



## Mr. Jesse "Leon" Pelham

September 25, 1929 - April 20, 2024

Jesse "Leon" Pelham, 94, of Lakeland, born on September 25, 1929, in Ashford, Alabama, entered into eternal rest on April 20, 2024. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, a former comptroller for First National Bank Plant City, owner of Pelham Fence Co. He participated in several local civic organizations, was a charter member of Central Baptist Church, previously a Deacon of Midway Baptist Church, current member of Lakes Church in Lakeland, was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed time in the Great Smoky Mountains. He was preceded in death by wife, Dorothy Bell Pelham. He is survived by sons, Jeff Pelham (Lee) of Pepin, Wisconsin, Mike Pelham (Kippi) of Lakeland, and Ricky Pelham (Belinda) of Lakeland; grandchildren, Jeffery (Heather), Michael, Nathan (Amber), Lindsay (Gavin), Chris, Michelle (Roman), Dalton (Tristan), and Makala; great-grandchildren, Malachi, Naomi, Ellie, Grayson, Leah, Eliza, Ryker, Kaislee, Timmy, Joscelina, Anna, and Justyne; and many other family, and friends. A funeral service will be held Monday, May 6 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal with military honors to follow at Central Cemetery, Lithia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Central Baptist Church at 10824 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Lithia 33547. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Central Baptist Cemetery

Lithia, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jesse "Leon" Pelham



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Hopewell Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 02:02 PM

DB

“ It was such a pleasure to serve Mr Leon thru VISTE. At each meal delivery, he would share his faith, stories of Plant City, his deep love for his sons and families, and his pride in the USA (always making sure our country's flag was flying on his porch  
Mr Leon inspired me to be a better person- showing kindness to all  
I know his family will miss him

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Donald B - May 04, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ 45 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Hopewell Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 01:59 PM

WG

*Friends of WI & MN:  
Mary Moline, Sue Peterson, Sharon Marcks, Vicki Patraw & Marty Nelson, Donna & Russ Roundy, Gayla & Doug Earney, Terri & Denny Schumacher, Kim & Dennis Riechert, Cathy & Donny Bee, Lynn & Bill Bowman, Kris Filstrip & Jeff (Flip) Fitzpatrick, & Wayne & Di Gelhar*

**Wayne & Di Gelhar** - May 05, 2024 at 11:35 AM

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“ *Duke Energy Osprey Friends and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Jesse "Leon" Pelham.*



**Duke Energy Osprey Friends and Family** - May 01, 2024 at 12:32 PM

YM

“ *Your Friends in Wisconsin & Minnesota purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jesse "Leon" Pelham.*



**Your Friends in Wisconsin & Minnesota** - April 30, 2024 at 07:43 PM

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“ *The Lawson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jesse "Leon" Pelham.*

**The Lawson Family** - April 29, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jesse "Leon" Pelham.



April 29, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ Jeff, Mike, and Ricky I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful man and well respected. My condolences to you and your families.

SandraShirley Waldron - April 26, 2024 at 08:31 AM



So sorry for your loss. I worked with your Dad when he was Assistant manager at Associate Loan Co. In Lakeland. I'm glad we reconnected these last few months.

Harriett Albritton Rowand - April 26, 2024 at 08:42 AM



Mike, Rick, Jeff my heart is aching for your whole family; my stepfather Preston Hill passed in December and I know the pain all too well. Your dad accepted me as one of Mike's pals 53 years ago and I ALWAYS had a great respect for him. He let me work at the bank with Mike and that was an honor I was blessed with also. I love you guys very much, and I loved your Mom and Dad very much from the start. My deepest love to the Pelham family and to the Hunter family. I miss you guys very much, love to all, Kevin R. Weisbrod

Kevin R. Weisbrod - April 26, 2024 at 03:55 PM

JH

*It was such a pleasure visiting with Leon. Our short road trips were fun. He would share with me things about Plant City I didn't know. Of all the things we talked about together, the most important to him was that he knew where he was going to spend eternity and couldn't wait to be there. What a wonderful testimony from a wonderful friend. Jere & Beverly Holbrook*

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**Jere Holbrook** - May 05, 2024 at 06:44 PM