



## Mr. Raymond R. Viers

October 11, 1929 - October 16, 2017

Raymond R. Viers, 88, of Seffner, Florida, born in Lakeland on October 11, 1929, entered into eternal rest on October 16, 2017. He was a retired Conductor with Seaboard Coastline Railroad, a member of the Brandon Masonic Lodge #114 for 57 years, a member of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers for 60 years, and a volunteer for the Hillsborough County Sheriff Auxiliary for 14 years. He was a native Floridian who enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling, and guns. He is survived by his daughters, Linda Merrick (Richard) of Crawfordville, and Debbie Irick (Drew) of Seffner; grandchildren, Robert Merrick (Kristin), Randy Irick, Jason Merrick, Andrea Schultz (Blaine), Amber Irick, and Andrew Irick; great-grandchildren, Jackson Merrick, Harper Merrick, Parker Merrick, Aiden Green, Ace Irick, Faith Schultz, Izzy Schultz, and Noah Schultz; and sisters, Wanda Snyder, Agnes McKinney, and Charlotte Evans. He was preceded in death by his loving companion Shirley West; parents, David and Agnus Viers; brothers, Tommy and William; and sisters, Frances, Hazel, Betty, and Leona. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday October 20, at 12:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 11:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Seffner Cemetery. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Seffner Cemetery

605 E Wheeler Rd  
Seffner, FL 33583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I just tried to call him, and his number was distracted.  
I lived across the street and we had may laughs, I made a surprise visit to see him when I came back to FL in a visit, thank you for many wonderful memories

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**Connie Schultz** - July 23, 2018 at 07:11 PM

JP

“ I have known "ole" Ray for over 35 years and as close as you can get to him without living with him. He was my back door neighbor since I moved to Seffner in 1982. Someone wrote earlier that he was a character and that he was, the last of his breed. He was a craftsman, a story teller, and a great neighbor. He took care of his property and was always there to lend a hand. I grew older with Ray who served as an example for staying physically fit in that he amazed me doing what he did at his age. We would "chew the fat" on a wide range of topics whenever his garage door was open and we kept the local "critter" population in check. I'm still looking for that "bamboo viper". We both shared a fondness for "Smith and Wesson" and that was always a comfort knowing he had "my back". We respected each other and I will miss him "mowing his dirt" with the billowing clouds of dust and Ray in his overalls and a breathing mask. Yep, Ray was the "mayor of Lenna" and his memory will last forever. God Bless you Ray and your family. Joe Prokop, friend, backyard buds on Giddens.

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**Joe Prokop** - October 19, 2017 at 08:26 AM

SD

“ Prayers to you all during this sad time. I am so grateful to have known Ray. A nice friend and a good guy. He will be missed.  
Love, (Little) Sue

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**Sue DeGroat** - October 19, 2017 at 07:16 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond R. Viers.*



October 19, 2017 at 07:08 AM



“ *Sending condolences to the family. He will truly be missed. May the prayers and support of families and friends help to ease the pain through this difficult time, and may you find comfort in God's loving arms as you throw all your anxieties on him. Philippians 4:6&7.*

**Marcy** - October 19, 2017 at 05:51 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond R. Viers.*



October 18, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He will be missed, he was a true life force & such a character.. love you all very much. Uncle Danny, Aunt Cookie, Daniel, Jennifer, and Ema*

**David D Phillips** - October 18, 2017 at 08:52 PM

LE

“ Love Uncle Danny,Aunt Cookie,Daniel,Jennifer & Ema purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Raymond R. Viers.



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**Love Uncle Danny,Aunt Cookie,Daniel,Jennifer & Ema -**  
October 18, 2017 at 08:44 PM

MC

“ so sorry for your loss lots of memories over the years prayers to the family

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**martha chambers -** October 18, 2017 at 05:56 PM

AM

“ Dear family, just a note to let you know I love you all and pray for all the family . May you be comforted each day following the burial. Much love to my sisters Wanda and Charlotte. Much love to Bob's girls and their families, Aunt Agnes

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**Agnes McKinney -** October 18, 2017 at 04:43 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss sending prayers for all the family



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**Judy Hughes -** October 18, 2017 at 04:06 PM