



Mr. James Boyce "JB" Sweat

July 9, 1933 - May 15, 2025

James Boyce "JB" Sweat, 91, of Seffner, born on July 9, 1933, in Tampa, entered into eternal rest on May 15, 2025. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy, a former member of Temple Heights Baptist Church, a former English teacher, finance manager, and football coach for Temple Heights Christian School, a former Pastor at Smyrna Baptist Church in Tampa, a former Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Lakeland, a member and former Associate Pastor and Adult Pastor to the Seniors of First Baptist Church Dover, and former Chaplin for the Plant City Cowboys for Christ. He loved the Lord and his family dearly, and enjoyed riding horses, and music. He is survived by wife of 70 years, Marceil A. Sweat; children, Sharon Brightwell (John III) of Dover, and Mark Sweat of St. Petersburg; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and many other family, and friends. A funeral service will be held Thursday, May 22 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Dover, 3223 Gallagher Road, Dover, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Dover Cemetery, Dover. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Dover Cemetery

3223 Gallagher Road
Dover, FL 33527
<http://firstbaptistdover.org>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover
3223 Gallagher Rd
Dover, FL 33527
(813) 719-2273

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Boyce "JB" Sweat



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 29, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ I had the Honor of helping Mr. Sweat and Ms. Marciel last year for a short time. We fellowshipped, shared coffee, exchanged stories of our lives, told jokes, encouragements and a wholesome friendship in that short time. He spoke to my heart during a time that was most needed, and although I was there to help him, he helped me much more. My heartfelt condolences on your families loss. Love, Light and prayers for you all. Thank you for trusting me with your Dad/Husband. It was an extreme delight. You will all be in my heart forever. Always, Gloria G.

Gloria G. - July 20, 2025 at 10:48 PM

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“ Mrs. Sweat, Sharon & Mark- So sorry to hear of the passing of Bro. Sweat. a man that was used of God through many ministries in Tampa. So many great memories of Bro. Sweat & Mrs. Sweat during the many decades at Temple Heights Baptist Church & School, especially Mrs. Sweat singing with the ladies trio the song- How About Your Heart Is It Right With God- and in the end that's all that matters. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time. With Deep Sympathy- The Nelson Family. Richard, Peggy, Rick & Donna.

Rick Nelson - May 22, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 21, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Boyce "JB" Sweat.



May 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Boyce "JB" Sweat.

May 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ He was passionate in everything he did. My first Coach at Temple Heights. Loved this Man as he really cared about your Soul.

Victor Collier - May 21, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ Jack, Pat, Denny, and Gary Bailey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. James Boyce "JB" Sweat.



Jack, Pat, Denny, and Gary Bailey - May 21, 2025 at 10:21 AM