



Mr. Robert "Mike" Michael O'Neal

May 25, 1946 - May 10, 2023

Robert "Mike" Michael O'Neal, 76, of Plant City, born on May 25, 1946, entered into eternal rest on May 10, 2023. He was a lifetime farmer, the first superintendent for the Strawberry Festival Swine Show and Sale, and an avid outdoorsman. He is survived by wife of 56 years, Dada O'Neal; children, Robert "Rob" Michael O'Neal Jr., and Candace "Candy" Watson (Jamie); 4 grandchildren; and many family, and friends. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 11:30 A.M. at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice at <https://www.chaptershealth.org/foundation/lifepathhospice-donation/>. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Ms Dada, our deepest condolences to you and your family. We are so grateful to have known Mr Mike and to have been blessed with such amazing neighbors. The relationship you shared will continue to be an inspiration. His service was beautiful, and brought back memories of Mike yelling to us from the porch, or teaching us about farm life, almost always with a chuckle. He was a sweet, generous man, and we are honored to have been there as he was laid to rest. We're just around the corner if you need anything -- please don't hesitate to ask. We love you! Brian, Jenn & Taylor Cornelius

Jennifer Cornelius - May 15, 2023 at 09:24 PM

PD

“ Our sincere condolences to Dada & the entire O'neal Family. Mike was always the same....
Respectful, Kind and caring. I truly enjoyed listening to the amazing life he shared with Dada, and oh how he could tell it! We've only known him A few years, but it seems like a lifetime. A link at KRP has been broken.....but you will never be forgotten. John & Pinkie Dixon

Pinkie Dixon - May 12, 2023 at 09:06 PM

LG

“ Mike was such an awesome man. I remember spending many days with him and Dada when Rob and Candy were too young to remember. I always felt at home with them. Later, I was on the poultry judging team for PCHS FFA. Mike would let us come out to his farm to let us practice on his chickens. Those were fun days, and he was always smiling, joking, and laughing. I love him , and I will miss him.

LuLe Gay - May 12, 2023 at 01:52 PM

FO

“ Mike was one of the kindest men I ever knew I and will miss my cousin I know he is in heaven with his parents Robert and Ruby O'Neal

Franklin O'Neal - May 12, 2023 at 08:40 AM

PP

“ Mike was a dear friend. As children we grew up in church together. We started 1st grade together and graduated together at TCHS in 1963. We also shared cousins from opposite sides of the family. Our lives were so meshed together, he was more like a brother. He will always have a special spot in my heart. Dada, sending love and prayers of comfort to you, children and grands. ❤️



peggy Peggy - May 11, 2023 at 04:47 PM

CB

Mike and I were among the youngest in the class. I turn 77 tomorrow the 12th and I'm sorry he won't be doing that also after me. He was indeed a gentle Giant with a Farmers Heart. He lived close to me when I lived on Murray Farms Road. I would visit and buy eggs from him. Couldn't get them any fresher. Always with a smile, never a harsh word, I'll see you in Heaven soon my friend!

Clark Barnes - May 11, 2023 at 07:05 PM

DG

“ Ms. Dada, Rob & Candy- y'all are in our prayers. Mr. Mike was an incredibly special man and he will be missed. I can see that clever smile on his face now, so many fun memories. ❤️

Dixie Gillman - May 11, 2023 at 03:24 PM

DS

“ Mike was a awesome friend to Glenn and I .You could never have anyone so caring and concerned for everyone even tho his health wasn't good he was always concerned about how other people was feeling .He was a very kind and gentle giant.We will miss him tremendously. Rest in peace Mike until we meet again you will be forever in our ❤️ We love you. Your friends Glenn & Diane

Diane Smith - May 11, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JF

“ Jimmy Thompson & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Robert "Mike" Michael O'Neal.



Jimmy Thompson & Family - May 11, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the O'Neal family during this time. We will certainly miss seeing Mike at the lake and hearing his wonderful laugh. Much love to you Dada. Nancy and David Cobb

Nancy Cobb - May 11, 2023 at 02:02 PM

JC

“ I don't remember a time that I ever heard Mr O'Neal speak a bad word to or a out anybody . He was always a gentleman and humble . They don't make em any better. Until we see each other again my friend and we will ,your in good company .

James clark - May 11, 2023 at 01:51 PM

DS

Mike was a very caring and very generous man .He was a gentle giant.Always concerned about others more than his self.He knows how much we loved him and how much we are going to miss giving him a fishing report on everyone .Rest in peace Mike until we meet again you will be forever in my heart ❤️

Diane Smith - May 11, 2023 at 02:52 PM

RO

“ Best Dad I could of ever had he's a great man and a great Father I love you Dad and I miss you

Rob O'Neal - May 11, 2023 at 01:46 PM

LH

So sorry for such a great loss in your family. Prayers are with you, Lala Harrell (cousin)

Lala harrell - May 11, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DW

He was a great Swine Show Chairman and friend. In addition he was also a great mentor and youth supporter for our community. Dan Walden

Dan Walden - May 11, 2023 at 03:49 PM

LB

I was so saddened to learn of Mike's passing. He was a very special and kind hearted person. I have fond memories of time spent with you, Dada, and Mike, when you were 4-H club leaders. Mike always had a big smile and a hearty laugh. May God grant you the comfort only He can.

linda budd - May 11, 2023 at 06:22 PM

EB

Sorry to hear of your loss. Great memories at the lake. God bless. Eleanor Burris

Eleanor Burris - May 12, 2023 at 03:29 PM