

## Mr. James D. Wheeler

June 6, 1937 - December 15, 2018

James D. "J.D." Wheeler, 81, of Plant City, Florida, born in Pocahontas, Arkansas on June 6, 1937, entered into the loving arms of his Lord on Saturday, December 15, 2018. After traveling for many years he made his home in Plant City. James was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and servant of the Lord. He was Pastor of Kingsway First Church of God and Sydney First Church of God for over 50 years. He touched numerous lives and led many to Christ. The Christ like example that he displayed everyday will be cherished for generations to come. He was a true man of God. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice Wheeler; children, Ricky Wheeler, Marty Wheeler (Patty), Vonda Fulwood (Mitch), and Lori Baker (Phil); brother, Gene Sumner (Betty); grandchildren, Carolyn, Brandi, Jenifer, Kayla, Cory, Kenzie, James, Tyler, Ali, Jenna, Jaycob, and Cayden; and great-grandchildren, Lily Kate, Liam, Roman, Wesley, Hunter, Journey, Dustin, Bailee, Morgan and Lane; great-great grandchildren, Carter and Jacob. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 22 at 3:00 PM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City. Interment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://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

## Service

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TO

“ He was a good man and a good friend pastor , God bless the family.  
from Tim Sutton from Opelika,alabama.

Tim Sutton from Opelika,alabama - December 23, 2018 at 11:26 AM

GH

“ Gaye & Reggie Holt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.



Gaye & Reggie Holt - December 21, 2018 at 10:35 AM

DM

“ Diane M. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.



Diane M. - December 21, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.



December 20, 2018 at 08:18 PM

WF

“ *With love, The Cantero and Hancock Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.*



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**With love, The Cantero and Hancock Families** - December 20,  
2018 at 08:17 PM

MH

“*Brother J. was such a wonderful pastor and friend to my wife and I! Oh, the precious memories we have of spending every Sunday with such a wonderful church and such a loving and unusually devoted pastor in our college years (1982-85)! And then, six years later, to have the privilege of serving as his Assistant Pastor for five years and getting to spend a great deal of learning from this great man! Brother J (and his dear wife Alice) treated my wife and I like we were their own children. They welcomed us every week with more love and encouragement than we could rightly convey. He was my mentor and my role-model. But he was so genuinely humble in heart, probably never thought of himself that way. Nearly everything of importance I learned about being a pastor, I learned from watching and admiring and loving him. His example of hard work, of love for his wife and family, of deep devotion and watchful care for the church, of complete trust in the Word of God, of commitment to preaching the truth, of constant aim at the conversion of souls and sanctification of believers, and, his personal commitment to live a holy life to the glory of God... these are what painted a vivid picture of PASTOR indelibly on my heart and mind. I can hardly imagine the joy that must have been his when he passed into glory last Saturday. "Well done, Thou good and faithful servant!" Oh, what a legacy of faith and Christian devotion he left! I look so forward to seeing you on the other side when I too finish my race Brother J.! And thank you so much for giving to the Lord! I am a life... that was changed!*

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**Mike Holm** - December 20, 2018 at 06:01 PM



Vonda  
Fulwood

*Thank you for the kind words Mike. He will surely be missed, but I know he is so happy to finally meet his Saviour.*

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**Vonda Fulwood** - December 20, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.*



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December 19, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.*



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December 19, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.*



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December 19, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.*



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December 19, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ I am so blessed to have known JD for many years. He was my Sunday School teacher when I was a teen and my minister later. He preformed mine & Norm’s wedding ceremony with Brother Gentry. He dedicated my son, Zach also. He was a wonderful man of God! He was an inspiration to all who knew him. He is greatly loved and will be greatly missed. I know he is in Heaven now rejoicing with Jesus. With much love and prayers! Linda Whiteman

Linda Whiteman - December 19, 2018 at 01:56 AM



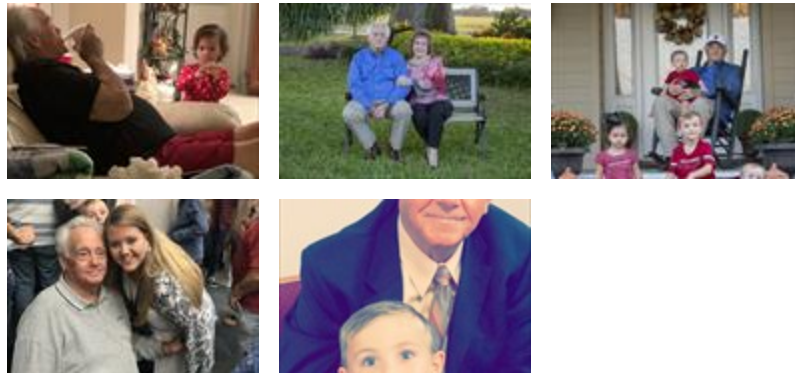
“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.



December 18, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Vonda Fulwood - December 18, 2018 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ Thomas , Carol Benthall & Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.



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Thomas , Carol Benthall & Family - December 18, 2018 at 04:00 PM

RM

“ A TRUE MAN OF GOD, HE MADE A IMPACT ON MY LIFE AS WELL AS ON OUR CHURCH, IF YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD HIM PRAY OR PREACH , YOU HAVE MISSED OUT ON WITNESSING THE POWER OF GOD EMPOWERING A MAN. LOVE THIS BROTHER AND HIS FAMILY.

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RODGER MCCLELLAN - December 18, 2018 at 01:12 PM

TF

“ The Wilkins and Gaschler Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.



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The Wilkins and Gaschler Family - December 18, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.



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December 18, 2018 at 11:26 AM

TC

“ *The Directors and Staff at Farm Credit purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.*



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**The Directors and Staff at Farm Credit** - December 18, 2018 at 09:34 AM

SB

“ *There is so many but he bless my family through 44 yrs of preaching his word,leading g prayer as t church picnics performing both of grandparents funerals pastor th as t married my hubby and I. Dedicated my daughter and more. I think my most memory is his smile and always would take time to pray for you. Rest in peace with our Lord pastor JD*



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**Starleen clifton banks** - December 17, 2018 at 10:27 PM

JG

“ *Brother J.D. helped my family through the loss of my children's father. He was a strong believer, a wonderful man of God. Prayers for peace for all who loved him.*

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**Judi Higgins Glasser** - December 17, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. Wheeler.*



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December 17, 2018 at 07:07 PM

JS

“ *J.D. Was always such a great example of what a man of God should be. I know he is celebrating with The Lord !!!! My heart goes out to his family. Special prayers for you sweet Alice until you are together once again.*

*Love Janet Wynn Smith*

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**Janet Smith** - December 17, 2018 at 06:09 PM

LI

*Sending our love and prayers for you and your family. Such a special man of God. Remembering the old days. Sorry for you loss. Sweet Alice stay strong. God is so good all the time.*

*Love, Linda & Dewayne Bingham Family*

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**Linda** - December 18, 2018 at 09:25 AM