



## Mr. James "JD" Kirkland III

November 2, 1949 - April 21, 2019

James "JD" Kirkland III, "Buck", 69, of Plant City, born on November 2, 1949 in Plant City, entered into eternal rest on April 21, 2019. He worked for CSX Railroad as a road master and retired after 33 years. He enjoyed fishing and participated in many fishing tournaments. He was a family man and his greatest joy was watching his son, Kyle, perform in competitions. He was a wonderful husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Kirkland; son, Kyle Patrick Kirkland (Kaley); sisters, Lynda Coffelt (Bob), Mary Lou Peebles (Jerry); sister-in-laws, Pat Kennedy and Shirley Ratcliff (Guy); niece, Stacy Dunn (Jeffrey); and many loving extended family and friends. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City. Internment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens Plant City. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens  
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Plant City, FL 33567  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James "JD" Kirkland III



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 25, 2019 at 10:01 AM

EJ

*To be absent on earth  
Is to be in the presence of God!  
Farewell for now.*

Elaine Johnson - April 27, 2019 at 10:38 AM

SR

*May God be with you all. Prayers and love coming your way.  
  
Shirley & Willy Reams*

Shirley Reams - April 28, 2019 at 01:55 PM

VG

“ Such great high school memories with Buckshot. Fun Friday nights and dancing in the streets! Lots of great times. May Jim RIP. God Bless his dear family and friends. God Bless you in this grieving journey.

Vonda Gainey - April 28, 2019 at 03:56 PM

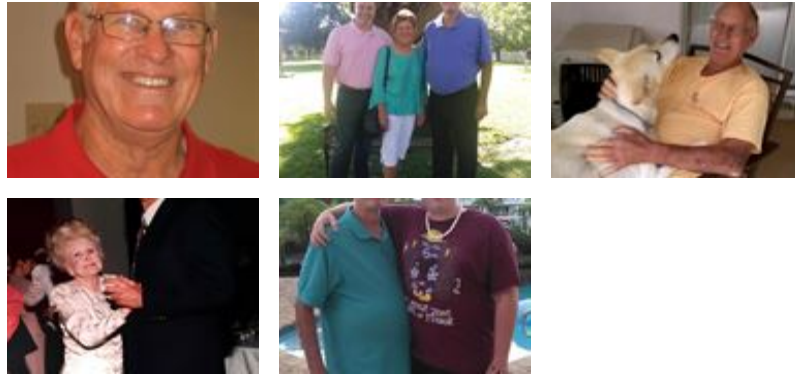
KM

“ Such an early loss for a wonderful man! My love to his family!

Kathleen Malone - April 25, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 25, 2019 at 08:58 AM



*We love you guys and will be praying for you!!! I am so sorry for your loss!!!! I know it's hard.... but time will heal!!!! Love Lisa and Ron Perryman (Craft)*

Lisa Perryman - April 27, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ I am so sorry. May the family find peace in the wonderful memories.  
Lolly

Lolly Adkison - April 25, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to you both for the passing of sweet Buck. We love you and we are thinking about you. Prayers for strength in the days ahead. 🙏🙏🙏🙏



Bobby , Marina , Alice Williams - April 25, 2019 at 08:07 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. James "JD" Kirkland III .



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April 24, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Buck had such an easy way of talking. I can still hear his laugh. Buck and Mary were so awesome together. Buck Mary and me in the el camino following aunt vivian in her blue truck. That was a ride to remember. A fine man. He is loved and he loved his Mary and Kyle. Love from our family in SC and NC. Betty Ann, Johnnie, Becky, Lisa, Ron, Abbie and Willow.



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**Johnnie and Betty Ann Smith and family** - April 24, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James "JD" Kirkland III .



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April 24, 2019 at 07:22 PM

TA

“ James/ JD was his given name however he will always be “Buck” or Buckshot to me. He was a wonderful man, husband and dad to Mary Lee and Kyle. I will always remember how he always included me in family gatherings at there home in Plant City. Buck treated me like one of his sisters-in-law. One of my most memorable trips was when he took me, Pat and Mary crappie fishing on the lake, he was the most patient man to put up with us telling him where to put the boat so we could catch the big one!

*My love and prayers always, Tanya Llano*

Tanya - April 24, 2019 at 03:07 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Sappy Costine lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "JD" Kirkland III



Yvonne Sappy Costine - April 24, 2019 at 12:14 PM

YC

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Yvonne Sappy Costine - April 24, 2019 at 12:15 PM



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April 23, 2019 at 08:35 PM

JH

“ Remember working together on the railroad in Florida then years later work for him as roadmaster in North Carolina.I. He loved to fish, some good eating.

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**John Hale** - April 23, 2019 at 08:26 PM

CH

“ My families prayers go out to JD’s family. I was blessed to get an opportunity to work for him as a welder during his time as a Roadmaster. He was a great railroader and genuinely cared for the employees in his charge. Rest easy JD god bless

*The Huntley family,  
Huson, Montana*

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**Cullen Huntley** - April 23, 2019 at 08:20 PM

GS

“ Guy And ShirleyRatcliff lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "JD" Kirkland III



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**Guy and ShirleyRatcliff** - April 23, 2019 at 04:13 PM

GR

“Buck was my brother-in-law, but more like a brother to me. I have so many wonderful memories and good times with Buck to hold in my heart forever. He loved his family and we all shared our holidays and vacations together. Buck introduced me to my husband Guy 42 years ago. Buck never met a stranger. He was very outgoing and friendly to everyone he met. His loss is devastating to all of us. I know he is in Heaven now and will be free of pain and suffering. God bless and keep you Buck. We will miss you so much.

*With our love, Shirley and Guy Ratcliff*

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**Guy Ratcliff** - April 23, 2019 at 04:11 PM

BP

*I'm sorry to hear of the passing of "Buckshot." I knew him many years ago but thought very highly of him back then. It sounds as though he continued to be a well-respected man. May he rest in peace.*

*Brenda Hill Paul*

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**Brenda Paul** - April 30, 2019 at 03:47 PM