



## Mr. Joseph Richard Varnadoe

January 25, 1926 - December 6, 2020

Joseph "Richard" Varnadoe, 91, of Fort McCoy, Florida, born on January 25, 1929 in Lumber City, Georgia, entered into eternal rest on December 6, 2020. He was a Korean War Veteran of the United States Army, a career mechanic, and a member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, and karaoke. He was preceded in death by wife, Betty J. Varnadoe. He is survived by daughters, Jeannie Littleton (Jim) of Jacksonville, and Becky Schwarz of Plant City; grandchildren, Amy Inge, Jason McRae (Crystal), and Dustin McRae (Brittney); great-grandchildren, Jacob and Abi; and companion, Sally Sadler of Fort McCoy. A funeral service will be held Monday, December 14 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Graveside committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**DEC 14.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens  
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## Funeral Service

**DEC 14.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph Richard Varnadoe



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM

HK

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Heather Varnadoe Komorous** - December 14, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Richard Varnadoe.



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December 13, 2020 at 06:55 PM

JS

“ Loved looking through the pictures. What fun, looking at stages of Richard's life.

*My husband and I met Richard and Sally about 2006 at the VFW in Salt Springs, FL.*

*We enjoy knowing him so much. Loved to hear his voice singing.*

*We looked forward each week to seeing and hearing him at Cactus Jack's.*

*He would almost always sing my favorite song, "Please Don't Tell Me How The Story Ends".*

*The story ended too soon.*

*Our prayers to Sally and to Richard's family and friends.*

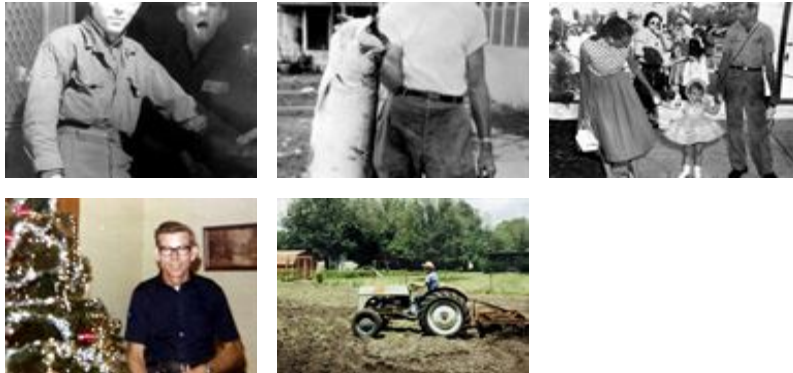
*Ken and Joan Soles*

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**Joan Soles** - December 13, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 12:41 PM

LW

“ *Richard was a true friend and considered a member of the Cactus Jack's family. We have many fond memories of Richard enjoying karaoke, sharing stories of " the good old days", and dancing with Sally. He was a kind and gentle man. Richard will truly be missed and he will never be forgotten. Rest in peace my friend.  
Lynn, Buzzy and the whole Cactus Jack's family*

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**Lynn Wiseman** - December 13, 2020 at 10:44 AM

RL

“ It is so heartbreaking and with such sadness that we have loss our friend Richard. We met this wonderful loving and caring man in 2007 with his Sally on a cruise. We instantly knew this would be a friendship with them that would be forever. Over these 13 years we have had some very special memories of Richard. No matter where we went he was like a legend everyone knew him and regarded him as their friend. What I admired most of Richard is he was always there for Sally and she for him. Richard loved doing karaoke and we all enjoyed hearing him sing at the VFW, Ms Lynn’s and so many other places as well at his home. Richard loved to have friends come over so he could fix his deep fried chicken or his famous ribs. We also all had a few birthday dinners for him at home to. All of us always had a great time with him. Richard also loved to go out to the Bass Champions or to the Chinese restaurant. He had this cute word game that we would play with the fortune cookies. It was so much fun and he would laugh so hard. I’m going to miss that laugh. We also had some great fishing outings and a really nice cruise down the springs. Richard made this tube thing so you could see clearer in the water. My sister-in-law had such a great time with it. My sister-in-law had given Richard an alias. She called him “Superman”. And he sure lived up to that name. Richard was so proud and grateful of his nephew Glenn who made it possible for him to find his brother. Something that weighed heavy on his heart. No matter where we went Richard would always make friends. I thank God and so grateful for his friend Diane who was there when he needed someone the most. We will always be grateful for that meeting 13 years ago. We will always miss and love you dear Friend. May you Rest In Peace and sing with the greats.  
We love you more  
Ray and Lynn Lemmons

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Ray and Lynn Lemmons - December 10, 2020 at 11:27 AM

KD

*My prayers and thoughts goes out to the family. I have great memories growing up next door to Richard, Betty, Jeannie, and Becky. Richard was always willing to help out and to give advice. Rest In Pease.*

*Kenny Dixon*

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**Kenny Dixon** - December 13, 2020 at 09:33 PM

GV

*So sorry we could not be there. Crazy times.  
I had uncles, then there was uncle Richard. Favorite forever.  
1st memories were squirrel hunting as a kid in Brooksville. He helped me work on my 1st car, when daddy wouldn't.  
Then, we had all those seasons in Ocala, Mason Bay, Hughes Island, and Ft. McCoy. Ah, the stories to tell.  
Especially the Southern Comfort and hair pins.  
As we became older all we have left are the memories.  
Love you,  
Gene*

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**gene varnadoe** - December 14, 2020 at 03:48 PM