



Mr. Gerald E. Beaty

July 28, 1935 - April 6, 2017

Gerald E. Beaty, 81, of Plant City, Florida, born on July 28, 1935, went home to Heaven on April 6, 2017. He was retired from the Hillsborough County Road Department, and was a longtime Ambassador for Hopewell Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens. He was a graduate of Plant City High School, and was a longtime member of Plant City Church of Christ. He loved God and his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, yard-work, good food, telling stories, and the company of friends. He never met a stranger and will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him. He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 60 years, June; children, Keith Beaty (Tonya) and Polly Wiggins (Joey); grandchildren, Stephen Wiggins (Rebecca Watts) and Kayle Donnell (Myles); siblings, Jean Blake, Jimmy Beaty, Martha Canady, and Frances Beaty; step-mother, Louise Beaty; brother-in-law, Don Snellgrove; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Beaty; mother, Elna B. Hudson and step-father, William O. Hudson; and brother, William "Pete" Hudson. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S., Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
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<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 07, 2017 at 03:50 PM

KH

Beautiful! You all are in my thoughts and prayers! I see Steve every day at Brooklyn Bridge and Mr Beaty always would come in with a big Smile on his face!! Thoughts and prayers for your family.

kimberly Howard - April 08, 2017 at 01:54 PM



Just beautiful!!! Such a sweet tribute to a fine Brother in Christ and awesome friend!!!

Susan Williamson - April 08, 2017 at 05:51 PM



Yvette Fender

*Beautiful tribute to an amazing, Godly man.
So very happy that I had the honor of knowing Mr. Beaty.
He will be greatly missed by MANY.
Chantz McEver and I love and prayers are with you all during this time and always.
I'm rejoicing in knowing he's walking the streets of gold with our Heavenly Father and now has his mansion in Heaven.
Love you all*

Yvette Fender Bennett - April 08, 2017 at 08:58 PM

MK

“ *Your friendship and smile will always be treasured. Friend Mary An app Kilgore*

Mary Kilgore - April 12, 2017 at 11:12 AM

JG

“ *Mr. Beaty was truly one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was a joy to work with at Rehab. Always pleasant and smiling. I always looked forward to seeing him come in the door and he always looked so handsome. I am so sorry for your loss and ours. He will be missed by many.*

*Judi Groom
SFB Cardiac Rehab*

Judi Groom - April 10, 2017 at 06:05 AM

DR

“ *June and family,*

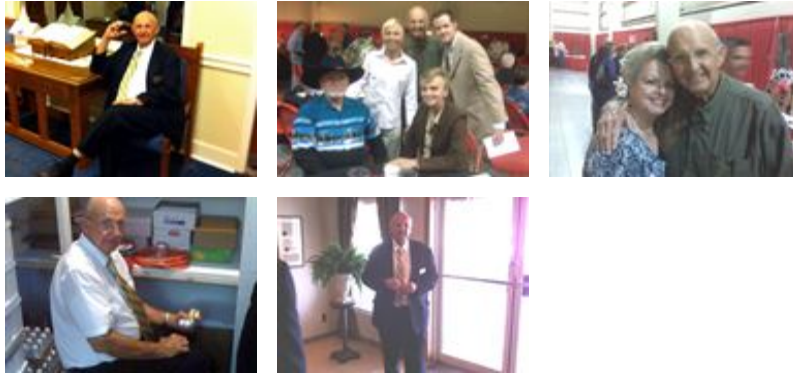
Gerald was a great friend and I will miss him greatly at church and Re-hab. It did not matter if it was church or Rehab he would always light up the rooms. He was truly one of a kind. I hope that you can find peace knowing that Gerald is in a better place and hopefully we can all live the lives that will re-unite us with him some day.

Dave Robbins

Dave Robbins - April 09, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 08, 2017 at 11:53 AM

LR

“ *I have fond memories of Sister June and Brother Gerald. When I was a teen, I attended the same church as they. I will never forget how sweet, warm, and welcoming both were. May the many fond, warm memories sustain his loved ones at this time.*

Lynne Roberts Reilly - April 08, 2017 at 11:30 AM

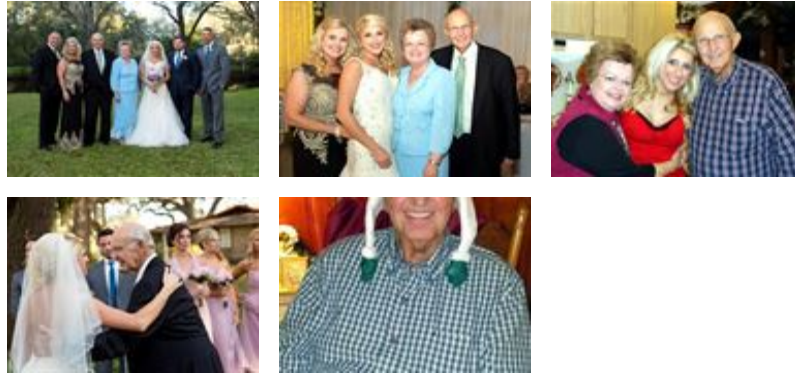
DT

“ *Polly, I just heard about your Daddy this morning and I'm so very sorry for your loss. He was a great man who will be dearly missed! I have many wonderful memories of him and his stories when I was young; he always made me laugh; and somehow we served on jury duty several times together when I was older and we always had a good time. Sorry I cannot be there today to pay my respects in person but please know that I am thinking of you and your Mom and entire family and praying for you all. Love you cuz! Denise.*

Denise Strickland Thomas - April 08, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 08, 2017 at 10:38 AM

GG

“ *Gene and Val Garofalo purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty.*



Gene and Val Garofalo - April 08, 2017 at 08:35 AM

BL

“ *Precious June, you are on our hearts and in our prayers! There is no question in my mind you and Gerald are greatly loved by Jesus! HE gave you each other!! And what an adventure for your children and grandchildren to have him as a Dad and Grandfather!! Gerald was an amazing example of a true "servant heart" and kindness! One hug from him and you knew you were deeply loved! We are so thankful for the "gift of Gerald Beaty" in our lives and celebrate his life this day! Not gonna say goodbye--simply "See you later, my brother!" Love you so, sweet lady! Brenda Lewis Lemley*

Brenda Lewis Lemley - April 08, 2017 at 08:26 AM

WM

“ Gerald was one of the finest Christian gentlemen I ever knew. He always had such a gentle, genuine and friendly approach in everything he did. He was also a great story teller, particularly of local and regional Florida history and the role he once played in it. I will deeply miss this former cow hunter of years ago but rest assured that he will be greeted in heaven with the same love and enthusiasm that he greeted so many at our church.

*Respectfully,
William Moriaty
Plant City, Florida*

William Moriaty - April 08, 2017 at 06:58 AM

JC

“ Brother Gerald, every time we visited the congregation he was the welcome smile greeting us & others coming to worship. Sister June, can't imagine your loss! Children & grand children, copy Gerald as he copied Jesus our savior! Prayers of comfort to you family & community! Jubie & Carol Copeland, Dasger, Ga.

Jubie & Carol Copeland - April 08, 2017 at 06:52 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty.



April 08, 2017 at 12:46 AM

ML

“ *Marie Bostick Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty*



Marie Bostick Ledford - April 07, 2017 at 09:22 PM

ML

June , I'm so very for your loss . You and Gerald were two of my favorite people at Mahony Street Church of Christ back in the day when I worshiped there . Gerald was never a stranger when you met him and you both were so good to me ! My deepest sympathy to you and I pray for strength for you at this difficult time . Cherish your memories , all my love , Marie Bostck Ledford

Marie Bostick Ledford - April 07, 2017 at 09:30 PM

SS

“ *We will miss you Mr Gerald!! God bless you Mrs June we love you and will keep you in our prayers !!! Maezie,Maddison,Raelynn (the girls)*



susan spradley - April 07, 2017 at 08:49 PM

SS

“ We had the honor and privilege to know Mr. Gerald and Miss June he will be so missed his smiling face ,and kind words . Words just can't describe kindness he had in his heart. I just feel so blessed to have known him and be a part of his life for the last four years Hearing his stories . And as my daughter says we will miss hearing. "Shug"!!! My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family .

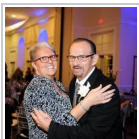


susan spradley - April 07, 2017 at 08:43 PM

WC

“ Sonny was one of the nicest people to walk this earth. He always had a smile for everybody he'd meet-never heard a bad thing come from him. I only had a few minutes to talk with him last Saturday and it seemed like it had been a few days since I had seen him. My deepest sympathy for family for the loss of such a loving and caring man. I know he will be sorely missed for a long time. Rest in peace Sonny.

Wayne Canady - April 07, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ I'll never forget how tickled Uncle Gerald got when I stepped down from bleachers to throw cow chips at the Strawberry Festival years ago! Yes, back then, the festival had a Cow Chip (🐄💩) Throwing Contest! It was too funny, & from then on, Everytime he saw me, he'd say "There's my cowchip girl!" & would start telling the story! He will be dearly missed, such a happy man! Much love & prayers to family!

Judy Moen - April 07, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty.*



April 07, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty.*



April 07, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty.*



April 07, 2017 at 05:54 PM



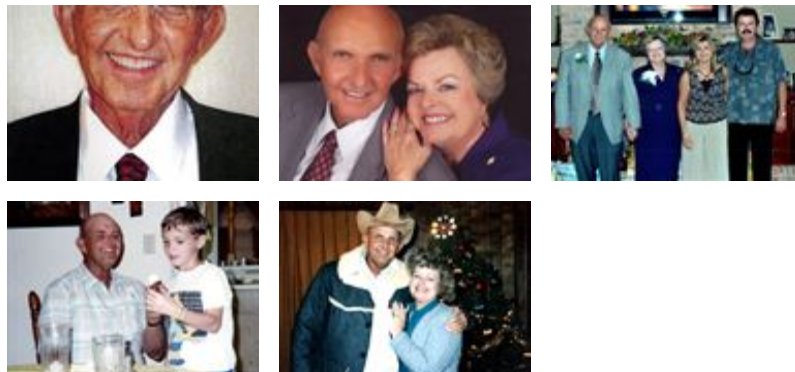
“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty.*



April 07, 2017 at 05:07 PM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - April 07, 2017 at 03:47 PM

TF

“ *What a shock! So sorry . He was always such a happy person to greet you at the funeral home door!*

The Gillespie Family - April 07, 2017 at 01:07 PM

JC

Love Mr. Gerald he always had a sweet spirit!

Janice Carr - April 07, 2017 at 02:00 PM

JS

What a honor it was to have known Gerald. I have a plaque that says you will forget what a person says but you will never forget how they treated you. That was Gerald he treated everyone with kindness. Will always remember his sweet spirit.

Joanne Swanson - April 07, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald E. Beaty.*



April 07, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ *I loved Gerald's stories! He was an oasis in the desert! I don't like to think of him not being at Hopewell!*
Barbara Keene Wallace

Barbara Wallace - April 07, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ *It was such an honor and a blessing to know Gerald. We will miss his smiling face, warm handshakes, loving hugs, thoughtful prayers, and funny stories. Continued prayers for June and his family during this time of loss.*

The Shane Robin Family

Lana Robin - April 07, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ *A delightful man who loved his family and friends. Always a smile Ndca story. Prayers for his family for strength and comfort. Ron and Vonda Gainey*

Ron/Vonda Gainey - April 07, 2017 at 07:14 AM

HR

“ MR GERALD BEATY WILL BE MISS, I HAD THE HONOR TO KNOW HIM FOR THE PAST 4 YEARS BY WORKING TOGETHER IN THE HOPEWELL FAMILY. I ADMIRE HIS STRENGTH AND YOUNG SPIRIT, ALWAYS LIKE TO TALK TO HIM AND LISTEN TO HIS STORIES OF LIFE WHILE LAUGHING TOGETHER. ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY AND ME MY CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE FAMILY AND SPECIALLY MRS JUNE, WILL KEEP ALL IN OUR PRAYERS, WITH LOVE RIVERA FAMILY



hector rivera - April 06, 2017 at 10:02 PM