



Mr. Julian E. Cunningham

January 10, 1931 - February 11, 2022

Julian E. Cunningham, 91, of Plant City, Florida, born on January 10, 1931, entered into eternal rest on February 11, 2022. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, a retired Master Sergeant for the Florida National Guard, and a retired Lineman and Foreman for TECO. He enjoyed fishing, and whittling. He is survived by wife of 69 years, Alma "Bea" Cunningham; children, Guy Cunningham (Sherry) of Pensacola, Clay Cunningham (Robin) of Woodlawn, Tennessee, Gary Cunningham (Sheila) of Lithia, Matt Cunningham of Plant City, Karen Freeman of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and Sharon McGilvary of Tampa; 18 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends Friday, February 18 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. A funeral service will be held Saturday, February 19 at 11:00 A.M. at Little Union Primitive Baptist Church, 15510 County Road 39, Lithia. Graveside committal with military honors to follow at Little Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Little Union Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 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>

Funeral Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Little Union Primitive Baptist Church
15510 County Rd 39
Lithia, FL 33547
(813) 634-4754

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 18, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ Diane Howell King Jim's Daughter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham



Diane Howell King Jim's daughter - February 18, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ May 2021



Linda Dixon - February 18, 2022 at 03:18 PM

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Linda Dixon - February 18, 2022 at 03:00 PM



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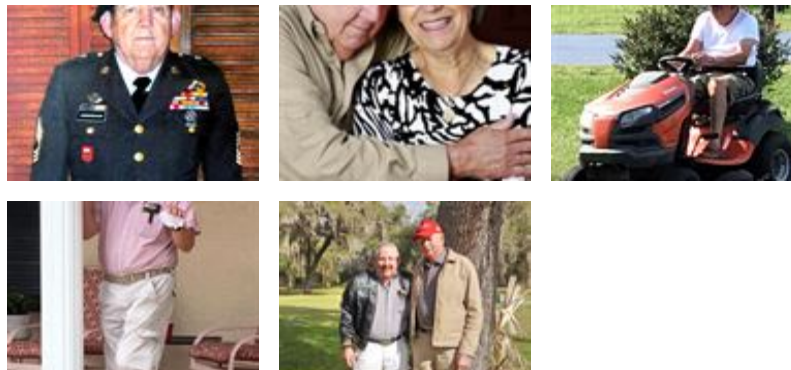
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham.



February 18, 2022 at 09:18 AM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - February 17, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ * purchased the *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham.



* - February 17, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Dear Sister Bea,
This is Roy and Marjorie Bowles
You and Julian and children touched our lives. I wish you the best
and hope you are well. I know that Julian was the love of your life.*

*Thinking of you with prayers always,
Elder Roy Bowles*

Elder Roy Bowles - February 16, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham.*



February 16, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham.*



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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham.*



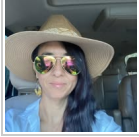
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“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Julian E. Cunningham.*



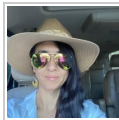
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Michelle Stefani - February 15, 2022 at 01:03 PM



Our family has been Blessed to know Brother Julian, his beautiful wife Sister Bea, and so many of his relations. Everything about being at Little Union Primitive Baptist church is co-mingled with Brother Julian from his first invitation to the Big Meeting/Fish Fry to the weekly salutations at church to the oh so very special birthday card you were Blessed to receive from Brother Julian and an occasional phone call to check in on you if you had missed too many Sundays. He will be dearly missed by so many.

Michelle Stefani - February 15, 2022 at 01:09 PM

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“ Julian embodied the life the Lord. The great commandment was to love your neighbor as yourself. Julian never met anyone he didn't love. His love for our family was evidenced every time we saw him. He was a great fiend to my dad. They came from similar backgrounds and went to that same home that the Lord is preparing for us all.

Julian's love for our nation was second only to his love for the Lord. He and my dad would spend hours talking about their experiences in the Army. They loved this great land. Julian prayed unceasingly for our leaders and our troops serving to keep it safe.

Like Jesus feeding the multitudes, Julian fed my sisters and me on Sundays after church when we were home caring for my dad. His care packages kept us going when we were too tired to fix something for ourselves. He fed my dad on many occasions too.

There are many who will miss Julian, but for my family and me, there will always now be another piece of our hearts missing. I will forever love and miss you, Julian Cunningham.

Rest in peace, old trooper.

P.S. Miss Bea, you were his right arm. Without you, his life would never have been as rich as it was. God blessed him with you and you with him.

Pamela Hotz (Davidson daughter #1) - February 15, 2022 at 12:42 PM

SD

“ Dearest Julian, an example to all of us of Christian charity. I thank you for the meals you delivered to my sisters and me as we cared for our father. I am grateful for the prayers you and Bea shared at his bedside. He lived another year of blessing. And what a friend that you honored him till the end as they laid him at Arlington. I thank God for the friendship you shared and the love my sisters and I received in the overflow. May perpetual light shine upon you and may God’s tender mercy be on Bea and the family. Suzanne DiJiacomo (Lonnie’s daughter #2)

Suzanne DiJiacomo - February 14, 2022 at 06:41 PM

PT

Truly a prince in Israel has fallen asleep in Jesus A honored soldier of the US Army but more important a soldier of the Cross. We were blest to enjoy he and his life’s companion fellowship at Lexington Primitive Baptist Church last Fall. He is now more alive than when we saw him last September. He forever happy and healed. He was a humble, faithful wise deacon and servant of the Lord. May God comfort and bless his wife and family and Little Union P B Church.

Paul Trautner - February 14, 2022 at 09:16 PM

JL

I am saddened to hear of Brother Cunningham’s departure from this earth. Jimmy and I thought a lot of him and enjoyed your visits with us at Salem Primitive Baptist Church. I’m sure that Jimmy was there to greet him upon arrival in Heaven to sit down and discuss the Bible. Sister Cunningham May the heavenly Comforter bring you the comfort of Jesus’ love and fill the void you are feeling. I am praying for you and your family. I share your memories and love of a man who is to be honored among the people he loved. May God bless you as you go forward in your walk. With love Jenny Lewis

Jenny Lewis - February 15, 2022 at 11:30 AM

RF

I worked with Julian on the TECO line crew back in the late 70s. I was a lowly grunt and I never knew what crew I'd be working with each day. Kind of let out a sigh of despair when I'd see I'd be on Julian's crew. He was very tough, liked to do things the "hard way". He was always fair and funny. I remember he and Milton Little break into song: "I wanna be an Airborne Ranger! I wanna live a life of danger!". Every. Single. Day. I'll miss you Julian.

Ric Fenner - February 15, 2022 at 04:11 PM