



## Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr.

February 1, 1938 - July 7, 2019

Gerald Johnson, Sr., 81, of Brooksville, Florida, formerly Dover, born on February 1, 1938 in Cecil, Georgia, went to his Heavenly home on July 7, 2019. He was a proud member of Turkey Creek Gobblers Class of 1954 and classmates still meet for a monthly lunch at Fred's Market in Plant City. He was a devoted member of Hillside Community Baptist Church in Brooksville. Gerald was employed with Tampa Electric Company for 37 years, and played on the baseball league as a young man. He retired from TECO in 2003, but remained in touch with his co-workers. He coached little league baseball when his children were involved, and enjoyed gardening, his cows, and collecting vintage record albums. He was an exceptional husband, father, Papa, brother, and friend. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Virginia Johnson; children, Clayton Johnson (Brenda), Stephanie Engwall (Randy), and Camilla Johnson; daughter-in-law, Kathy Johnson; sister, Linda Drawdy (Ruis); 11 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Gerald Johnson II. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, July 12 at 3:00 P.M. at Faith Temple Assembly of God, 4240 N. Frontage Rd., Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Mt. Enon Cemetery, Plant City. In memory and honor of Gerald, please dress casually. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice, in honor of Gerald's giving spirit. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Enon Cemetery

3702 North Frontage Road  
Plant City, FL 33565

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Faith Assembly of God  
4240 N Frontage Rd  
Plant City, FL 33565

## Celebration of Life

JUL 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LO

“ I worked for Gereld at TECO, Substation operations, he was a great boss, and a better friend. I will miss over phone conversations , that ended, I will see you at some point and time. RIP Johnson. Your friend, Lynton Odom.

Lynton Odom - July 26, 2019 at 05:51 PM

SW

“ Gerald was such a positive force at TECO. I expect there was never a problem introduced that was too tall for him to tackle. He was always positive and supportive.

Steve Wright - July 15, 2019 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ The Frazier Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr..



The Frazier Family - July 12, 2019 at 09:36 AM

PS

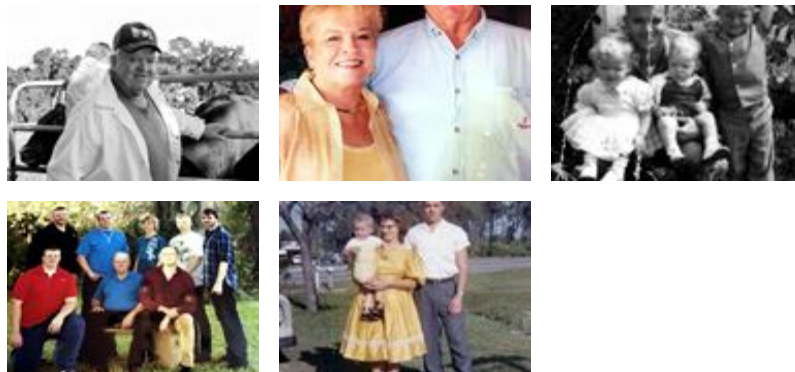
“ Phillip Steele purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr..



Phillip Steele - July 11, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - July 11, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr.*



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July 10, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr.*



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July 10, 2019 at 01:10 PM

WF

“ *With Love From The King Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr..*



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**With Love From The King Family** - July 10, 2019 at 10:47 AM

CH

“ *Linda, I'm so sorry you lost your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Know we love you and Ruis!*



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**Carol and Cliff Hall** - July 09, 2019 at 12:38 PM

WM

“ *Gerald was a friend to many at Tampa Electric. He always appreciated a call from me when anyone in the company was retiring so he could come by and celebrate with them. He was a upbeat person that always had positive things to say about the company and all the whom he worked throughout his career. He always told me he had a good life and was thankful to the Lord for his many blessings. We will miss him. William Magann*

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**William Magann** - July 09, 2019 at 12:32 PM

LG

*Hi Virginia. So sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. What a good man he was. I lost AC almost 2 yrs ago. I bet they're in heaven talking baseball. May God bring comfort to you & all the family.*

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**lynda gee** - July 10, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr..



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July 09, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ I've known Gerald for (47) years, and I can say without any hesitation that Gerald was as fine a man here on Earth as I've ever known.

*He always went out of his way to help (even if not deserved) whomever he could, me included.*

*In those (47) years and in contact with many who worked for and with Gerald, I don't believe I've ever heard anyone say anything against him.*

*He truly was an exceptional man while here with us, and I'm certain he will continue to look after us from Heaven.*

*Dennis (and Shirley) Metzger*

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**Dennis Metzger** - July 09, 2019 at 07:58 AM



“ I'm sorry Camilla to of your father's passing. Although I hadn't spent a a lot time with him, those times we visited your parent was remarkable. Love and prays to you and your family.

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**Laurel Adams** - July 08, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Johnson, Sr..*



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July 08, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *We are truly saddened by the loss of Gerald Sr. He was always welcoming and loving to us and a man who was never without a great story to share. He will be remembered as an iconic family leader. Our prayers are for your peace and comfort during this most difficult time. We know he is in the arm of the angels and was welcomed by his loving son...God bless you all...  
In Love and Light,  
Jeffrey King and Nancy Mercurio*

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**Nancy Mercurio** - July 08, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ *I know your hearts are breaking and there are no words to ease your pain. I have known your Papa all of my life, 55 years thru Baseball. He and my Dad played softball together when they were younger and coached Clayton & Robert in Baseball. He called me Mitchell all the time. Over the past 12 mths we have had many conversations about the importance of our Families and the devotion and the lengths he would go to to protect his Family. Always asking about my girls and loving on them we he saw them. We talked about our Faith and God would see our family thru this past year. This is an unimaginable loss. He was a GREAT MAN. I loved Papa like my own Father. I love each of you and my family is here for you.*

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**Michelle Simon Finch** - July 08, 2019 at 04:28 PM

VC

“ Gerald Johnson was such a good husband, dad, granddad and a good fellow worker and friend. The time and wisdom he taught our kids is awesome. He had patience with our kids ( not so much with his kids on the ball field) . This man loved teaching baseball, and playing it when he was younger. His wife Virginia was always there to support him and the kids. We know he gave so much of his time to others being a coach and not as much time with family. We thank his family for sharing Gerald with us. His family was all involved in baseball too so they were close by. His wisdom on life was to focus on the young people and give them a good start on life through learning and keeping rules on life, yes Sir and no Sir, good manners, hard work at your sports, and life etc. Gerald was gifted with a way with kids. Not one of them will ever forget what they learned from him. He hugged and ask me to forgive him for something ( throwing me out of East Bay Little League) at his son's funeral. That had bothered him all those years. He cared about people's feelings. What a special man he was and the world has lost a good man. We will have many memories to keep us till we see him in Heaven. Good by my friend, Virginia ( Ginger) Carlisle.

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Virginia Carlisle - July 08, 2019 at 03:34 PM