



Mr. Hilman F. Bowden

May 16, 2015

BOWDEN, Hilman F., 91, passed away peacefully at home on May 16, 2015. He was born in Enterprise, Alabama, and moved to Florida with his family during the Great Depression. He graduated from Plant City High School and joined the United States Navy immediately after Pearl Harbor. He served his country during World War II and the Korean War. He graduated from Florida Southern College in 1948, but was always a Florida Gator at heart. He was a career banker at Plant City's Hillsboro State Bank (SunTrust). In retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife Barbara, and attending Gator football games. He and Barbara believed in giving back by donating to various causes such as the South Florida Baptist Hospital, University of Florida Foundation, and Plant City's First Baptist Church. He served on the board of trustees for Hillsborough Community College and was instrumental in establishing the Plant City campus. He also served on the board of directors of the Tampa Sports Authority, South Florida Baptist Hospital, Bruton Memorial Library, and the Florida Strawberry Festival. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara Bowden; sons Bud Bowden (Pam), and Charlie Bowden (Leecy); grandchildren Katie Corby (Alex), Chip Bowden (Nina), Chelsea Bowden, Bailey Bowden, and Lindsey Bowden; great-grandson Brent Corby; mother-in-law Ledgie H. Alley; and 2 nieces and 1 nephew. A special thanks to the Aqua Team of LifePath Hospice for all of their compassionate help. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 3:00 P.M. at Plant City's First Baptist Church, 501 N. Palmer Street, Plant City 33563, where the family will received

friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Plant City's First Baptist Church Building Fund, The Foundation at South Florida Baptist Hospital, 301 N. Alexander Street, Plant City 33563 <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1318002>, Meals on Wheels <http://www.unityinplantcity.org/donations/>, and/or LifePath Hospice, c/o Chapters Health, 12470 Telecom Drive, Suite 300 West, Temple Terrace, FL 33637 <http://chaptershealth.org/giving/>. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L Redman Pkwy
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://fbcpc.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Hilman F. Bowden



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 17, 2015 at 12:47 PM

LM

“ Barbara and family, I am so sorry to hear about Hilman. I was out of the country and just learned about Hilman's passing. Hilman was one of the nicest men I first encountered when my family moved to Plant City. He was truly one of a kind. Louise Michal

Louise Michal - June 12, 2015 at 07:08 AM

JF

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Bowden Family. Mr. Bowden was a wonderful man, demonstrated daily and everlasting by his beautiful wife and family. God Bless each of you.

Jennifer Fenner - May 21, 2015 at 11:21 AM

SM

“ Sandi & Lucy Meeks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hilman F. Bowden



Sandi & Lucy Meeks - May 18, 2015 at 10:02 PM

BU

“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bud - May 18, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 18, 2015 at 06:13 PM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Isaiah 25:8 read: He (God) will swallow up death forever, He will wipe the tears from all faces. Yes soon, you will no longer worry or pain from losing a loved one to death, because it will be gone, never to return. Please find some comfort from this fact, in your days ahead.*

mary miller - May 18, 2015 at 01:03 PM

RG

“ I have known of Mr. Bowden my entire life having been born in Plant City and attending local schools in this area and I have never heard anything but good about this fine gentleman. My condolences to all his family. Ronald Grimes , Plant City/lakeland

Ronald Grimes - May 18, 2015 at 10:14 AM

DV

“ Family & neighbor Juanita and I are sorry to learn of your loss. Mr . Bowden always spoke to us when we would see him in and around town. May he rest in peace with our lord.

Donald Vaughan - May 18, 2015 at 08:48 AM

WH

“ Bud and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and comfort you and your entire family during this time of sorrow. ~~~ Wayne and Joani Henderson



Wayne & Joani Henderson - May 18, 2015 at 08:06 AM

MD

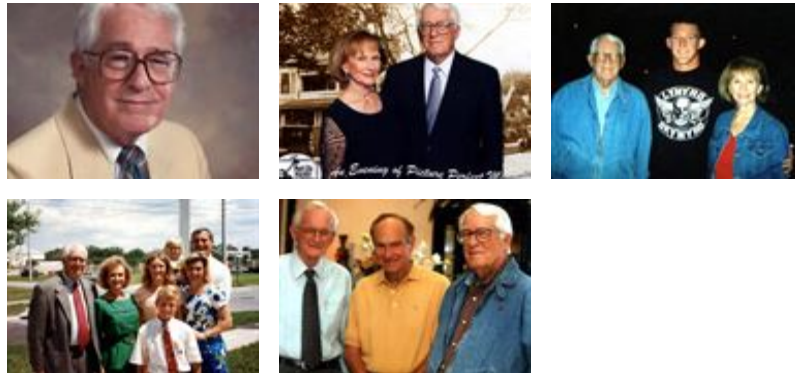
“ Moody & Peggy Damron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hilman F. Bowden



Moody & Peggy Damron - May 17, 2015 at 06:54 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 17, 2015 at 12:43 PM

JU

Bud and Family,

Keeping you In thoughts and Prayers..

Judy Colding

judycolding - May 18, 2015 at 02:57 PM

DR

Bud ,Charlie, and family ,

May you find peace in this very difficult time. Mr. Bowden [Hillman] was a hero to many people including myself. It was a honor to know him and I will always cherish his friendship.

*Rest in peace.
Dave Robbins*

Dave Robbins - May 19, 2015 at 05:50 AM