



Mr. Mel Belisle

April 27, 1936 - May 25, 2017

Mel Belisle, 81, of Plant City, Florida, born on April 27, 1936 in Blakely, Georgia, entered into eternal rest on May 25, 2017. His family moved to Plant City in 1942, and he graduated from Plant City High School in 1955. He was the owner of Fife Electric Supply and Fife Pipe, employing many people. He served on the Board of Directors of Fort Brook Bank and Brandon Hospital, and was a member of the Brandon Rotary Club where he was past President and started the "Wild Game Cookout". He was also a member of the Plant City Rotary Club. He loved his family and especially his grandsons, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and coaching youth baseball. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jeanette Belisle; sons, Keith Belisle (Betty Joyce) of Samson, Alabama, and Kevin Belisle (Annie) of Durant; and grandsons, Justin Belisle (Nicki), and Jake Belisle (Morgan). He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Eva Belisle; and 2 brothers, Billy Belisle, and Joel Belisle. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, May 30 at 6:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 4:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to A Kid's Place of Tampa Bay at www.akidsplacetb.org/Ways-to-Give/Donate. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Mel Belisle*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 30, 2017 at 09:17 AM

DB

“ *So sad to hear of Mr Mel's passing. Mel was everything that others have shared on this tribute site and then some. I remember meeting Mr Mel through Dick Eatman at Barnett Bank Brandon in 1985. He was a man of integrity, his word being his bond. He loved his family, community and his friends with gusto, Heaven just became a more caring and sweeter place,*

Donald Brannon - June 06, 2017 at 03:46 AM

GH

“ *Jeanette and family, so sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. He was always the handsome gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

Ginger Hall Houck - May 31, 2017 at 01:55 PM

RS

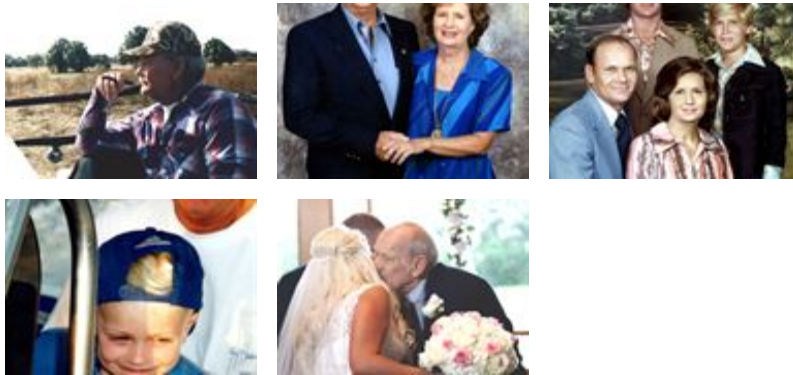
“ Randy, Tonya and Sydney Sewell purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Mel Belisle.



Randy, Tonya and Sydney Sewell - May 30, 2017 at 09:31 AM

H

“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 30, 2017 at 09:12 AM

TS

“ In being best friends with Annie and Kevin for well over 30 years I have watched this man lead his sons and his grandsons to be the men he could leave this world being proud of. Melvin was a good kind man, but above all else he loved his family and guided them in a way that you do not see anymore, they where loved in lessons well taught and respect well earned. I am proud to be a part of this WHOLE FAMILY, I too have learned from Mr. Belisle myself. He has shared his life with my family and that in it's self is more than I could have ever asked for. May you be enjoying your days with Mr. Ed and brother Joel.

Our Love,
Tonya, Randy and Sydney Sewell..

Tonya Sewell - May 30, 2017 at 08:47 AM

LA

“ This man and his family shaped my life. Mr Belisle was so good to me. I almost felt like his third son sometimes. I met Kevin while fishing in the lake in front of his house. We became fast friends. He would meet me at the barbed wire fence in Mel's old truck and we'd get to work on the cows and such. Mr Belisle included me in their trips to the rodeo for Kevin. He would say BARNES to get my attention to help with something. I can still hear his voice. I love that man. I drove with Kevin to help get him to college and Mel flew me home. During that time we brought his John boat to the by pass canal in my old Toyota truck with no air conditioning to go fishing. We had a great day fishing together. Then he took me on my first Quail hunt. Oh my goodness what a day we had. But I never got a shot off because Mel had already shot!! He was always 3 steps ahead of me. Love that man.

Keith Barnes

Laura - May 29, 2017 at 07:00 PM

RG

“ *Mel was truly one of the most kind sweet and smartest gentleman we have ever know. This man will truly be missed in our world. He made a huge difference in so many lives. We had such great memories over the years and delightful conversations. Our deepest sympathy to lovely Jeanette and family. We are so happy we knew this great Southern Gentleman. RIP Mel we loved you!!*

Ron and Vonda Gainey - May 29, 2017 at 05:00 PM

MB

“ *You are now on "the other side", Mel, a place we must all be eventually. May God bless your soul. No, I did not know you well, but somehow, you had the gift of making me feel I knew you. Jeanette, my heart is with you, my thoughts and my prayers are with you as you make the transition to a different kind of life without the man you shared your life with for so many years. My deepest condolences are with you and with your family.*

*With love,
Mary Sue Bell*

Mary Sue Bell - May 29, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mel Belisle.*



May 29, 2017 at 12:08 PM

BC

“ My love and heartfelt condolences to Jeanette and family on the loss of your husband and patriarch. I wish I could say I knew him well. I can say I knew him well enough to appreciate the warm, gracious and soft spoken southern gentleman he was. He will be missed by all, most especially the Crooked Lake Crew. Jeanette, you and yours are in my heart and in my prayers for comfort and peace as you move forward without this gallant man at your side.

Beverly Couch-Burnham - May 29, 2017 at 08:56 AM

RT

“ MEL WAS SUPER GUY. I WORKED AT TECO AND MEL ALWAYS HAD A GREAT WARM SMILE AND A GREAT ATTITUDE. HE WAS A GENTLEMEN AND I ALWAYS LOVE TO VISIT WITH HIM
MY REGARDS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY
BOB TOMCZAK

ROBERT TOMCZAK - May 28, 2017 at 04:34 PM

PB

“ Phillip And Debbie Belisle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel Belisle



Phillip and Debbie Belisle - May 28, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ We lost an iconic man in our lives this week. "Mr. Mel" was the patriarch of our Crooked Lake crew, the man who taught us all how to water ski (with incredible amounts of patience), to bait a hook, cast a rod, and clean a fish (I usually left that to the boys ... and the worms too), with a warmth and understanding that left us all feeling valued and important. Memories of Mel and the Belisle family are a finely woven part of my family history, from dinners as a child with our parents playing Tripoly (while the kids rode sofa cushions down the Belisle's stairs), to early mornings and quiet evenings with sunsets on their front porch at Crooked Lake, reflecting on life, and spending time with good friends. He was a larger than life man, kind and generous, who lived life well and with love, and we will miss him dearly. Godspeed, Mel.

Karen Heinberg - May 28, 2017 at 07:08 AM

DR

“ There is little chance this scant entry in Mel's remembrance book can cover the significant events that have occurred during the fifty years we have known the Belisle family, and consider them our closest friends. We have watched each other's children grow into adulthood and marry. We have shared joy and grief with each other as momentous life events transpired. We have shared many a meal together sitting at the same table. Now Mel's seat at the table is vacant and our lives won't be quite the same, but we will always carry memories of his take-charge personality, character, compassion, wisdom, integrity, generosity and positive outlook on life. As he would always say when parting "we'll get with you". Now it's our turn to say to him "Mel, we'll get with you" someday. RIP Friend

Dave and Judy Rose

Dave and Judy Rose - May 27, 2017 at 09:06 PM

DN

“ I consider it one of life's blessings to have known Mel Belisle and a privilege to call him friend. A man of his word whose hand shake was more binding than a legal contract. Our lives were uplifted by his presence and diminished by his passing. God bless you Mel for the lives you touched and the joy you brought to us all. We will miss you, but you remain in our thoughts and hearts and prayers. Thank you again for the memories of good times shared. Your friend, Dan Noland .

Dan Noland - May 27, 2017 at 01:01 PM

JS

Mel Belisle is a man not forgotten because of so many attributes, but most especially his caring manner, knowledge and desire to share his life with others. Our family is grateful to be part of the Crooked Lake family and will always hold him in the highest regard with our appreciation for his ability to bring many memories to each of us, his patience in so many areas of teaching us and sharing with us, his friendship and in no small measure his great fish and hush puppy fries. Farewell, my friend we grieve, but we know that you are free of pain at last. Give Wylie my love and enjoy some laughs. Jane Sanders

Jane Sanders - May 29, 2017 at 09:51 AM

LB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mel's passing, my thoughts are with all the family. I have so many fond memories of Crooked Lake at Lake Wales and the wonderful boat rides that Mel took us on, Also, the many cook outs and just plain fun that we all had! Mel will be dearly missed but always in our hearts. May God bless Jeanette and all the family, with much Love, Linda Byrd

Linda Byrd - May 27, 2017 at 09:07 AM