



## Mr. Neil J. Davis

November 25, 1925 - June 29, 2020

Neil J. Davis (“Gator”, to his friends), 94, of Plant City, Florida, born in Bartow on November 25, 1925, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 29, 2020. He attended the infamous Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys, and was the oldest known member of the White House Boys. He was a veteran of the United States Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps, serving in WWII in the military police. He was an investigator with W.C. Crumbley U.S. Marshall’s Office in Tampa in the mid ‘40s. He retired from GTE, where he was a member of IBEW Local 824, serving as Vice President and Chief Union Steward in the early ‘60s. He was a family historian and enjoyed gardening. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sara Coleman Davis; and siblings, William “Bill” Davis, and Peggy E. Smith. He is survived by his children, Alan S. Davis, Carole D. Ellis (William), Brenda E. Davis, and Wayde C. Davis; brother, Dusty W. Davis (Dorothy); 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and close friends, Ed Nelson, Lee Surett, and Jim Crews. Special thanks to the White House Boys Organization for their love and support. And a special thanks from Carole Ellis to Ms Stacy Johnson, for her dedication and respect of “Captain Neil”. The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 7 from 9:30-10:30 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. A graveside service will follow at 11:00 A.M. at Willow Oak Cemetery, 3390 Willow Oak Road, Mulberry. Due to COVID-19, masks are required for the visitation, and for those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at [facebook.com/hopewellfuneral](https://facebook.com/hopewellfuneral). Expressions of condolence at

[HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Willow Oak Cemetery

Mulberry, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Willow Oak Cemetery  
Mulberry, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Neil J. Davis



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - July 06, 2020 at 08:48 AM

KB

“ My name is Kate Land Buchanan. You don't know me, but I recently received correspondence from my brother's widow that was from your father, Neil J. Davis. Your father was doing ancestry of his family and my mother, Jessie Louise Brown Land, was a relative. The only information I have are death certificates! My children are wanting me to write "my story," but my mother died when I was 13 and she did not have relatives that I knew of. When I was a little girl, her 1/2 sister Blanche would visit. If you would, can you write or call me. Thank you.

*Kate Buchanan\  
1257 Mosswood Chase  
Tallahassee, FL 32312  
850.329.7819*

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**Kate Buchanan** - August 25, 2020 at 09:48 AM

SA

“ I would visit Neil when he was outside feeding the squirrels. He was always happy. Then when he wasn't able to go out. I would visit and sit with him while waiting for his daughter Carole who was always there except when Staci was coming. I would talk with him and he was such a flirt and had an amazing. smile. RIP Neil know that you left a hole in some of our hearts, we know you are with family and friends lv u.

Sanfy - July 09, 2020 at 10:11 AM

SF

“ SORRY ABOUT NEIL'S PASSING. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE KIDS AND FAMILY. ROGER & A.J. SPEERS



SPEERS FAMILY - July 07, 2020 at 07:45 PM



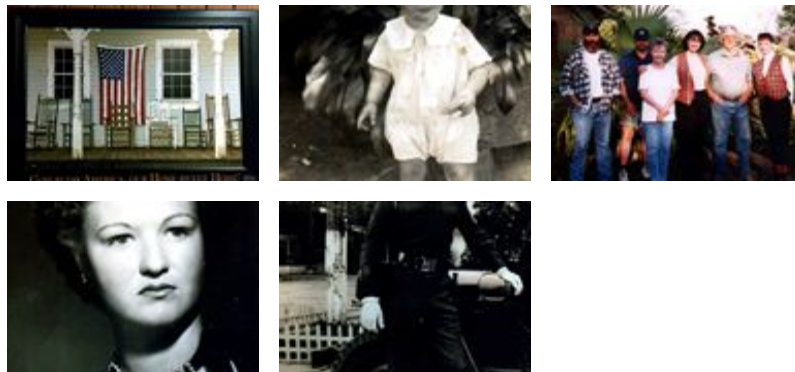
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil J. Davis.



July 06, 2020 at 02:14 PM



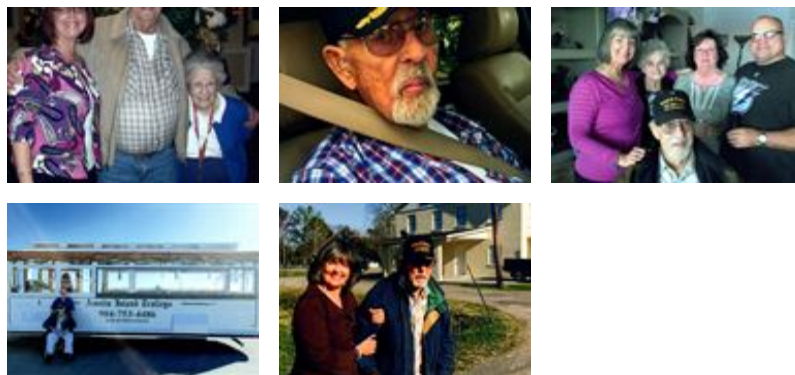
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Hopewell Funeral Home - July 06, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 05, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ Heidi Drewry purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Mr. Neil J. Davis.



Heidi Drewry - July 04, 2020 at 04:28 PM

HD

“ My Friend Carolle my deepest condolences to you to hear passing of your Daddy you Loved him very much I seen dad and he Loved you Love you and Im hear for you Pleas remember that you are not alone We are Always hear for you Heidi Drewry



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**HEIDRUN DREWRY** - July 04, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil J. Davis.



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July 03, 2020 at 02:19 PM

AT

“ I became friends with Mr. Davis and his very special daughter Carolle at the VA nursing home in Land O Lakes, I would check in on Mr. Davis before I left after visiting my Late Husband, and Carolle would check on my husband if I wasn't there. He also was very happy to see and talk to you. My heart goes out to his family.



*Alice & Kirstie Taylor*

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**Alice Taylor** - July 03, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil J. Davis.*



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July 02, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Neil grew up with my mother and her siblings in the Pierce, FL area. She talked so highly of Neil and he and his daughter Carole came to see Mother and Daddy almost every Friday in Mulberry. I feel so honored to have known Neil...big prayers for Carole and Bill and the family.*

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**Beverly A Fox** - July 02, 2020 at 11:08 AM