



Reverend Lee Craddock

December 29, 1947 - September 14, 2025

Reverend Lee Craddock, 77, of Plant City, Florida, born on December 29, 1947, in Ethel, West Virginia, was promoted to Heaven September 14, 2025, in the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, FL.

He attended Logan High School in West Virginia where he played basketball, football, and track. After graduation he moved to be with his sister and her family to Ohio where he worked as a machinist. While volunteering alongside other men to build the Sunday School rooms at the East Farmington Free Will Baptist Church, he met the love of his life Teddi McClellan. He got saved on October 7, 1967, and actively worked in the church. Lee and Teddi got married on June 23, 1968, at the church where they met. He was called to the United States Army and went to basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia and then stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Six months later, he was deployed to Vietnam. He served in the 4th Infantry Division as the Commander of an M88 tank retriever.

After completing his tour of duty Lee came home to his family in Bristolville, Ohio. He was called by God to preach and was ordained as a Free Will Baptist Minister. He faithfully served the Lord as a youth leader at his home church, including directing the Association's annual Youth Camp at the Stoney Glen Youth Camp in Madison, Ohio. He also was Pastor of Austintown FWB Church in Ohio. He moved his family to Roswell, New Mexico, where he

assisted the pastor in many areas, including youth camp work.

After moving to Florida, he pastored the Emmanuel FWB Church in Lakeland, FL and the Heaven Bound FWB Church in Lakeland, FL. During this time, he helped with the construction of many of the buildings at Camp Eagle. He served 23 years as the Central Florida Association of FWB Clerk/ Treasurer. He was a member of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Plant City.

He was a teacher for 21 years, at Seffner Christian Academy, Seffner, FL. He began working at the school in its early years, teaching a variety of subjects during his career. He loved the school and enjoyed helping students, teachers, and administration in any capacity, even enjoying car duty.

He leaves behind his wife, Teddy (McClellan) Craddock of 57 years, his son Dr. Jason Craddock, wife Miranda (Owen), with grandsons, Ethan, Bryce and Lucas Craddock, from Ft. Myers, FL. Also, his son Rev. Jeremy Craddock, wife Brandy (Jones), grandsons Colton and Carson Craddock from Plant City, FL. His son in law, Juan Campis, granddaughter Malena Campis, from Plant City, FL, one sister, Freda Craddock Meeks and one brother, Bill Craddock both in West Virginia. He is missed by many friends and loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Tammi (Craddock) Campis, his parents: Orville and Vesta Craddock, his in laws: Robert and Doris McClellan, and eight of his siblings (Brother: Jimmy, Sisters: Juanita, Rhea, Lois, Dean, Phyllis, Ann, Eva Gail)

A celebration of life service will be held at Calvary FWB Church in Plant City, FL. where his Pastor and brother-in-law, the Rev. Rodger McClellan and Lee's son the Rev. Jeremy Craddock will officiate. We celebrate a life well lived, that honored his Lord, his family and his country, Lee Craddock, thou good and faithful servant,

Celebration of Life will be held at Calvary FWB Church Saturday, September 20th , 2025 A time of Fellowship with Friends & Family at 10:00 AM

Celebration of Life begins at 11:00 AM

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Freewill Baptist Church
3539 Trapnell Road
Plant City, FL

Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Teddi, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Will always remember how you and Lee had that special connection for each other right from the minute you met. Sending love your way. Your classmates Linda (Fansler) and Nancy (Pemberton)

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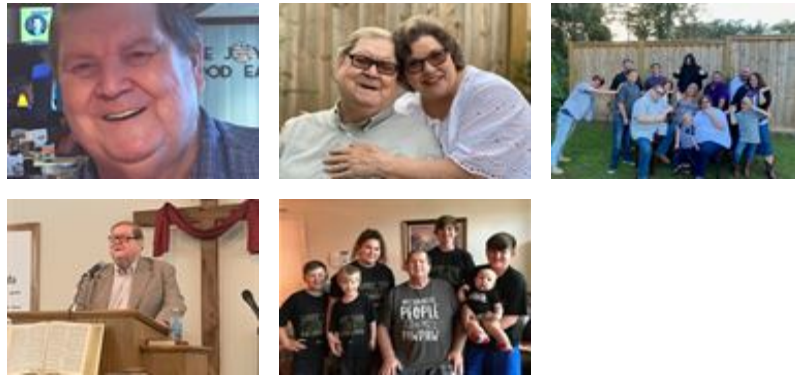


“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend Lee Craddock.

September 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - September 18, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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“ We are grateful for the labors of Bro. Lee for the Kingdom of God through his life. Now we are praying for the family as you walk through the days, weeks, and months to come. May the peace of God be felt as you adjust to this change in your lives.

*Rev. Duane Littlefield, Executive Director
Florida Free Will Baptists*

Rev. Duane Littlefield - September 17, 2025 at 04:49 PM