



Mr. Jerry W. Murphy

January 3, 2014

MURPHY, Pastor Jerry W., 79, of Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on January 3, 2014. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, and a former pastor at Springhead, Sydney, and Dover Assemblies of God. He retired after 34 years of service from Union Camp Corp. of Lakeland. He was a long-time member of Victory Worship Center. He loved his family, and enjoyed crosswords, walking, and studying the Bible. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Opal O. Murphy; children Othelia Hall, Ronnie Hester (Pat), Howard Murphy, Roger Murphy (Linda), Sylvia Gregory, and David J. Murphy (Nina); siblings Mary Murphy, William Murphy, John Murphy, and Susie Oswald; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter Carolyn Major; and a grandchild and a great-grandchild. The family will receive friends on Monday, January 6 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, January 7 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland. Expressions of condolence at www.wecare.io.

Cemetery Details

Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road
Lakeland, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I worked with Jerry for many years at Union Camp (sons Howard and Roger also).
He always had a smile and kind word for everyone. I feel honored to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Janet Henderson Mcpherson - January 06, 2014 at 05:38 PM

BS

“ Brother Jerry was a true role model for me and all the men of VWC. I know he showed me what a true man of God looked like, we will miss his wisdom, laughter, and smile, so good bye for now brother Jerry, we will see you soon.

Bob Schroyer - January 06, 2014 at 11:14 AM

WT

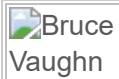
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wayne and Bonnie Thomas - January 06, 2014 at 07:01 AM

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wayne and Bonnie Thomas - January 06, 2014 at 07:01 AM



“ *I worked with Mr Jerry at Union Camp. RIP Mr. Jerry*

Bruce Vaughn - January 06, 2014 at 06:53 AM



“ *I remember the last thing he said to me! He pulled me to the side before the Christmas party and said, "Kelcie, I'm gonna tell you something!" I got a little scared because I had no idea what he was going to say LOL then he just said, "I love what you are doing with the children back there! They see your love for God and you should be proud! And another thing...whatever you're saying to Evelyn, keep it up! She is lucky to have a friend like you!" He was the coolest guy ever! I loved when he preached when pastor was away! See you soon Mr. Jerry! And I am proud of my kids too! :)*

Kelcie Castro - January 06, 2014 at 12:43 AM

KJ

“ *I always knew him as "Grandpa Murphy" and that's what he was to me. As someone that was new to knowing the Lord, I found a wealth of information in him (as well as someone that loved to talk about his savior). He always opened his home anytime I wanted to visit. But mostly I am grateful that he opened his heart. Love you, Grandpa Murphy and I'll see you later!*

Kelly Jones - January 05, 2014 at 10:11 PM



“ I have know Mr. Murphy all my life as the Murphy family lived at the end of Swindell Road on Charlie Taylor Road. My sister Linda married Roger Murphy and I feel that are my family as well. I remember Mr. Murphy as i attend all the birthday's and family gatherings over the years and He would always have something nice to say. He was someone I always looked up and is a true man of god. He will be truly missed by Everyone. Rest safely in the Arms of Jesus Mr. Jerry Murphy.

Peter Locklear - January 05, 2014 at 09:43 PM

SB

“ So proud to say that I had the pleasure of knowing Jerry and his family! I myself worked along side of him at Union Camp! What a great man ! Proud to say I knew him. Sending my blessings and prayers for comfort and peace to his wonderful wife, children and extended family!Rest In Peace Jerry!

Sally Brown - January 05, 2014 at 08:36 PM

CH

“ Brother Murphy was always a kind and gentle person. I remember growing up with some of his children we would go home with them after church. He was always an easy going person and very pleasant to be around. I'm sorry for your loss and know he will be missed greatly. My heart, thoughts and prayers to Opal and all the family.

Cathy Hawkins

Cathy Hawkins - January 05, 2014 at 02:07 PM

WB

I first met Bro. Jerry at my cousin Linda's wedding back in 1982 I was only 8 at the time, but would get to know him better years later , always friendly never a negative comment, nice sense of humor always gave me a laugh, & prayed for you when you needed it, I will miss that , my prayers go out to the whole Murphy family, our loss Heavens gain, see you soon Bro. Jerry

William Boyette - January 05, 2014 at 10:10 PM