



## Mr. Michael "Mike" Cotten

May 23, 2013

COTTEN, Michael "Mike", 50, of, Plant City, Florida, went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 23, 2013, after a courageous fight with cancer. He is survived by his father and step-mother Charles and Janis Cotten, and mother Betty Reed Simmons; sisters Janene Cook (Dale), and Cindy Watson (Ralph); nephews Chris Fleming, Kenny Watson (Jessica), Darin Watson (Heather), and Dusty Cook; and 2 great-nephews, 3 great-nieces, 5 uncles, 6 aunts, and many cousins. He was a man with a big heart and giving spirit who will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church, an avid hunter, fisherman and taxidermist. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 3:00 P.M. at Northside Baptist Church, 1700 N. Franklin Street, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 P.M. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, P.O. Box 23827, Tampa 33623 or [www.moffitt.org](http://www.moffitt.org). 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  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Baptist Church  
1700 N. Franklin St.  
Plant City, FL

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Michael "Mike" Cotten



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I had the privilege of caring for Michael while he was going through his treatment. He was a very special person. I was very saddened to hear of his passing.

*Linda Garcia, RN*



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**Linda Garcia** - September 27, 2013 at 04:17 AM

TR

“Wow! Just by accident, I found out about Michael's death today. I went to school with Michael and rode the same buses with him for several years. Because my maiden name was Cook, we were almost always in the same homeroom class from junior high through high school. He was always so sweet, so pleasant, so easy to talk to. Not too long ago, before he was diagnosed, we reconnected through a work project. He was the same as always...kind, caring, soft spoken, and always willing to help. He will surely be missed by all. It was my pleasure to have known him and call him a friend.



Tonya Cook Rogers

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Tonya Cook Rogers - July 17, 2013 at 08:02 AM

MG

“Mike was always soft spoken and easy going. When he would come into West End Auto, we both enjoyed trash talking about our Ford and Chevy trucks. I always had great respect about the hunter that Mike was. I consider myself fortunate to have known Mike.....will miss you Bud.

Mike Griffin

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Mike Griffin - May 31, 2013 at 02:00 PM

TA

“So very sad to hear of this news of Milke's passing. He had a kind and very sweet spirit. I will miss you dearly sweet smiling Mike!!

Tami

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Tami - May 31, 2013 at 09:31 AM

TJ

“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Tammy Jenkins - May 27, 2013 at 02:20 PM

TJ

*Mike was our dearest friend/ brother! Always there til the very end and never thought about his pains, he was always thinking and caring about others over his. That's just the kind of person he was!!! He was and is the best, gone but never forgotten. We love you, our brother and dear friend, until we see you again. Mike and Tammy Jenkins I am grateful for all the wonderful memories we have...*

Tammy Jenkins - May 27, 2013 at 02:25 PM

JH

“ *Jimmy Harwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael "Mike" Cotten*



Jimmy Harwell - May 27, 2013 at 08:39 AM

JH

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I went to school with mike he was one of the good guys. He mounted several deer heads for me and done an excellent job now when I look at those mounts I'll not only remember the hunt but remember mike and his friendship. I will miss him. Jimmy Harwell*

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**Jimmy Harwell** - May 27, 2013 at 08:48 AM

LI

*“ Mike was a very good friend. He was always a very dependable person. He was always there for electrical advice. We shared a lot of hunting stories together. He was a great taxidermist. Did several deer mounts for me . The nicest man you could ever know. He will be missed very much. There is one comforting thing we know we will see each other again in heaven. Love him and miss him very much! Troy and Lisa Kirby*



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**Lisa** - May 26, 2013 at 08:42 AM