



Mr. Owen Van DeShong

August 30, 1937 - October 16, 2021

Owen Van DeShong, of Dover, Florida, was born on August 30, 1937, and passed away on October 16, 2021, at 84 years of age. He attended Turkey Creek High School and eventually graduated from Cork night school in the class of 1955. Owen was drafted into the US Army service from 1960-1962. He attended boot camp in Fort Riley, Kansas and was married in 1961 before being deployed to South Korea. Owen returned home and continued to work as a welder, layout man, and fabricator. He worked at Florida Steel, Plant City Steel, Westinghouse Nuclear Power Plant, C&S Maintenance, and retired from IMC mines. Owen was meticulous in his work and an extremely hard worker. Owen loved being outside. One of his favorite pastimes was flying airplanes. He trained and achieved several pilot ratings including Solo, Private, Multi-Engine, Commercial, and instrument rating. He even enjoyed solo skydiving several times in Zephyrhills. Owen had many friends and became more social in his later years. He regularly had breakfast with a group of men. His gentle manner and sweet spirit made him loved by so many. Some friends from his early youth remain friends to this very day. Owen's passion was his family. He was so proud of each one of them and gave thanks to God every day for the blessing of having such wonderful children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and in-laws. Owen is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret DeShong, his son Keith DeShong (Rhonda) of Plant City, his daughter Kimberly DeShong of Tampa, 3 granddaughters – DeAnna Stephany (Justin), Marci Poppell (Daniel), and Mya DeShong, and 3 great

grandchildren – Presley Stephany, Boone Stephany, and Dani Lynn Poppell, and his older brother Carl DeShong (Olga). Owen was loved by so many and will be greatly missed. A funeral service will be held Saturday, October 23 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Graveside committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens. 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

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I worked with Owen at Westinghouse, and he worked for me at C&S and I have never met a finer person. I am so sorry that we got the news of his passing too late to attend his service. We would like to convey our thoughts and prayers to his family. I am sure that he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.*

May Gods peace be with you.

Tom&Beth Sistrunk

Tom Sistrunk - November 03, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 25, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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“ Dear Margaret and Family,
Just wanted to let you all know that I am thinking about all of you,
And wanted to say
how sorry I am for your lost. I do not know what you are going
through because it is
different for everyone. I lost my Mother 7 years ago and things have
never been the
same for me.
But just know that I am praying and thinking about all of you.
May God Bless and help you through this time.
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU,
Earl Nichols

Earl Nichols - October 22, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 22, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 22, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 22, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 21, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 21, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 21, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.*



October 21, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.*



October 21, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Kimberly's Accenture RMQ Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.*



Kimberly's Accenture RMQ Family - October 21, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.*



October 21, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 20, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 20, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 20, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Mr. Owen Van DeShong.



October 20, 2021 at 07:56 PM

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“ Owen was a 1 of a kind, friendly, loving and giving. As a teen I had my picture taken with him in my prom dress, made by his wife, my cousin Margaret. I had a crush on him as he was the kindest man I had the privilege of being close to or knowing at a 15. Through the years, he just became kinder if that was possible. Always there to help and lend a hand. He always had a smile, never seen anything different room him my whole life. His death truly shook me. He will be missed by all that had the wonderful blessing of knowing him. Kerry and I had a lot of respect for this gentle man. You will be missed, we love you, and will see you in heaven 1 day. Love Kerry and Debbie Johnson.

Debbie Johnson - October 20, 2021 at 07:32 PM