



## Mr. Ralph I. Cannon

April 27, 2012

Cannon, Ralph I., 79, of Plant City entered into eternal rest April 27, 2012. He was surrounded by his loving family and friends when he went home to be with Jesus. Ralph was born December 23, 1932 in Plant City, Florida and graduated from Turkey Creek High School in 1951. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Korean War aboard the U.S.S. Floyd B. Parks Destroyer. He was employed as a mechanic with Coronet Mines, a farmer, a member of Olin S. Wright Masonic Lodge 79 in Plant City, and a member of Springhead Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, June; children, Gene Cannon, David W. Cannon, Cathy Hampton, and Janice Hensley (Chuck); grandchildren, Chad Hampton, Adderly Cannon, and Kiera Hensley; sister-in-law, Henrietta Cannon; and brothers, George "Buddy" Cannon, Jr. and Russell Cannon (Sandra). He was preceded in death by one brother, Vernon Cannon. A Celebration of life will be held Thursday, May 3 at 12:00 P.M. at Springhead Baptist Church, 3106 S. Wiggins Rd., Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 11:00 A.M. Interment to follow in Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road  
Lakeland, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Springhead Baptist Church  
3106 S. Wiggins Road  
Plant City, FL  
sbaptistchurch@tampabay.rr.com  
<http://springheadbc.com/cms/>

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# Tribute Wall

“ Family, you can be proud. Ralph cherished and honored each of you.

*Ralph was a fine Shipmate and friend. We served aboard USS FLOYD B. PARKS DD-884 during different wars.....he during Korea.....I during Vietnam. But we walked those same decks, ate from the same mess, and slept in those same hot berthing spaces. We were "Tin Can" Sailors.....as destroyers are so lovingly called. We took the same Oath....to uphold and defend". We boldly went to places with names we couldn't pronounce and completed every mission. We were destroyermen!*

*Lois, Pam and I enjoyed our time together at ship's reunions. May God richly bless you as he holds you in the palm of His hands!*

*Crossing the Bar - by Tennyson*

*"Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound or foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,  
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark.*

*For though out our bourne of Time and Place,  
The flood may bear me far.  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,  
When I have crossed the bar."*

*Ralph has crossed the bar. Fair Winds and Following Seas,  
Shipmate!*

*For God and Country!*

*Harry W. Brantley, MS, MA  
Master Chief Petty Officer  
U.S. Navy (Retired)  
PARKS Association Chaplain*

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**Harry and Lois Brantley** - April 30, 2012 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Ralph was a true daily Christian. His daily life reflected that of a true representative of Jesus Christ. A great loss of Plant City occurred when Ralph left to be in Paradise with Jesus.*

*Although greatly missed by family and friends, Ralph is much better off as he will have no more physical afflictions, troubles or trials of life on earth. Our hope still lives on in the fact that we each have a chance to see Ralph eternally someday.*

*Hope for the family: When the funeral is over and all are gone-  
Who's still there? "Gods' own Son."*

*Love & Prayer,  
Cousin Sharon Davis/New Castle, IN*

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**Sharon M. Davis** - April 30, 2012 at 09:34 AM