



Mr. Henry Sherman "Buddy" Conrad, Jr.

October 17, 1929 - January 20, 2024

Henry Sherman "Buddy" Conrad, Jr., (94), of Plant City, Florida, was born on October 17, 1929, at home on Trapnell Road in Plant City, Florida. He entered into eternal rest on January 20, 2024. He attended Welcome Baptist Church. At 20, he joined the Air Force and was a member for 9 years. He then joined the U.S. Customs Service and eventually retired as Chief Inspector at the port of Tampa in 1988. After retiring, Buddy became a U.S. Customs Broker, an International Freight Forwarder, and did consulting for G.E. He was a member of NARFE, the Elk's Club, and the Greater Brandon Republican Club. His hobbies included traveling, cars, and ballroom dancing. He is survived by his daughter, Jaye Patricia Conrad Mestre (Juan) of Oviedo; grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Mestre Jeffery (Will) of Orlando, Victor Conrad Mestre (Karen) of Olympia, Washington, and Cecilia Lea Mestre Slack (Brandon) also of Orlando; great-grandchildren Maddox Porter Mestre, Elliott Jay Slack, Niko Lynn Mestre Jeffery, Everett Ward Mestre, and Charlie Conrad Slack; loving sister Pat Varnum, and many other family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife of 45 years Anita Porter Conrad. He was also predeceased by Henry Sherman Conrad (father), Iva Conrad (mother), Mary Eunice Lane (sister), James A. Conrad (brother) and Betty Jean Brantley (sister). The family will receive friends, January 25th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S. County Road 39, Plant City. A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 26th at 11:00 A.M. at Welcome Baptist Church, 11308 Welcome Church Street, Lithia; where a committal will follow at

Welcome Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Welcome Baptist Church Building Fund. Expressions of condolence at: www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Welcome Cemetery

2437 Welcome Road
Lithia, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Welcome Baptist Church
11308 Welcome Church Street
Lithia, FL

Tribute Wall

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Larry Conrad - January 29, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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“ *To the Conrad & Mestre families, we were so sorry to hear about Henry's passing, didn't find out until late on Thursday evening. Due to health reasons, we were unable to attend the service on Friday. After Covid arrived, we were not wanting to go by for a visit with him, for fear of giving him any type of bug. Henry and Anita were good neighbors & friends. I will never forget him getting up on our roof with Dave to cut off a big pine that landed on the back part of the house in 2004. I should have gotten a video of that episode. I know I took a few still photos of them up there with Dave holding onto a rope tied around Henry's waist. Anita was also one of our daughters teachers at Pinecrest in the second grade. Please know that all of you are in our prayers, and we are thankful for the time we did get to spend with him and Anita over the years. Sincerely, Dave & Betty French*

Betty French - January 27, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Henry Sherman "Buddy" Conrad, Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 01:29 PM