



## Mr. George David Hope Sr.

July 7, 1929 - February 10, 2020

George David Hope, Sr., 90, of Plant City, Florida, born on July 7, 1929 in Tampa, Florida, entered into eternal rest on February 10, 2020. He was a veteran of the United States Army and Florida National Guard earning the rank of Captain, a retired teacher for Pinecrest High School and Plant City High School, and a night school principal. He was a member of First Baptist Church Plant City, the Florida Citrus Commission, and a board member of Alderman-Pelote Cemetery. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and umpiring baseball games for 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Shirley Hogue Hope; children, George David Hope, Jr. (Lesley) of Alabama, and Carol Hope Thomas (J.T.) of Tennessee; step-son, Johnny Wade Persall of Georgia; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 9 step-great-grandchildren; brother, Brett Hope (Helen) of Keystone Heights; 3 nephews, and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey Bennett Hope. A funeral service with military honors will be held Monday, February 17 at 11:00 A.M., at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L Redman Pkwy, Plant City; where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment at Alderman-Pelote Cemetery, Lithia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Plant City Building Fund at [fbcpc.com](http://fbcpc.com). Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Alderman-Pelote Cemetery

Pelote Cemetery Road  
Lithia, FL 33547

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City  
3309 James L. Redman Parkway  
Plant City, FL

## Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. George David Hope Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 15, 2020 at 04:09 PM



*We will forever love, miss and cherish you in our hearts grampa until we meet again*

Travis james thomas - March 02, 2020 at 11:15 PM



*Mr. Hope was my favorite Biology teacher at Plant City High School. I always enjoyed his classes and lectures. When I was young and in Boy Scouts our troop meetings were held at the old school next to his house and orange grove. He was a truly a great person.*

Warren Huskey  
PCHS Class of 1981

Warren Huskey - March 21, 2023 at 05:27 PM

BM

“ *Mr. Hope was an outstanding teacher at Pinecrest who made every student feel special and respected. Although my vocal disagreements with Mr. Hope in PAD class surely stretched his patience, he never seemed to mind. He will always be remembered as a teacher who made a difference.*

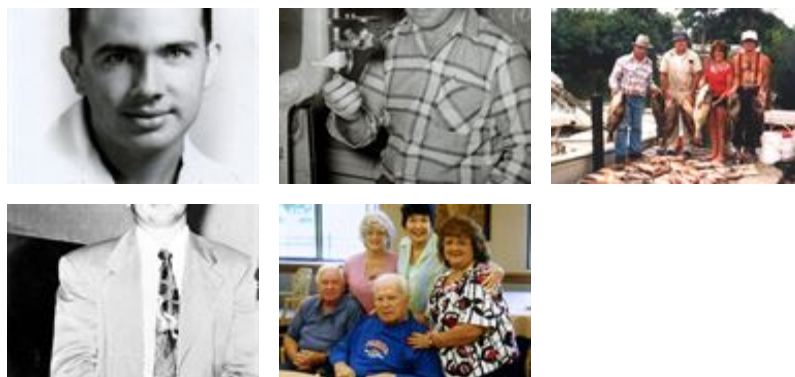
*Bill Mumbauer  
Pinecrest Class of 1972.*

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**Bill Mumbauer** - February 16, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ *29 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - February 15, 2020 at 04:10 PM

GM

“ *Gloria J Melovich lit a candle in memory of Mr. George David Hope Sr.*



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**Gloria J Melovich** - February 14, 2020 at 09:32 PM

JD

“ James Corbett ( DEE) lit a candle in memory of Mr. George David Hope Sr.



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**James Corbett ( DEE)** - February 14, 2020 at 06:14 PM

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“ Mr. Hope, the Pinecrest High School Class of 1955 remembers you in loving tribute for being our teacher and mentor. You have been in our life it seems forever and was our teacher when you were not much older than your students. Thank you for teaching us when we were not very teachable and for loving us when we were not always lovable. You were a true living legend in our community and will be missed and always remembered with love.



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**Pinecrest Class 1955** - February 14, 2020 at 09:03 AM

DB

“ I was one of the class members in George Hope's first chemistry class at Pinecrest School. Of course, that was in the old school building. I carried a little snake to school. He cut it open so we could see the heart beat. We drove to a creek and threw phosphorous in the water. That was quite an explosion. Good teacher, Mr. George Hope.

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**Dorothy Page Blalock** - February 13, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - February 13, 2020 at 04:22 PM

RA

“ *George and I worked in the science dept. at PCHS. Best of friends. A fine teacher in our dept. shared many stories. Remembered his dedication toward teaching. Students loved him. Farewell, dear friend. Ralph Aversa, Sci. Dept. Head during those years. RIP.*

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**Ralph Aversa** - February 13, 2020 at 02:10 PM

JS

“ *The class of 61 Pinecrest School was honored with George and Shirley attending our luncheons. He will be surely missed!*

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**jenny simmons** - February 13, 2020 at 01:29 PM

SB

“ *Uncle George I will miss you God Bless the family we all had a good time growing up together around Pinecrest area*

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**steve bennett** - February 13, 2020 at 12:17 PM

BB

“ Before coming to Pinecrest, science was not my thing. until I had experienced a science class taught by Mr. Hope. He was such a wonderful, kind and patient teacher. He made learning easy and fun. You will be missed by many! God Speed!  
Bridget Hardy Begey

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**Bridget Begey** - February 13, 2020 at 09:02 AM

DM

“ Mr. Hope touched so many lives in his role as teacher, and friend to many young people like myself. He always made him self available to listen and give sound advice. I was one of those who sought his wise words on more than one occasion. Pinecrest High School was lucky to have such a man, and this world was a better place because he was in it.

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**Donna Lyn Malloy Middlebrook** - February 13, 2020 at 07:06 AM

JB

“ Mr. Hope was the Science Club sponsor and we had some wonderful experiences under his leadership. We had a great time with a fish fry after helping the Dept. of Wildlife with one of their projects; he also took us for a ride in an Army tank! Mr. Hope enjoyed his students and we enjoyed him. The Class of 1964 dedicated the Pilot Annual to him in appreciation of all he had given us.

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**Jane Boyd** - February 12, 2020 at 10:27 PM

SW

“ *Mr. Hope aka Mr. Pinecrest will always hold a torch for the mighty Pilots. We have learned, laughed, and cried with you. There will never be another like you. Pilot Strong!!*



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**SandraShirley Waldron** - February 12, 2020 at 09:47 PM

MF

“ *Mr. Hope you will be missed. He created many happy memories for the Pinecrest Pilots students. Condolences to his family.*

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**Melanie Flowers** - February 12, 2020 at 03:24 PM