



## Mr. Gene Newsome

May 22, 1933 - March 25, 2017

Gene Newsome, 83, of Plant City, Florida, born on May 22, 1933, entered into eternal rest on March 25, 2017. He was a veteran of the United States Army, a retired switchman and conductor with Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, and a longtime member of Bethany Baptist Church. He enjoyed gardening and was an avid fan of the Florida Gators. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cora Newsome. He is survived by his siblings, Harry J. Newsome (Pat), Carolyn Hicks (Don), Shirley Hicks (Jim), and Ray Newsome (Jo Beth) of Plant City; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 30 at 3:00 P.M. at Bethany Baptist Church, 3409 Cork Road, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Memorial Park, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park

Plant City, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Baptist Church  
3409 Cork Rd.  
Plant City, FL

## Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Baptist Church  
3409 Cork Rd.  
Plant City, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gene was one of the finest men I ever met. Loved his Lord and loved his family and friends.*

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**Vernon Niswanger** - March 30, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ *Dearest Newsome Family,  
We will miss Gene with you, holding close the scripture that reads  
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”  
(Matthew 5:4) Sending you our love and prayers.  
Nan LaBroad, Charles and Cheryl Malloy*

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**Cheryl Malloy** - March 29, 2017 at 07:28 PM



“ *Gene Newsome was a wonderful man. His smile was really great. He always made you feel great when you was in his presence. He came from a wonderful family. God Bless his memory and God Bless his entire family.*

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**Tom Vann** - March 29, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ *Uncle Gene will always have a special place in my heart. His sweet smile warmed many a room and his green thumb brought much beauty into the world. May he rest in peace. Wishing all of the family the peace that passes all understanding. Love, Donna*

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**Donna Reed** - March 28, 2017 at 07:17 PM

FW

“ From Heidi Strayer & Ken Wellsch purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Gene Newsome.



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**From Heidi Strayer & Ken Wellsch** - March 28, 2017 at 06:48 PM

WY

“ Wanda Youmans & Mattie Lee Youmans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Newsome



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**Wanda Youmans & Mattie Lee Youmans** - March 28, 2017 at 03:56 PM

WY

*Memories of special man ways greeted us with smile at church and a great neighbor. Blessings and prayers to his family we love you all.*

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**Wanda Youmans & Mattie Lee Youmans** - March 28, 2017 at 03:59 PM

HS

*Mr. Newsome was a long time neighbor of ours. He was a gentle soul and known in the neighborhood for his gorgeous yard and willingness to lend a helping hand. No matter how badly he felt, he always had a smile and a friendly wave for a passing neighbor. He was the type of person who could not fail to uplift one's spirits. He has touched so many lives in such positive ways. We will miss you Mr. Newsome. --- Heidi Strayer & Ken Wellsch*

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**Heidi Strayer** - March 28, 2017 at 05:38 PM

CS

“ *Mr. Gene was a wonderful man. He meant so much to Wayne and me and we have wonderful memories of him and all his family. Prayers and love to his family.*

*Blessing and love,*

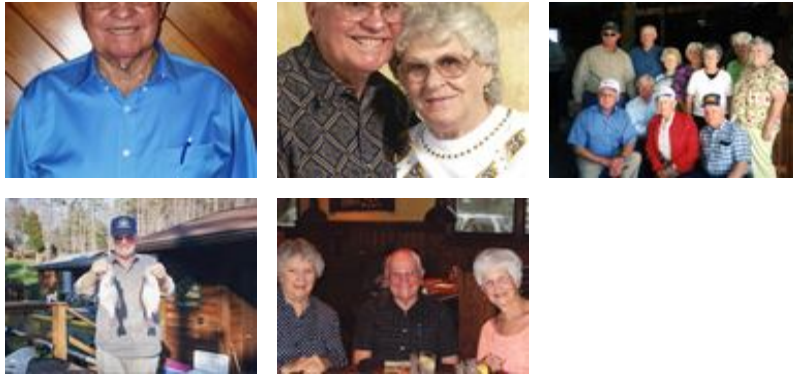
*Cathie Swingle*

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**Cathie Swingle** - March 28, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - March 28, 2017 at 10:04 AM

SO

“ *He was truly an awesome man! Such a sweet spirit. I will miss seeing him each week and getting my hug. Until we meet again!*

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**Sharon Ours** - March 28, 2017 at 08:35 AM



“ God surely has a special place reserved for this sweet and humble man. Our family has been blessed by his friendship for many years, and he will be dearly missed.

- Lee & Dixie, Poppa, Buddy & Jarrett Gillman and extended family

LeeandDixie Gillman - March 27, 2017 at 10:22 PM

AG

*Absolutely!!!*

amanda gillman - March 27, 2017 at 10:24 PM

RR

*Mr Gene was a blessing and a wonderful neighbor to me. He was always in his beautiful yard working to make it better, I will miss seeing him outside doing what he loved to do.  
Thank you for being a sweet and wonderful Christin witness.  
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*I will miss you  
Becky Richey*

Rebecca Richey - March 28, 2017 at 01:46 PM

RB

*Mr. Gene was a fine man. He had such a kind and sweet demeanor. Always so cheerful and smiling. He set a good example for others to follow with his humble heart and sweet disposition. Heaven gained a beautiful soul.*

Royce Burt - March 30, 2017 at 08:36 AM

LG

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Lee & Dixie Gillman** - March 27, 2017 at 10:18 PM

VG

“ *He was a very kind sweet soul. May he Rest In Peace. God Bless his dear family and friends.*

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**Vonda Gaaney** - March 27, 2017 at 08:58 PM