



Mr. Robert "Bobby" Byron Helms

May 19, 1934 - April 26, 2022

Robert "Bobby" Byron Helms, 87, of Plant City, Florida, born on May 19, 1934, entered into eternal rest on April 26, 2022. He was a Veteran of the United States Coast Guard, a retired Deputy Sheriff for Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and a former motor policeman for Plant City Police Department. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Tampa Lodge, and enjoyed hanging out at Fred's Market, fishing, hunting, cooking, and joking. He is survived by sons, Kenneth Byron Helms, and William Garner Helms, both of Plant City, and their mother, Maureen Furney Helms; grandchildren, Brett Michael Helms, and Ashley Anne Helms; and nephew, Jim Helms (Carolyn). Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ So sorry to hear about Bobby he was always smiling. He worked with my dad Johnny Pollock at the sheriffs office.

Debbie Tankersley - June 24, 2022 at 11:33 AM

DJ

“ My condolences and prayers for you all! He was a joke teller!!! God bless you!!

Debbie Johnson - May 02, 2022 at 05:33 PM

CH

“ Bobby Helms was the best joke teller! And the biggest flirt! He lived a life full of laughter and fun. RIP

Carolyn Helms - May 02, 2022 at 02:04 PM

JH

“ Bobby was a Hillsborough County sheriff’s deputy and motorcycle cop at the time. He was on duty when over the police radio he heard of two boys being held for shoplifting at the Plant City jail—one being his nephew—ah, that would be me.

He later told me his first reaction wasn’t shock, but laughter. He said he knew I hadn’t done anything too bad, because he never thought me capable of a felony. He decided to ride his motorcycle to the station to see the action. By the time he got there, our parents had been called and Ken and I fingerprinted and released to our parents without being charged. Bobby recalled later that the police station was abuzz with laughter at the sad scene Ken and I had played out for the entertainment of the entire squad; we were the talk of the police station for weeks.

(From the book "Juvenile Impressions of Plant City" by Jim Helms

Jim Helms - May 01, 2022 at 02:32 PM

JH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jim Helms - May 01, 2022 at 02:17 PM

FO

“ So sorry he was a great guy and was proud to call him a friend

Franklin O'Neal - May 01, 2022 at 11:01 AM