



## Mr. George N. McClelland

June 20, 1937 - June 6, 2019

George N. McClelland, 81, of Bartow, Florida, born on June 20, 1937 in Lakeland, entered into eternal rest on June 6, 2019. He was a Deputy and Identification Specialist for Polk County Sheriff Department and retired from Law Enforcement after 28 years of service. His loved photography and opened George McClelland Photography Studio. He truly enjoyed the business and photographed many weddings, celebrations, and events. He was the official photographer for George Jones and Tammy Wynette. At family functions he was always behind the camera, and on vacation he was known to stop the car for that special shot. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Lois Benefield McClelland; daughter, Mary Alice Peacock; step-son, Michael Jameson (Brandi); grandchildren, Mark Peacock, Kathleen Peacock, Harley Jameson, and Cooper Jameson; great-grandchild, Jaxson Prevatt; siblings, Ronald McClelland and Lynda Bradshaw; and many loving extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary McClelland, and brother, John McClelland. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends for visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. 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  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. George N. McClelland



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - June 10, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the family. I realize it's really late, but I didn't know George had passed away. I met him at the Camera shop on Memorial Blvd. We processed his film and assisted with any camera equipment needs he had. At first glance, he looked soooo serious and stern, but was very nice. He always had a story to tell about his law enforcement days or when he was the photographer for George Jones and Tammy Wynette which I had to research because I had no clue at first. He also made sure we knew about Ms. Lois as well. He was very upstanding and well respected and I was fortunate to meet such a gentleman. God Bless.

*Lisa Landry*

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**Lisa Landry** - December 08, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ A life well lived ,, George was great at shooting pistols and pictures,,

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**Mark Hodgkins** - June 25, 2019 at 10:27 PM

CB

“ We've lost a brother and a friend. His life was a series of 'events' that most of us just marvel at. . .his life's work, a mosaic of interests and experiences that could fill volumes. I'm reminded of a Hebrew proverb, which says it all: "Say not in grief 'he is no more' but live in thankfulness that he was". George was much loved and respected - he will be missed.

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**Carlton and Peggy Benefield** - June 14, 2019 at 11:35 AM

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“ Lois,

*May you and your family find peace and comfort during your time of loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Karen Barrett Knighten*

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**K. Knighten** - June 11, 2019 at 05:56 AM

MF

“ Mike, Floy And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. George N. McClelland



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**Mike, Floy and family** - June 10, 2019 at 11:05 PM

DC

“ Dear George,

*Where did the time go?*

*The things you taught me: #1. Don't ever turn your back on a Brahma bull, he WILL stomp your camera and your chair. #2. All hogs look the same in pictures, its only the kid that changes every year, but we were still there every year, at the Polk County youth fair, taking pics of those same kids and those same look alike hogs...memories...*

*The things i will always remember: The first time I ever met you, and you teaching me how to roll a 16 lb bowling ball with great accuracy. Being at the Strawberry Festival, and once again taking pictures of those same look alike hogs, cows and chickens,, to you it never got old.*

*Things i will miss the most: #1. Our family dinners now, without you there..All of our shared "eye rolls" at the same things at the same time. #2. Sharing the same bench at church on Sunday mornings, and I will never forget sharing a closet during one of the worst hurricanes ever. I loved you and you knew it.*

*RIP Uncle, no more pain, no more suffering. Tell all of our peeps up there we miss them too, and think of them everyday..Also know we will take care of Aunt Lois and keep her close.*

*Love Always your niece Diane*

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**Diane Conrad** - June 10, 2019 at 09:47 PM

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“ I didn't know George a long time but I knew him long enough. I came into the family a little later than most but had a chance to be around George and Lois at family gatherings or just stopping by the house with our dog Sadie Sue. George loved that little dog and they would just sit with each other for a while as George would remark how good she was and the fact she just didn't bark. We would always bring Sadie Sue along for the ride to Bartow for the family get together for the Bartow Christmas parade and to see George.

I enjoyed sitting around with George just talking about all kinds of subjects, from the bird houses he built, to the antiques he and Lois had accumulated, and each one had a story. He loved to talk about the City of Bartow history and the many hundreds if not thousands of photos he had taken of people and places in Bartow. We would also talk about the time he had spent with George Jones and Tammy Wynette when he was their official photographer, he had some good stories to tell about those times. We would talk about the trips they took to Cades Cove in Tenn and the photos he had taken there and all over.

But what I will miss the most was talking politics with George. He was steadfast in his political opinions and his points of view and if you agreed it was a great and passionate conversation, but if you were on the opposite side of the fence well then the conversation was a little more reserved with George getting his point across one way or another.

I will miss his stories but will miss George telling them more.

My heartfelt condolences to Lois and the rest of the family.

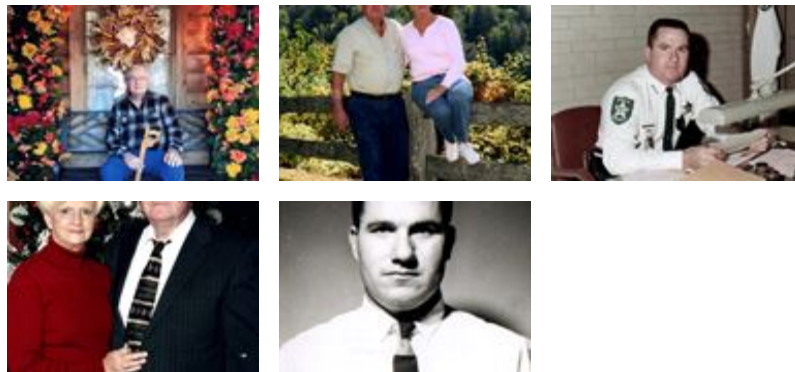
Ron Evans

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Ronald B Evans - June 10, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - June 10, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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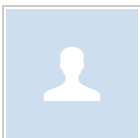
“ *Lois, our deepest condolences to you and the family during this difficult time. May you find peace in the memories you shared.*

*Sabita*



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**Sabita** - June 10, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. George N. McClelland.*



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June 09, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. George N. McClelland.* ”



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June 08, 2019 at 01:52 PM