



Mr. John "Buddy" Smallwood

February 6, 2015

SMALLWOOD, John L. "Buddy", 72, of Seffner, Florida, entered into the arms of his heavenly Father on February 6, 2015. He was born in Jacksonville and raised in Gulf Hammock, Florida. He graduated from Jacksonville Paxon High School. He was a member of Thonotosassa Church of God. He was a veteran of the United States Army Reserves. He loved his family and the Florida Gators, and he enjoyed fishing, and tinkering. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Margaret Smallwood; children Valerie Wreede (Dale), John L. "Buddy" Smallwood, Jr. (Sheila), and Jonathan Smallwood; siblings Olivia Rutter (Allen), and Mary Frances Welborn (Harry); aunt Rachel Denmark; sibling-in-laws Harry Williams (Pat), and Paul Williams (Denise); 8 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family, and friends. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 11 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 11:00 A.M. at Thonotosassa Church of God, 11702 N. Taylor Road, Thonotosassa. Private interment at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

East County Civic Group
FL 33567

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Celebration of Life

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Thonotosassa Church of God
11702 N. Taylor Road
Thonotosassa, FL

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Margaret, My sincere condolences on your loss. You, Jonathan and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and give you peace in this very difficult time and always. Donna Green



Donna Green - February 11, 2015 at 11:51 AM

DG

“ David and Susan Gollobin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John "Buddy" Smallwood.



David and Susan Gollobin - February 10, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John "Buddy" Smallwood.



February 10, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ So sorry for your loss praying for you and the family



Angie Simpson - February 09, 2015 at 08:05 PM

BF

So sorry for your loss! We will miss him.

barbara and fred fortenberry - February 10, 2015 at 05:59 PM



Deborah Franklin

“ *Buddy was such a blessing to all who knew him. He loved God and was not ashamed to let others know of his love either. When Buddy worked at Hawthorne he would bring a daily scripture into some of the staff and many times I would hear how they said it was perfect for what they were going through. Margie, John and family: he has left a wonderful legacy and heritage for you to carry on. The greater the love, the greater the pain..... know you were blessed to have the great love. Praying for God to help you carry the pain of your loss. So sorry I will be out of town on business and can't be there in person but I will be praying. Love you guys!*

Deborah Franklin - February 09, 2015 at 07:15 PM

CR

“ *Valerie I am so sorry about your dad's passing. You and all your family are in our thoughts & prayers. We love you.*

Charlotte & Gary.

Charlotte Royals - February 09, 2015 at 03:43 PM

CS

“ *Margaret my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I pray that God will comfort you with his peace in this most difficult time.*

Carolyn Simon

Carolyn Simon - February 09, 2015 at 02:01 PM



RB

“ Margie and family we are so sorry for your loss and we know that Buddy will be missed. Our prayers, thoughts and love are with you and the family. Buddy will not be easily forgotten but we know that he is in a much happier place in the arms of Jesus.



Ronnie and Ruth Barrow - February 09, 2015 at 11:59 AM

NA

“ Hard to believe he's really gone. His sense of humor and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew him. So many fond memories of Buddy that I will never forget. He was such a huge part of the TCOG church family. His presence will be greatly missed. My prayers are with Margie and the family as they deal with this loss.

See you when we get there Buddy!

Love, Nicole Anderson

Nicole Anderson - February 09, 2015 at 11:52 AM

SS

“ Buddy Smallwood became a friend when he & Margaret Smallwood (my longtime friend) became next door neighbors & I was introduced to Buddy by Margaret. Margaret was single & when I met Buddy I told her, " Wow Margaret, he is a very nice and handsome man. I think you two would make a nice couple." At the time she laughed at me, but soon they were dating. I like to think I played a little part in her looking at him in a different light that day. Eventually, Buddy became her wonderful husband, father, uncle, grandfather & of course the Love of Margaret's life. They are a Beautiful Couple & Buddy will be missed So Very Much. Enjoy your Heavenly Home, John "Buddy" Smallwood. We all love you!

Sandi Johnson Smith - February 09, 2015 at 07:32 AM

RS

“ Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. John "Buddy" Smallwood



Renee Stewart - February 09, 2015 at 07:21 AM

RS

Buddy always made you feel welcome at the church, I remember him as the candy man way back in the day, he would always give me and Vicki the eye when taking the offering and the money was rolled in to a football shape, he had a great sence of humor about him and everyone loved him, he will be sadly missed. Rest in Glorious Peace Bro. Buddy.

Renee Stewart - February 09, 2015 at 07:25 AM

SS

“ Sandi Johnson Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John "Buddy" Smallwood



Sandi Johnson Smith - February 09, 2015 at 07:16 AM

GF

“ Gloria Kent Fuentes lit a candle in memory of Mr. John "Buddy" Smallwood



Gloria Kent Fuentes - February 09, 2015 at 02:26 AM



“ *All the children called him Uncle Buddy...he always had candy and the kids loved that!! He was funny, told it like it was and loved the Lord!! I loved to hear him pray! Buddy and Margie have loved our family and been there for us in sad times and times of celebration! We love you Margie and are lifting you and Jonathan and all the family in prayer. Much Love, Donnie and Sharon Weldon*



Sharon Weldon - February 08, 2015 at 09:01 PM

DC

“ Buddy (and Margie) have been special part of my life for probably nearly 40 years. I remember you as a couple even before Jonathan was born....time has flown. David, Brandon and I will forever cherish our days with you so many memories of summer vacations with you in the mountains and our road trip to Virginia (Buddy having a "baby (ie kidney stone) on the way home). So many nights that we enjoyed meals with you after church and on Friday and/or Saturdays. Seemed like our lives have always been so very intertwined. I know our friendship was a God-thing. David and Buddy "bonded" from the moment they met.....Buddy's humor and outgoing personalty broke David out of his "shell". Buddy was a true friend to David just as Margie is to me. We are so broken today. We wanted to keep you here with us and were praying for your healing so we could all go to Heaven in the rapture together - but God's ways are not our ways and He had a better plan for Buddy. While this separation from you is very painful -- there is such comfort in knowing that we will meet you again at Heaven's gate.....I know you will be there to greet us anxious to show us around and take us on our Heavenly tour. Buddy has left such a legacy....he was a true example of a faithful solider for the Lord. I pray his family is comforted in knowing that he left a huge permanent mark on the lives of those of us who were blessed enough to have him in our lives.

David, Valerie & Brandon Carter - February 08, 2015 at 07:55 PM

ME

“ Much love and many prayers are flowing your way, sweet Margie. Lean on your friends and family...we will lift you up, always and forever. (Hugs)
~Marye

Marye Edenfield - February 08, 2015 at 07:27 PM

DS

“ Don and I have lost a very good friend. We have so many Wonderful memories that we could share concerning Margie,Buddy and Jonathan. Me and Don was talking about different things last night but one I was laughing so hard was when me and Margie was going to be pulled on a tube from his boat and I told Buddy please don't go real fast and you know that smirk he always gave you when he knew he was going to go just as fast as he could needless to say he never got the opportunity to pull me again! We will miss you Buddy but we will see you again Friend

Don & Mary Kay Sharpe - February 08, 2015 at 06:58 PM

DO

“ What a great friend, always enjoyed seeing buddy at church and having our conversations about Florida football, he has been such a great christian example over the years and yes the candy van was always stocked. Me and Dana send our Love and Prayers.

doug - February 08, 2015 at 06:28 PM

MH

“ Oh the good old candy van!! Never failed we could always count on Mr buddy to let us raidhis van !

marcus herndon - February 08, 2015 at 06:11 PM

MJ

“ Buddy was always so friendly and a god hearted man. I am so sorry, I pray for comfort to the whole family. Jesus, up lift and comfort this amazing family. Misty Jones

Misty jones - February 08, 2015 at 05:14 PM

MC

“ you will be missed by so many but god has another angel to watch over us until we meet again rip

martha chambers - February 08, 2015 at 04:20 PM

 Aimee Barton

“ You will be greatly missed, Candy Man. There are so many wonderful memories. Give my dad a hug for me, and enjoy the Glory Land...we shall see you soon. Our love and prayers to Margie, Jonathan, and the rest of the family at this time of loss - it doesn't get easier, just less intense with time. We are here if you need us - The Barton Family, Bill, Aimee and Isabella

Aimee Barton - February 08, 2015 at 03:24 PM

PA

“ We will miss you Candyman Uncle Buddy. The Palmers were blessed to have your love and encouragement over the years. Margie and family, you are in our prayers.

Palmers - February 08, 2015 at 02:40 PM

SH

“ We will miss you Papa Buddy, you made us feel like family. Go Gators!! Love Shannon, Tonya, Little Jo, and Mamma Sue.

shannon - February 08, 2015 at 02:22 PM

RL

So sorry to hear about Buddy passing. William passed away 8-13-14. I know how you miss him so wish we had not lost touch . Love Ruby T. Leech

Ruby Taylor Leech - March 23, 2016 at 11:54 AM