities. He served 2 years in the United States Army during the Korean War, spending one year in Germany. In 1954, he gave his heart and life to the Lord, and later felt God leading him into full-time Christian service. He enrolled in Tennessee Temple University, spending 4 years in Bible School and 3 years in College. While in College, he was Associate Pastor at Kings Point Baptist Church for 5 years. After college, he pastored Shepherd Baptist Church in Tennessee from 1965-1983, at which time he moved to Florida. He pastored Simmons Loop Baptist Church in Riverview from 1983-1995. He pastored at Lebanon Baptist Church in Plant City from 1996-2013, when ill health forced him into retirement; he was honored to become Emeritus Pastor. He had a long and happy life serving our Lord. He was preceded in death by his parents, I. C. and Pauline Davis Combs; brother Stanley Combs; and stepmother Edith Melton Combs. He is survived by his loving wife, Geneva "Sally" Baker Combs; son, Lee Combs (Carrie "daughter"); "adopted son" Glenn Churchwell; grandchildren, Devin Combs, and Taylor Combs; sisters, Wanda Nolan, and Patty Morrison; and nieces and nephews, Mike Nolan, Eddie Nolan, Nolan, Craig Combs, Malinda Nolan, and Karen Nolan, Kim McRoy (Terry),

and Amy Byrd (Ken). A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 17 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice, Development Dept., 12470 Telecom Drive, Suite 300, Temple Terrace, FL 33637, for their excellent care. Expressions of condolence at 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

OCT 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Garland Combs



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 16, 2015 at 12:33 PM

CK

“ I had the privilege to know Garland through Lee and my niece Carrie. Garland officiated their wedding and made the occasion warm and loving. I regret I hadn't had the opportunity to get to know him better. Garland's love and grace can be seen through his son, Lee, whose patience and love of family is steady. Oct 13 is a year since Garland left the physical plane but his love is strong and fills in the quiet moments with happy memories. Love Cindy Slough



cynthia Slough Knettel - October 12, 2016 at 12:31 PM

CH

“ With deepest sympathy to the Garland Combs Family.

*Dewey Mae Moore Hanning
Class of 1946 Tyner High School*

Cheryl - October 19, 2015 at 10:34 AM

BR

“ You will be missed love you and your wife
Elaine Huff and Beverly



Beverly roberts - October 18, 2015 at 07:58 PM

KA

“ Kay and I wish to offer our deepest and sincere condolences to
Sally and the family for the loss. We pray for God to be gracious
and give you peace in this difficult time.

Kay & Ron Axmacher - October 16, 2015 at 01:45 PM

LC

“ I want to thank you all for your prayers and thoughts. They mean a great deal to us and are received with deep gratitude.



Dad truly is, and remains to be a man among men. He is someone I will continually strive to emulate. His compassion and empathy for others seemly knew no bounds. Dad is and will remain a cherished husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend. A greater, truer gentle man I have not met. He will remain our inspiration, even in his physical absence.

Dad loved Carrie, my wife, as if she were his own. He often referred to her as "his daughter" and I as his "wife's son". It still cracks me up. You have to understand his sense of humor.

Second to only his love of the Lord and Mom, were his babies. He was truly a great Grandad, and he loved them with all of his being. On any call or conversation we had, the first question was usually "How are my babies?". They were lucky to have him for the first crucial twelve years of their life.

I know you are in no pain now. I know you'll be watching out for us. I know you are experiencing a joy now that we cannot comprehend. Thank you for everything, Dad. I love you.

Lee Combs - October 16, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 16, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ Accenthealth Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Garland Combs.



Accenthealth Family - October 16, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ Love and prayers
Meredith

Meredith - October 15, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ Having known Garland since 1959, I can truly say that he was a TRUE SERVANT OF JEHOVAH GOD.



Linda Mauldin - October 15, 2015 at 03:48 PM

LS

I would like to say that Pastor Combs is a man that can be honored and revered in that term forever. He would talk to you in such a patient and loving manner answering whatever questions you asked him in a knowledgeable and understanding way. Bro. Combs always took time for you. He always believed if you prayed about things it would all work out in God's way. Bro. Combs was a blessing to all who knew him. He was truly a Man of God as well as a preacher, teacher and friend. My prayers of love and sympathy to his family.

*Love and prayers,
Ms. Dorothy and Linda*

Linda Stewart - October 15, 2015 at 11:07 PM

BP

Brother Garland was my Paul and I was his young Timothy while he served as pastor of Shepherd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN. He mentored me as he took me under his wing and showed me what being a pastor is all about. I thank God for his faithful service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ since I first met him in 1967 and look forward to seeing him again in heaven. God bless you Brother Garland. Your labor in the Lord was not in vain.

*Bob Patty, Pastor
Bartlebaugh Baptist Church
6129 Champion Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421*

Bob Patty - October 16, 2015 at 08:04 AM

 Janet
Sexton

My family and I have known Garland for many years. Garland has been like a father to me since I was a child. To me, both Garland and Geneva are my Godparents and I love them both dearly. Garland has been one of the most influential people in my life. He truly lived his life according to his beliefs. He has been my rock and he will be missed. Garland, I love you!

Janet Sexton (daughter of Iva Tyler)

Janet Sexton - October 16, 2015 at 08:12 AM

PC

I was so sad to hear we've lost our Dear Garland. He was a Wonderful Man who Loved and Served The LORD. He taught Clifford, Brenda and I so much growing up, and what being a Christian was all about. He was such a positive influence in our lives. We always looked forward to staying with all of you and going to Bible School. Memories that will always have a Special Place in our Hearts. I know GOD will wrap his arms around your Family and give you Comfort, Love, and Peace today and all the days ahead. We send Our Love and Prayers for Your Family. Marlene, Clifford, Patty, and Brenda

PATTY CANALES - October 16, 2015 at 11:07 AM