



## Mr. James "Tom" Boyette

January 2, 2012

BOYETTE, James "Tom", 81, of Valrico, Florida, entered into eternal life on January 2, 2012. He was a Christian who served the Lord as a Deacon and dedicated member of SonLife Baptist Church of Valrico. He loved his wife, family and church. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Geraldine Adams Boyette; children Shirley Kelly, Gary Boyette (Karen), and Sandra Hartman (Ross); 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sister Joyce Rich. He was preceded in death by his sister Jean Boyette. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Pelote Cemetery, Lithia. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com). The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Victor, Ruby, and the entire Sapphire Team of LifePath Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Alderman-Pelote Cemetery

Pelote Cemetery Road  
Lithia, FL 33547

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James "Tom" Boyette



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ David Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Tom" Boyette



David Howard - January 24, 2012 at 09:54 AM



“ Sherrill Newton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Tom" Boyette



Sherrill Newton - January 10, 2012 at 10:01 AM

SH

“Daddy,  
You were truly a Renaissance man. You taught us so much about so many things. The most important being family, friends, laughter, and faith. Thankfully, you and Mom gave me the path to follow and though I don't always stay on it, I know it is there. I know you are with God and talking the ears off family and friends. That is the only comfort we have, as we are forlorn thinking of a future without you. Until we meet again, I am, forever your girl, Sandy

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**Sandra Hartman** - January 06, 2012 at 06:19 PM

GB

“Pa, there aren't enough words or space on this Tribute Wall to convey how you touched our lives. You are the epitome of a true southern gentleman, always ready with a helping hand or kind word. We will always remember how you could talk the ears off of a total stranger, barbeque bins of chicken and ribs for your and Geraldine's infamous Christmas eve dinners, drive too fast and laugh so loud. You could make anyone feel right at home and made sure that they did. You've left an indelible mark on our hearts and lives. Go rest high on that mountain, our so lovable and huggable Pa, because your work here is finally done.

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**Gary & Karen Boyette** - January 06, 2012 at 12:38 PM

SP

“I am forever grateful for getting to spend a little time with my sister-in-law's father. He was always kind and gracious when I was able to visit, or see him at a church service. My thoughts, prayers, love go to to Sandy, her mother and siblings. Susan Hartman Puckett



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**Susan Hartman Puckett** - January 06, 2012 at 11:30 AM

LM

“ Geraldine and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I only knew Tom for a little while, but I know his life was God and his family. I know he is at peace and he is in a better place.  
Love, Lena McGinty

Lena McGinty - January 06, 2012 at 07:44 AM

JR

“ Shirley and mom: family: Im sorry for your lost but remember he is in a better place now and not suffering anymore. I



joanna and wayne and jimmy rydzewski - January 06, 2012 at 01:21 AM

BS

“ Shirley and Family,  
Our deepest sympathy to you all. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Memories are the legacy of love. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

DeeDee and Becky



becky self - January 04, 2012 at 01:45 PM

JR

“ To my brother Tom, who was a very good man and who was always there when I needed you. Rest in peace, I love and miss you.

your sister Joyce

Joyce Rich - January 04, 2012 at 09:23 AM

BL

*May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. Rest In Peace. Uncle Tom  
Love your Niece Brenda*

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**Brenda Land** - January 04, 2012 at 11:06 AM

SK

*Daddy, you were a great Dad, Grandfather and GreatGrandfather. We will miss your smile and your infectious laugh. Your journey was long and sometimes lonely these last few years and now you can rest and I know your reward is great. God is good all the time.  
Love Shirley*

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**Shirley A. Kelly** - January 04, 2012 at 11:10 AM

JR

*I remember Tom from the time I spent in Florida when I was 16 and his help with everything when my mom passed away.*

*Joan Rogers*

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**Joan Rogers** - January 05, 2012 at 12:41 PM

JO

*I remember Tom for his kindness when my mother passed away - he was there every step of the way. When we came to visit he was always so nice to take us around and make us feel at home. I enjoyed hearing his stories about family members that I didn't get a chance to know. My deepest sympathy to his wife and family.*

*Cousin Janell Owens*

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**Janell Owens** - January 05, 2012 at 06:41 PM