



Mr. John T. Brightwell III

October 13, 1955 - February 24, 2026

John T. Brightwell III, 70, of Dover, Florida, born on Eglin AFB on October 13, 1955, entered into eternal rest on February 24, 2026. He was a retired project manager in the HVAC industry for over 50 years, and a member of First Baptist Church Dover, where he formerly served as a Deacon, the Chairman of the Deacon Committee, a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Missions Committee, and the Chairman of the Greeters Committee, and started the Bright & Well Educational Scholarship in support of the Nicaragua missions. He loved his family dearly, and enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and mission work. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sharon Brightwell; children, John T. Brightwell IV (Lisa) of Mitchell, Georgia, and April Brightwell-Monroe of Plant City; grandchildren, Hailee, Bradlee, Raegan, and Austin; great-grandson, Silas; and siblings, Patti Brightwell, David Brightwell, and Elenda Brightwell-Smith. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 3 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Dover, 3223 Gallagher Road, Dover, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Graveside committal to follow at Dover Cemetery, Dover. Flowers and plants will be accepted, and memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Dover Missions at <https://fbcdoverfl.com/> Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Dover Cemetery

3223 Gallagher Road
Dover, FL 33527
<http://firstbaptistdover.org>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover
3223 Gallagher Rd
Dover, FL 33527
(813) 719-2273

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John T. Brightwell III



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 03 at 10:39 AM



“ From the Damron and Jaudon families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. John T. Brightwell III.



From the Damron and Jaudon families - March 02 at 11:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 28 at 11:01 AM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 27 at 04:56 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Brightwell III.



February 27 at 10:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. John T. Brightwell III.

February 27 at 10:35 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Brightwell III.



February 26 at 01:08 PM

RW

“ John and Sharon were such amazing servants for the Lord at FBC Dover in the years we were there. As we partnered with them in raising their children, they were instrumental in serving, going and sharing with the youth ministry for so many young lives, not just their own kids. John was such a solid, caring leader!

I know you will miss John for a time, but won't heaven be glorious?

Rev. Douglas Watson - February 26 at 10:35 AM

SB

Thank you, Doug and Clydene What sweet words. We had precious memories with you both and our children dearly. loved you both. I am going to really miss my sweetheart and doing ministry with him. I'm so grateful for the memories I've had doing so many mission projects and ministry with John. I know he is with the Lord and reaping his reward for all his hard work over the years. You both are dear to us thank you so much.

Sharon Brightwell - February 26 at 09:30 PM

PB

“ My precious little brother I will miss you always. I will remember our childhood of playing in the woods in France with David Parkin. Playing cowboys and Indians using mom's broomstick as a horse, cops and robbers, tying towels around our necks and being super heroes, building towns in the dirt for our match box cars, swinging in the trees, playing house. Those were the best, carefree days. We moved a lot but I always had a playmate in you. I am so proud of the man you became. I will miss you until the day we meet again. Rest well and tell the family I love and miss them too.💔💔💔

Patti Brightwell - February 26 at 09:03 AM



“ John counseled me on a few occasions while I was trying to figure out a relationship with someone I was involved with. Then a mighty inspiration to me in the missions field; one that now fuels my work to spread the Gospel internationally.

Pat Simmons - February 25 at 10:31 PM

RK

“ Mr. John, the way you always lived your life for the Lord, and your family, was inspiring! In addition to being a real life E.F. Hutton with regard to talking about Jesus and people listening, your soft spokenness was so unobtrusive and I, for one, always listened to you more intently when you spoke of Him. Besides being a servant for Christ, for me and Rick, you were also a friend that we loved and respected. Your friendship meant the world to us and until we see you again, we will miss you. Thank you for always helping us, and my Mom, with every AC issue we had! You were always willing to help even after you "retired" and it was very much appreciated!

Thank you for being our friend...we love you and will surely see you again! 🙌

And, we will always be there for your bride... she's pretty special and holds space in our heart, too! 💙

Enjoy Heaven...save us a spot on the back forty!

~Ronda and Rick Kyler

Ronda and Rick Kyler - February 25 at 09:13 PM