



Mr. J. Myrle Henry

August 30, 1938 - January 8, 2021

J. Myrle Henry, 82, of Plant City, Florida, born in Jacksonville on August 30, 1938, entered into eternal rest on January 8, 2021. He was a member of First Baptist Church Plant City, Gideons International, and Plant City Chamber of Commerce (twice Good Egg award recipient), member and past president of East Hillsborough Historical Society, and Plant City Lion's Club (former Grand Lion of Florida), member and former trustee of South Florida Baptist Hospital, and Evangelical Theological Seminary, member and founder of Strawberry Classic Car Show, and Florida Opry, past president of Plant City Towers, and Plant City's 2001 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. He was a registered pharmacist for 50 years, owning three drug stores. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Tommie Henry; daughters, Cheri Kim Ennis (Kevin) of Lakeland, and Dr. Kathy Lynn Henry of Cropwell, Alabama; and many other family and friends. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 12 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L Redman Pkwy, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment in Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International at gideons.org. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L. Redman Parkway
Plant City, FL

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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3309 James L. Redman Parkway
Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Myrle was my best childhood buddy in Jacksonville from the first grade at 10th and Market. I was so sad when he moved to Plant City to raise strawberries. We planted strawberries in my backyard to convince his dad they didn't have to move. We had identical soldier uniforms like the photo. Later at U of F we were roommates. He was a kind authentic soul.

Arthur Foster - August 16, 2021 at 11:14 AM

MC

“ Merle was a great Christian man and a great Florida gator fan. I set in front of him and Tommie at the florida Gator football games for over 10 years I also went to the Florida Opry shows for over 5 years that Merle was in charge of. My Mom and Dad got to know Merle and Tommie over the years at the football games. God bless Tommie and the rest of the family and my prayers are with you

Mark Crawford

Brandon, FL

Mark Crawford - March 04, 2021 at 09:35 PM

ST

“ Merle Henry was a wonderful man I will never forget all of our talks he would always say how much the Lord has done for him and he wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the grace of God and that always stuck with me I worked for him for five years but was a friend for over 40 years. I miss him so much, he loved his family his beautiful wife Tommie, He always said she never has a bad day she laughed and had a smile on her face all the time, his girl Sherri and Cathy are the light of his life .What a true man of God 🙏

sharon thompson - February 08, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ *Myrle was a true Southern gentleman - kind, generous, and God-honoring. I had the pleasure of writing about him in Focus Magazine - Plant City and in the process we became e-mail friends. My inbox has quite a collection of inspirational and educational items that he shared with others. He loved his wife, his family, his friends, and his community. Our loss here is heaven's gain. I'll look forward to seeing him again one day.*

Cheryl Johnston - January 23, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Merle was a good man and friend to many. Tommie and Merle were our neighbors while our girls grew up, many great memories there. We will always miss and love them. Prayers sent your way Tommie and girls.*



carol Hunt (hart) - January 17, 2021 at 05:12 PM

GN

“ Our hearts and love go out to Myrle's beautiful wife, Tommie. The sadness at his passing can only be tempered by the wonderful life these two shared for over 60 years. My wife Karen and I are fortunate to have met them and honored to be numbered among their many friends. Myrle was a perfect gentleman in everything he did. His love for the Plant City community was proven by each endeavor and project he undertook, including his profession as a pharmacist, his involvement with the Plant City Lions Club, his creation and management of the Plant City Opry, his love of church and family and a never ending loyalty to the Florida Gators. Myrle and Tommie are among the special Plant City residents that make this a town worth living and raising a family in. God bless you all.

George and Karen Newman

George & Karen Newman - January 15, 2021 at 01:16 PM

RM

“ Myrle was my best friend from the day we met in the ninth grade. We were college roommates at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee and then he transferred to the University of Florida and he became a Gator. I became a Seminole at Florida State which led to a friendly rivalry the rest of our lives. His email handle was Gatorxman. His beautiful house is decorated with Gator memorabilia. I usually wore an FSU hat when I went to visit him and his lovely wife, Tommie Claire. He would almost always remark about it. Being Myrle's friend was the honor of my life.

Ray McEachern

Ray McEachern - January 11, 2021 at 11:52 PM

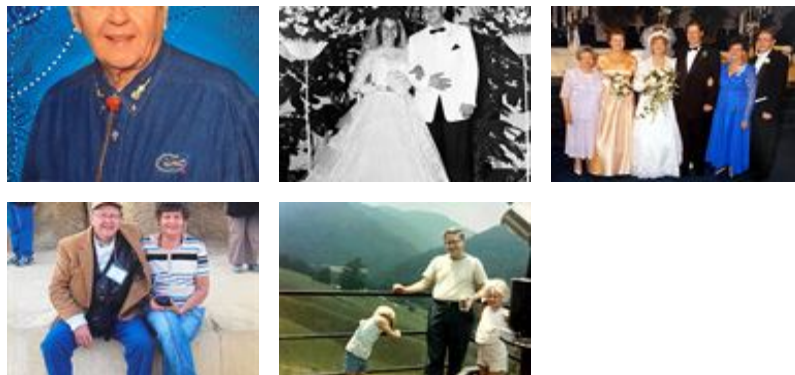
BM

“ *Barbara McCall*
Myrle was a friend & confidant all of my adult life. A dear Christian friend to me and my entire family. We loved him dearly.

Barbara McCall - January 11, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 11, 2021 at 04:08 PM

RM

Myrle was my best friend since the ninth grade. As seniors in High School we drove up to Carson- Newman College where we were roommates the next year. Then he went to University of Florida to study pharmacy and I went to rival school Florida State. His email handle was Gatorman and his beautiful home was decorated with many gator memorabilia. I was privileged to be his close friend and will remain so until we meet again.

Ray McEachern - January 11, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. J. Myrle Henry.



January 11, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ Debby Goodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Myrle Henry



Debby Goodson - January 10, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ Johnie & Debby Goodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Myrle Henry



Johnie & Debby Goodson - January 10, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. J. Myrle Henry.



January 10, 2021 at 03:28 PM

RC

“ Rex Cole

Myrle was a Godsend and I am so glad our paths have crossed. We sat on the board of the cornerstone building together, was in the Gideons together and went to Israel together. Several times I got to be his prayer partner when he was speaking for the Gideons in different churches. He taught me a lot and I feel he has helped me become a better Christian. Myrle was a great man and Sharon and I, as well as many others will miss him. Until we meet in heaven we'll carry on his legacy in our hearts and lives.

Rex Cole - January 10, 2021 at 03:21 PM

LG

“ Carolyn and my hearts go out to Tommie and the family of Myrle. The Plant City Community and the world lost a great man, but God received him home and healed him of his suffering and heaven is brighter. I will always remember his kindness and the friend he has always been over the years beginning when, in the 11th grade, I moved back to Plant City High School from Indiana where we had lived for four years. Myrle was always the same; steadfast in his love for Christ, Plant City and people, no matter their status in life. After college and after I became a C.P.A. and Myrle was a pharmacist, he was a client for many years and we got to talk often. We worked together on the Lion's club strawberry queen's committee and decided to bring some celebrities to the crowning event at the festival. We decided to bring a Christian each year; the first being Pat Boone and the second was Dale Evans. The stadium filled up for the queen's crowning and we were so happy to have accomplished that. After that, the festival started to bring in celebrity entertainers and that too was very successful. We will miss his encouraging emails and his driving past our house (near his) when we were outside and hearing him toot the horn and wave.

Leo and Carolyn (Fletcher) Gillman

Leo Gillman - January 10, 2021 at 10:22 AM

FO

Myrle was a fine Christian man and truly be missed but God received another angel and I look forward to seeing my friend again some day

Franklin oneal - January 10, 2021 at 10:58 AM

DA

“ *to the family of Myrle,
So sorry to hear of the passing of Myrle.. He was a very fine man and friend. I only seen Myrle during football season at Fla. field and sometimes at away games we would see one another. We would talk talk about the gators and how they were doing.
May we all look to the lord at this time to find peace and remember Myrle as we knew him. We all know he touched many lives along the way in a very positive way.*

*Dave Robbins
Dover, fFl.*

Dave - January 10, 2021 at 07:03 AM

DR

Myrle was a great friend and wonderful, fun rival in the FSU / Florida games. He was a great part of the community and will be missed.

*Dan Raulerson
Plant City, Fl.*

Dan Raulerson - January 13, 2021 at 02:27 PM