



## Mr. Gary M. Higgins

August 28, 1939 - August 1, 2020

Gary M. Higgins, 80 of Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on August 1, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife Dottie. Gary was a Korean War Veteran Cpl. with the 140th. MP Company 3rd. US Army and a Retired Captain with the Florida Highway Patrol after more than 30 years of service. He is survived by his children, Jodi Hayes (Glenn) and Tracy Higgins (Tammi), grandchildren, Brent Higgins (Amanda), Shannon Lancy (Art) and Stephanie Christo (Andrew), great-grandchildren, Noah, Jackson and Madison and Brother Richard Higgins (Emily) of Bailey, New York. Gary will be laid into eternal rest with his wife of 35 years. A Mass of Resurrection will be held be on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Clement Catholic Church, 1104 N. Alexander St., Plant City with Father Mike O'Brien, officiating, with Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens located at 6005 S. County Rd. 39, Plant City, Florida 33567. Expressions of condolence and video memorial 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

## Funeral Mass

AUG 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Clement Catholic Church  
1104 N. Alexander Street  
Plant City, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gary M. Higgins



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 04, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Gary was a great friend, when I became a Traffic Homicide Investigator he was my mentor. We spent many hours going over crashes I was working. I learned so very much from him, and knew I could call him any time, and did. Even when he was working as the Port Lt. In Jacksonville. Tracey your dad was a great guy and a very professional law enforcement officer 👍

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**Irvin Rupp** - August 27, 2020 at 07:39 AM



“ As a young Plant City PD Officer in the late 1970's, I was trying to arrest a drunk driver who was violently resisting. Gary happened by, saw what was going on and came to my aid. I was and remain very thankful. Prayers for his family!

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**Roy Brown** - August 09, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ Gary was my Lt. and a good friend. We kept in touch by computer for many years until I got a new computer and lost his email in the transition a while back. He was a good guy and will be missed. My prayers are sent to the family.

*Augie Salzer retired FHP  
Troop C*

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**Augie Salzer** - August 06, 2020 at 12:55 PM

JM

“ I met Gary in the early 70's. I worked in Traffic Court in Plant City, and Gary would be subpoenaed to give testimony about the tickets he wrote.

*Gary always stuck to the facts and was no-nonsense on the job. However, when court was over, or he was on break; you then saw his dry wit.*

*I had the utmost respect for Gary, he was such a hardworking guy who loved his family, especially his wife Dottie. I know the family mourns him deeply. I didn't see Gary often, but when I did, we would have a great time reminiscing. I will miss him.*

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**Jane Mumbauer** - August 05, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary M. Higgins.

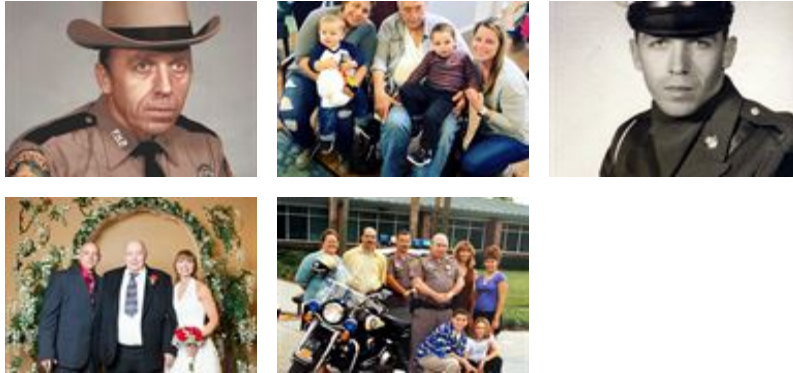


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August 04, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 04, 2020 at 08:16 PM

TW

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Prayers of comfort and peace for you all.

Trisha Williams - August 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM

BP

“ I have known Gary since 1974. We were always friends. While I was employed by the Plant City Police Dept. I worked part time at Mr Bryant's Gulf Station. Gary came in every day for gas. When I went to the Sheriffs Office he took many accidents from me. He will surly be missed. What a great friend.

Billy Passmore - August 03, 2020 at 05:17 PM

DJ

“ I'm sorry for your loss. May God bring you all comfort.

Dara Jent - August 03, 2020 at 05:10 PM