



## Mr. Robert E. "Bob" Chapman

November 16, 2011

CHAPMAN, Robert E. "Bob", 74, of Brandon, Florida since 1966, born July 1, 1937 in Big Creek, West Virginia and entered into eternal rest on November 16, 2011. He graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Civil Engineering, and served as President of Chapman Contracting Company from 1970 until retirement in 2007. Through his success in business and generous nature, many benefited including Churches of Christ, Florida College, strangers, friends, and business associates. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sylvia Chapman; children Cheryll Witherington (James), Morgan M. Chapman (Jessica), and Nick E. Chapman (Jonnie); siblings Joe Chapman, Arnold Chapman, Pat Marrs, and Wynita Giles; and 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Ralph Chapman. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, November 19 at 2:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 P.M. Interment to follow at Serenity Meadows, Tampa. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Serenity Meadows**

Tampa, FL

# Tribute Wall

PD

“ I worked for Bob a few times in the front office, to fill in until he found someone else. Working for him was was of my all-time favorite jobs, and even though it was over 20 years ago, that time still stands out in my mind as good times. I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing, and I hope his family will find peace and comfort in time.

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**Patti Douglas** - November 20, 2011 at 06:25 PM

TM

“ Morgan, very sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and ask God's comfort be given to you and your family during this trying time. Please accept our sympathies and know we are thinking of you.

*Lori, Chelsea, Chantel, Quinton, and Todd Mikula*

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**Todd Mikula** - November 20, 2011 at 12:40 PM

RC

“ Sylvia and family,  
we were sorry to hear of eddies passing dick has done alot of reminiscing of their younger days growing up on north fork when they were always together. As the years go by somehow we seem to always grow apart, but that doesn't mean that we forgot you guys we talk about you often. It is sad, but we know that eddie is with his heavenly father now.

*Dick and Carol Chapman and Family*

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**Richard Chapman** - November 19, 2011 at 07:28 PM

VC

“ Vickie Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. "Bob" Chapman



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vickie chapman - November 19, 2011 at 06:25 PM

VC

eddie u will b missed i havent seen u since granny died but u always was n my heart i love u n miss u.. love vickie chapman

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vickie chapman - November 19, 2011 at 06:26 PM

SS

“ Morgan,  
Our hearts and empathy are with you and your family. Our greatest comfort is knowing that he was a faithful servant of the Lord and is safe in His arms.  
In Christian love,  
Jonathan, Sherri, Sarah, and Jon Paul Smith

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Sherri Smith - November 19, 2011 at 09:04 AM

BF

“ Nick and Jonnie, Sylvia and the rest of the family - My family has such fond memories of our times spent together with Nick and Jonnie and their kids. Personally I have such good memories of the Chapman house when I was in high school. Bob and Sylvia's house was (is) a welcoming place where I felt at home. "They" made it that way. How I felt is how I think all of us feel about your family starting with Bob. He seemed to be the rock, but Bob would be happy to know that we think that you all are strong, solid, godly people as well. Isn't that what we're all striving for in this world. I am so happy to have known Bob, and I am so happy to consider you true friends. I am feeling the distance this morning, and I am sorry that I am not able to be with you. My prayer for each of you is for the arms of Christ to be around you comforting you. My and my families prayers have been and will continue to be with you throughout this challenging time. We love you and are truly sorry for your loss.

*Bo and Jeane Bishop and family  
West Des Moines, Iowa*

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**Bo and Jeane Bishop and family** - November 19, 2011 at 07:47 AM

PP

“ To Cheryl and family, We can not be with you at the funeral on Saturday, but wanted you to know in a special way that our thoughts and prayers have been with you. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in your Dad's hope of heaven. God bless each of you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Steve and Pam Patton

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**pam Patton** - November 18, 2011 at 08:28 PM

KL

“ Bob Chapman was a good man, my Uncle, Ronald Stafford worked for him for over 30 years. When my uncle passed away in 2000, Bob was there with all of us. My father worked for Bob for a number of years and he was good to my dad as well. He was a Genuine Nice Guy!!! Rest in Peace Bob. May peace be with your family.

Karen Lockhart - November 18, 2011 at 07:57 PM

MD

“ My father Ronald Stafford worked for Mr. Chapman for over thirty years and when my father passed in 2000 Mr. Chapman was there for our family we appreciated him and his family more than anyone could know he was always like a second father to me and my brother. Thanks for all that you and your family has done for us we will be praying for the family and wanted you all to know how very much we love and appreciate each and everyone of the Chapmans God Bless You All . Madonna Stafford Dowling

madonna dowling - November 18, 2011 at 07:24 PM

DN

“ To have called Bob Chapman friend is one of my life's blessings. His was a life well lived, a tribute to the God he loved and served, an example for us all. His greeting above, will surely be, "Well done, good and faithful servant". Thank you Bob for your presnce in my life. We miss you. Dan Noland

Daniel G Noland - November 18, 2011 at 03:54 PM

LK

Bob Chapman was well known in the entire area for his Christian walk and good deeds. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Louise and Jack Key

Louise and Jack Key - November 19, 2011 at 05:25 PM

RO

“ So sorry for your loss,

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**Robin** - November 18, 2011 at 02:55 PM

LF

“ So very shocked and saddened to learn of your loss. Although we live in another state and did not know Robert personally, we had heard many good things about him from those who did. His reputation went beyond his presence. As is written in the scriptures, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" (Proverbs 22:1). May the Lord bless, and strengthen your family during this time of sorrow.

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**Larry & Martha Finley** - November 18, 2011 at 01:48 PM

CT

*Morgan, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, at this sad time. We love you! God gives comfort to his children. If HE brings you to it, HE will bring you through it! Wish we had known your dad, but we know you and feel sure you are much like him. God Bless you all!  
Clinton and Carolyn Thomas*

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**Clinton and Carolyn Thomas** - November 18, 2011 at 09:30 PM

FJ

“ Sylvia and family, Elizabeth and I are out of the country. We regretted to hear of Bob's untimely death. We appreciated him and the good things he did for so many. We enjoyed being with you and your family on several of our tours. May God bless you in this difficult time, is our prayer. -- Ferrell and Elizabeth Jenkins

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**Ferrell Jenkins** - November 18, 2011 at 01:08 PM

PH

“ *No words can express the sorrow my heart feels for the untimely loss of Bob. He was dearly loved by so many people, especially me and my family. I know God will be with each of you during your time of sadness.*

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**Pat Hendrickson** - November 18, 2011 at 01:03 PM

KB

“ *Death is nothing at all  
I have only slipped away into the next room  
I am I and you are you  
Whatever we were to each other  
That we are still  
Call me by my old familiar name  
Speak to me in the easy way you always used  
Put no difference into your tone  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow  
Laugh as we always laughed  
At the little jokes we always enjoyed together  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was  
Let it be spoken without effort  
Without the ghost of a shadow in it  
Life means all that it ever meant  
It is the same as it ever was  
There is absolute unbroken continuity  
What is death but a negligible accident?  
Why should I be out of mind  
Because I am out of sight?  
I am waiting for you for an interval  
Somewhere very near  
Just around the corner  
All is well.  
Nothing is past; nothing is lost  
One brief moment and all will be as it was before  
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!*  
Henry Scott-Holland

*We will miss you, but we will have happy memories to keep us company. Much love to my family of the heart, Sylvia, Cheryl, Morgan, Nick, Jonnie, all the grand kids. We WILL all laugh together again. Katrina*

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Katrina Bracewell - November 18, 2011 at 12:54 PM

HK

“ To know Bob was like experiencing a little touch of our Father's Love. He was one of the kindest, warmest, most compassionate people I have ever known. His love of the Lord and desire to serve Him was the first thing you got to know about Bob. Next came his love for Sylvia and his family. I don't think he ever met a stranger in his life. He treated everyone he met with great discernment and dignity always looking for a way to help. We have lost a Great friend and brother. My love and prayers are with his family. May God comfort you and keep you close to Him in the coming days. I am so very sorry this happened!

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**Helen Kocolis** - November 18, 2011 at 12:28 PM

CS

“ I remember when Bob's beard turned silver and I told him he looked like Kenny Rogers....I remember when he bought Morgan that obnoxious Starsky & Hutch car when we were in high school.....and I remember two friends I have known since I was a child named Bob & Sylvia that were there for me when my Dad died, even though we didn't even worship at the same congregation anymore. It's those kind of memories and people that you cherish forever. Thank you Bob for all the good you've added to my family's life.

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**Cheryl L. Swindle** - November 18, 2011 at 12:23 PM

RW

“ A dear friend and brother has passed on to his reward. We will miss him greatly in Pigeon Forge but look forward to our eternal reunion.

-Roger Williams  
King Branch Road church of Christ

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**Roger Williams** - November 18, 2011 at 11:03 AM

PP

“ We have known or knew about Bob for many years. However, only the last few years have we really gotten to know him and Sylvia. They are wonderful people who love the Lord and their fellowman. Our hearts are heavy and our love and prayers to all the family member's whom we have gotten to know and love over the years. Bob will be greatly missed, but we rest assure that he is not in pain any longer and is with your dear Lord. God bless all of the family, Pat and Sue Patton

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**Pat and Sue Patton** - November 18, 2011 at 10:55 AM

KS

“ Bob was one of those exceptional people you meet in life who leaves a footprint of a truly nice person. He will be missed, Kim Stevens

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**Kim Stevens** - November 18, 2011 at 09:00 AM

TD

“ It is with great respect and admiration that Ranelle and I remember Bob Chapman. Our association with he and his family through worship at the "Church of Christ" at Brian Rd. in Brandon is a cherished memory. Our heart goes out to Sylvia and their children. We love each of you dearly and know that Bob will be missed by each and every one of his christian brothers and sisters.

*Tom & Ranelle Duncan*

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**Tom & Ranelle Duncan** - November 18, 2011 at 07:37 AM

PC

“ My heartfelt sympathy for your family's loss. Penny Clark (Co-worker of Nick's)

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**Penny Clark** - November 18, 2011 at 06:32 AM

FF

“ We didn't know Robert, but we knew his wonderful parents and his brothers Joe, Arnold, & he late Ralph. We would like to send our condolences to his family. They have always been highly respected in our community and the Churches of Christ. God be with you.  
Freddie "Pete" & Brenda Ferrell, Chapmanville, WV.

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**Freddie & Brenda Ferrell** - November 18, 2011 at 12:21 AM

VC

*well i didnt know eddie 2 well i was young but he was my dads cousin n he preached @ my dad n grandmothers funneral.. he will be missed i love u eddie*

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**vickie chapman** - November 18, 2011 at 11:02 AM