



Mr. Richard E. Woods

May 10, 2015

WOODS, Richard E. "Woody", 79, of Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on May 10, 2015. He was a retired Master Sergeant with the United States Air Force. He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church, a member of the Olin S. Wright Masonic Lodge in Plant City, and a volunteer at McDill Air Force Base. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Lila "Coodie" Woods; children Deborah Walker (Clark), Teri Hazelett, and Fred Tom Morris, Jr. (Crystal); siblings Ramona Tellier, and Warren Woods; grandchildren Melissa Gunn, Ben Gunn, Jennifer Gaspar (Shawn), and Fred Tom Morris III.; great-grandchildren Hunter Johnson, Carli Corbett, Brooke Gunn, Dallas Gunn, and Branson Gaspar; sibling-in-laws Martha Durrance, and Ray Glover; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Loren and Helena Woods. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Baptist Church, 6001 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Old Hopewell Cemetery, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Old Hopewell Cemetery

6005 SR 39 S
Plant City, FL 33567

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Baptist Church
6001 CR 39 S
Plant City, FL

Celebration of Life

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Baptist Church
6001 CR 39 S
Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard E. Woods



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM

PG

Dearest Deb & Dear Family, Butch and I are so very very sorry for the loss of your precious Dad here on this old earth. We love you & are praying for you.

Patti Wetherington Goodson - May 13, 2015 at 07:32 PM

MC

“ Mr. Woody was so kind and such a sweet soul. Prayers with the family.



Marilyn and Glenn Capps - May 14, 2015 at 10:46 AM

GR

“ Glenda Cooper Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard E. Woods



Glenda Cooper Roberts - May 13, 2015 at 06:22 PM

GR

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers for the family ❤️

Glenda Cooper Roberts - May 13, 2015 at 06:38 PM

RA

“ *Ronnie Allen was glad to have known Richard Woods and his lovely wife and family. Heart felt condolences to his family and friends.* ”

Ronnie Allen - May 13, 2015 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard E. Woods.* ”



May 13, 2015 at 05:46 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 13, 2015 at 09:57 AM

JL

“Woody was my friend. He was secure in himself because he was free from what the world judged acceptable.. He accepted the fact that, as a creature, he was small, vulnerable, and not ultimately in control. But he knew there was a Creator who is great, omnipotent, and totally in control. And he knew that he had been made in the image and likeness of that Creator. That gave him a dignity that he didn't have to earn and could never be taken away. Though he tarnished the divine likeness through sin, he knew that his Creator came down from the heights of heaven to become human and fix what he couldn't fix. So when he messed up, the meek and humble Richard Woods didn't have to cover up. He just said “please forgive me,” gave thanks for God's mercy, and moved on. And when his earthly limitations cause him to fail, he was not surprised. He realized that he was not God. I said all that to simply say that Woody was in touch with reality - not the worlds but God's.

Many meek men like Woody are secure and strong. And since he have nothing to prove, he didn't have to flaunt his strength or use it to dominate others. Woody abundance of humility lead to his meekness. And meekness is not weakness. Rather, it is strength under control, power used to build up rather than tear down.

My friend Woody was not threatened either by God's greatness or the reflection of that greatness in the talents of others. In fact, this is what naturally caught his eye and absorbed his attention – the goodness of God, wherever he found it. Woody was truly able to listen to another with genuine interest and delight in the other persons goodness. I have found over the years, those who exalt themselves are ultimately left alone. But for the meek and humble Woody, stands a crowd of admirers. I and proud to say - I stand in that crowd.

Until we meet again my friend,

Jim and Brenda Lemley

james lemley - May 12, 2015 at 10:53 PM

MJ

“ *Woody was definitely one of the greatest men. I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was truly soft spoken and totally selfless. He was a wonderful father to my dearest friend, Debbie. His presence was always discreet. But, he never went unnoticed. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. His quiet nature was such a redeeming quality. I will miss him dearly. As, anyone who ever met him will, also.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Maureen Jestes*

Maureen Jestes - May 12, 2015 at 07:38 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Gatlin & Family, Tonia Mateer & Fam, Dixie Gillespie purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Richard E. Woods.*



Cindy Gatlin & Family, Tonia Mateer & Fam, Dixie Gillespie -
May 12, 2015 at 06:18 PM

DE

“ *The trip that my sister, Rosie Brand, and cousin, Sandy Ellis took to North Carolina to visit Uncle Richard is one of the highlights in my life. They took us sight seeing and we had an awesome time becoming more strongly bonded with both of them. Love you Aunt Lila and miss you greatly Uncle Richard.*

Dixie Ellis-Gillespie - May 12, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard E. Woods.*



May 12, 2015 at 10:26 AM



“ *Libby Galvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard E. Woods*



Libby Galvin - May 12, 2015 at 08:14 AM



“ *When my sister Dixie, my cousin Sandy, and myself were 15/16 yrs of age Uncle Richard took us out to drive his car. I didn't have my license yet; not sure about the others. Unfortunately I had not driven on gravel before and overshot a curve and landed in a small ditch. Uncle Richard took it with his usual calm manner. Having him in Iowa for the family reunion was a highlight for his Iowa family. He is much loved and missed greatly. The time us girls spent with him and Aunt Lila in N Carolina is a favorite memory for us all.*

Rosie Brand - May 12, 2015 at 07:10 AM

Bam
Shazam

“ *Bam Shazam lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Richard E. Woods*



Bam Shazam - May 11, 2015 at 06:57 PM

HM

“ *Thank you for the memory i have of your home at the Strawberry
festival. God Bless and prayers for peace.*

HOLLY MARTIN - May 11, 2015 at 06:48 PM

CH

“ *Carol Helms lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Richard E. Woods*



Carol Helms - May 11, 2015 at 06:09 PM

RS

“ *Renee Shore lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Richard E. Woods*



Renee Shore - May 11, 2015 at 05:51 PM