



Mr. Norris "Wayne" Lawson

August 30, 2022

LAWSON, Norris "Wayne", 82, of Dover, Florida, was gloriously called home to Heaven on August 30, 2022, and reunited with his parents, Gus and Neva Lawson; a host of loving in-laws and friends; two brothers, and three sisters. Wayne is survived by his faithful wife of 61 years, OnaFaye Jones Lawson – his best friend and loyal, loving caregiver. Their marriage provided a perfect example of their vows "in sickness and in health". Left behind on earth, and forever blessed by the love and example that he provided are his children, Gregory Wayne Lawson (Karen), Donna Lawson Graham (Gary), Kathy Lawson Whatley (Tate); grandchildren, Cory Wayne Lawson (Marissa), Ellen Shea Dixon (Cody-Ray), Dustin Lawson (fiancé, Kelsey), Tate Norris Whatley (Abbey), Macyn Olivia Graham, Gehrig Wilson Graham; great-grandchildren, Boone Atlas Dixon, and Bowie-Kate Dixon; brothers, A.W. Lawson, Billy Lawson and Eddie Lawson. Wayne was a U.S. Army veteran, proudly serving the country that he loved, enlisting at the age of 16 years old. He was a strong, hard-working, brilliant man of great dignity, integrity and humility!! He was a sacrificial man, who put the needs of others before his own, and he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with all his heart. His family meant absolutely everything to him, and his children and grandchildren were the delight of his life....and Papa was their HERO! They now have their very own guardian angel, and Papa's inspirational life will forever serve as a lasting legacy to them. Wayne was a truly amazing man, one that we should all strive to be like. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke – it was full of

wisdom and impact. Just being around him made you want to be a better person. For the past 11 years, his faith was put to the test but never wavered. He accepted the cross he was given to bear and never complained even once. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". On the evening of August 30th, Wayne finished his race and we anxiously anticipate the day that we too will see God and be reunited with him for eternity. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to LifePath Hospice – Sapphire Team. The family will receive friends Saturday, September 3 from 9:30-10:30 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. A private graveside service for immediate family will follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to USF Ubben Pulmonary Fibrosis Fund at giving.usf.edu. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Lawson was a kind and caring man who worked hard for his family for many years before becoming sick. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. As a husband and father he consistently lived a Godly example. He will be greatly missed by many.*

Bobby Griffin - September 03, 2022 at 10:19 AM

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“ *Wayne was a great friend and fishing partner to me for many, many years. We had some great memories out on the water together. We also caught a lot of fish. Wayne was like a big brother to me. I will never forget all the good times we shared. Fishing was never the same after he got sick and was unable to go. If there is a lake in heaven, Wayne is certainly on it catching fish right now. I love you and miss you buddy!*

Gary Hinson - September 02, 2022 at 12:39 PM