



## Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres

August 19, 1956 - May 23, 2023

Jay Lamar Ayres, 66, of Valrico, born on August 19, 1956, in Houston, Texas, entered into eternal rest on May 23, 2023 at home surrounded by his family. He was an entrepreneur and most recently owned Two Wing Transport, where he enjoyed time on the road getting even closer to His Lord. He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his family, and enjoyed hiking in the mountains, walks on the beach, clay shooting, and studying the Bible. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Penny Iwaniec Ayres; children, Amber Ayres Patterson (Ben) of Findlay, Ohio, Ashley Ayres of Valrico, Jay Michael Ayres (Katie) of Tampa, and Alexandria Ayres Metallo (Angelo) of Plant City; grandchildren Reid, Lena, Cara, Hugh, Kennedy, Tinley, Sophia, Penelope, Rockwell, and Banks; siblings Jon Ayres, Kathy Gummow (Bob), and Debbie Beck; and many other family and friends. A funeral service will be held on June 3rd at 11:00 A.M. at Bay Life Church, 1017 Kingsway Road, Brandon, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CBMC Tampa Bay at <https://give.idonate.com/cbmc-inc/tampabay>, Hope for Her Florida at <https://www.hopeforherfl.org/donate/>, and/or Bay Life Missions at <https://www.baylife.org/giving/online-giving/>. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.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

**JUN 3.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bay Life Church  
1017 Kingsway Road  
Brandon, FL 33510  
<http://www.baylife.org>

## Funeral Service

**JUN 3.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SO

“ Was glad to have known Jay for about the past decade, and run into him on occasion at church and when out and about. Always a bucket of cheer and good word every time we crossed paths. Sorry for your loss.

SomeguynamedFrank - June 25, 2023 at 11:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



June 02, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



June 02, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



June 01, 2023 at 03:56 PM

RH

“ I'm devastated to hear the news of Jay's passing. He was such a positive person. We worked together for many years on both a common employer and side projects and he was always a joy to be around. I really miss those days of going out to lunch in the middle of the work day and chatting it up with him, Scott and Christine. So many great memories. He even came to my wedding and it was 2 hours away from his home. My condolences to his family. The world may have lost a gem, but everyone he touched shines just a little brighter because of him.

*Robert*

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**Robert Hamel** - June 01, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



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June 01, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



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May 31, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.

May 31, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ 75 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 30, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ I just heard the news today and I am devastated with emotions. I met Jay many times at different functions over the years and I can quickly say that he was one of the kindest, most sincere and magnetic people I've ever met. I connected with him immediately and the beautiful love that Jay and Penny had for one another was enviable. They truly lived the fairy tale together. I was honored to have Jay and Penny at two of my birthday parties and their presence and good will brightened the atmosphere beyond compare. I am aware that Jay was a devout Christian and he is with our Father now awaiting our arrival one day. God bless all of the family, loved ones, dear friends and acquaintances. Most of all (with a truly heavy and saddened heart) God bless our dear Jay. With love from Gary W. Nolan, Irina, Momma Rita, Meghan, Branden and Luna.



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**Gary Nolan** - May 30, 2023 at 05:06 PM

DR

*He was a wonderful friend to Bruce and me. Gone way too soon!*

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**Deborah Raub** - May 30, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.*



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May 30, 2023 at 02:42 PM

MD

“ Our deepest condolences on your family’s loss. Praying fond memories bring you peace. May Jay Rest in Peace!  
Mark and Donna Dean

Mark Dean - May 29, 2023 at 06:35 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



May 27, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



May 26, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.

May 26, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



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May 26, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Lamar Ayres.



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May 26, 2023 at 09:44 AM