



Mr. Jewel Emanuel Graves

December 8, 1933 - February 4, 2019

Jewel Emanuel Graves, 85, of Plant City, Florida, born in Plant City on December 8, 1933, died of a broken heart February 4, 2019. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Jewel was retired from Yuengling (Schlitz) Brewery, and he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Plant City. His greatest joy was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and watching them participate in their sporting and school events. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Delma Bennett Graves; son, David Graves; parents, Jessie and Myram Graves; and siblings, Theodore Adams, Oveida Bates, Thelma Brinkley, Bobby Graves, Benny Graves, and Shirlene Eakins. He is survived by his daughter, Julia Taylor (Jerry); grandchildren, Brian Taylor, Heather Polk (Jason), and Jennifer West (Brian); great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Bailey, Elijah, Ty, and Emory; sibling, James Graves; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 9 at 11:00 AM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Plant City Building Fund <https://www.fbcpc.com> Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](https://www.hopewellfuneral.com)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jewel Emanuel Graves



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 08, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ As one of Delma's nurses we became quite attached to both her and Jewel. We feel blessed to have had them touch our lives. The loved they shared filled the room and we extend our deepest sympathy to the family. Jennifer

jennifer edmiston - February 11, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Julia and family, So sorry to hear the passing of your Dad. My condolences to you and your family. I know you all have many cherished memories to remember and hold near to your heart.

Melanie Flowers - February 09, 2019 at 08:37 AM

 Joanna
MaGrath

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Graves filled our heart with love, compassion, sympathy, kindness and knowledge. Sharing, teaching, caring and grounding us as they invited Audrey and I into their lives as family, "Grandpa and Grandma Graves". Mr. Graves was our strength and Mrs. Graves was the miles of smiles both giving tenderness of their love. Both complimented each other as one heart beating. I hear the tractor off in the distance making its way to heaven to embrace the loving arms of his bride. Audrey sends her love and lots of kisses. THANK YOU for sharing your lives with us. Much love to Julia and all the family. May God's love comfort your hearts to ease any pains and the joy of all the memories shared bring you peace. Much love, Joanna and Audrey.*

Joanna MaGrath - February 09, 2019 at 12:30 AM

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“ *Pa,*

I lost my best friend first and Grandfather second! Pa, I love ya more than anything and I hope you and nanny are dancing in the wind. You taught me everything I needed to know to live the best life you can.

RIP pa and I love you more than life itself!

Please hug the ones you love because family is everything. Mom I love you and sorry for all this loss way to soon.

Brian Emanuel Taylor

Brian Taylor - February 08, 2019 at 09:24 PM

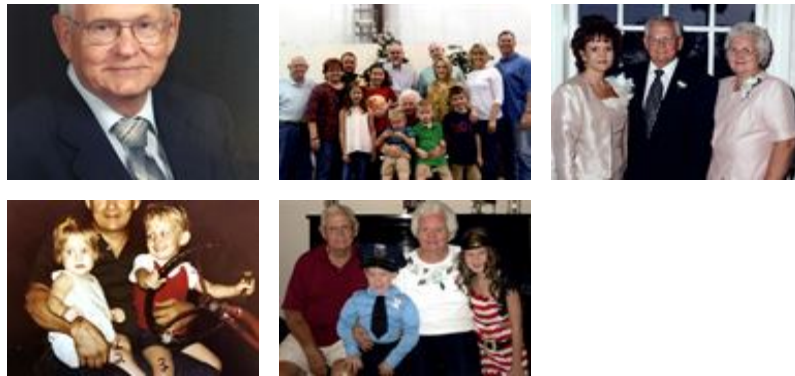
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“ We moved next door to the Graves in May of 2001. Delma and Jewel were just a lovely, caring couple!! They shared wonderful life stories with us...from loosing their wonderful son to some of their vacations!! We loved them, always will! God blessed us with very sweet neighbors! They will be sorely missed. Praying for Julia and the family!

Sharon Weldon - February 08, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 08, 2019 at 10:45 AM

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“ Mr. and Mrs. Graves were great people and will be missed by all that knew them. I knew him well as Deacons of Westside Baptist Church, and immediately fell in love with both of them...Now they are together again and all is well. We will be praying for the family and Julia...Mike & Brenda Lytle

Michael Lytle - February 08, 2019 at 08:15 AM

PA

“ Our thought and prayers are with you Julia and Family.I remember all the times we spent at your parents house on weekend,we will always cherish it.Your father will be deeply miss .Phyllis Boston Audy, Nelson Audy, karlBoston ,Tommy,Boston

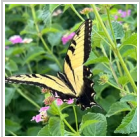
Phyllis Boston Audy - February 07, 2019 at 10:17 PM



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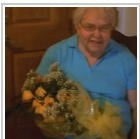


Lori Howard - February 07, 2019 at 08:09 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Julia, Jerry Jennifer, Heather, Brian at this time. Hoping you find peace and comfort. Dianne and Bartlett

Dianne Dougherty - February 06, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ Way to many memories to list, the love & kindness he always had for me & my family will long be remembered. I love you Uncle Jewel, give mama (Thelma) a hug for me. And dance with all of them.

Sarina Pierce - February 06, 2019 at 08:06 PM

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