



## Mr. George Marvin Brown

October 4, 1945 - December 1, 2019

George Marvin Brown, age 74, passed away at his home in Ruskin this week. He fought the good fight. He has finished the course. He has kept the faith. Marvin is survived by his bride of 55 years, Linda; one daughter, Lisa Brown Fox (Raymond), one grandson, Matthew Brown Fox; two loving sisters, Frances Williamson and Jeanette Spinks along with many nephews and nieces; and friends all over the world. Marvin had a burning desire to farm, a passion to succeed, a willingness to take risks, and the vision to pursue innovative solutions to conserve and protect the farming industry. He grew, branded, and shipped Florida strawberries throughout the eastern U.S. and parts of Canada. Traveling the world doing his own research, Marvin was a pioneer in using drip irrigation, developed a hydroponic system to grow strawberry plants, and was instrumental in developing and patenting specialized equipment to form strawberry rows, which is still in use today. He also built comfortable, affordable housing for his workers. He was constantly in search of new methods to benefit all strawberry growers. Marvin worked with the University of Florida, North Carolina State University, and the University of California, along with many California growers and shippers. He was a strong supporter of the Florida Strawberry Growers' Association, Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, North American Strawberry Growers' Association, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, and Florida Farm Bureau. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m., at Plant City church of Christ, 315 N. Wilder Rd.,

Plant City. Interment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marvin's name to Florida College in Temple Terrace or to the Florida Strawberry Growers' Association. 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

## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of Christ  
315 N. Wilder Rd.  
Plant City, FL

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Hello, Marvin was a down to earth person who was a great Christian who helped a lot of churches to spread the gospel.

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**Mark Crawford** - December 10, 2019 at 10:38 AM

MD

“ Marvin was a good farmer and a good neighbor to my farm. He used the latest technology and took care of his workers. The fields were always clean and well managed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*Martha Dixon*

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**Martha Dixon** - December 06, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. George Marvin Brown.



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December 04, 2019 at 11:58 PM

AR

“ Andre & Gail Roberts purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mr. George Marvin Brown.



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**Andre & Gail Roberts** - December 04, 2019 at 07:09 AM

TR

“ *Mr. Marvin was kind, funny, generous and loving. I have not seen him in years, but always thought of him as a very special Christian man that I admired.*

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**Tonya Rogers** - December 03, 2019 at 07:57 PM

LB

“ *Linda and Family, You have our deepest condolences on your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. TRIPLE CREEK HUNTING CLUB*



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**Lori Brown** - December 03, 2019 at 03:22 PM

MP

“ *Midstate Tractor Parts lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Marvin Brown*



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**Midstate Tractor Parts** - December 03, 2019 at 10:54 AM

WD

“ *Wayne & Jevne DeMarco purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. George Marvin Brown.*



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**Wayne & Jevne DeMarco** - December 03, 2019 at 08:36 AM

LM

“ We have known Marvin for ages but as life would have it, we have not kept in close contact over the years. Marvin leaves this world for a much better home -- he has been a faithful child of God, and we can rest in that thought. Our love goes out to his family -- those left behind. Grief has a way of fraying nerves and breaking hearts; tears flow until they can flow no more, but God knows your pain and heartache. We pray that He will reach down and touch your hearts and minds and give you peace -- the peace that only He can give to you to soothe your soul. Marvin would tell you, if he could, cry for me today, but this was just His way; you must complete your life your way. We send our love.



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**Leon and Ruth Miller** - December 02, 2019 at 10:09 PM