



## Mr. Robert Unger

January 29, 2014

UNGER, Robert, 59, of Lithia, Florida, entered into glory on January 29, 2014, after succumbing to complications of an equestrian accident. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy, having served as a radioman during the Vietnam War era. He retired from the Hillsborough Sheriff's Office as a Master Sergeant after serving for 33 years as a Deputy Sheriff; beginning as a correctional officer, street deputy, K-9 officer, property detective, street corporal, sergeant of internal affairs for 9 years, and then sergeant of a highly effective street crimes unit. He served at five hurricane disasters in Florida, and was innovative in introducing the use of K-9s into Street crimes units and was the first to combine K-9s and helicopters in search operations. He was an active member of his church, teaching Sunday School for 22 years and serving as lay leader. He is remembered as a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandpa and faithful Christian. He was a friend to everyone he met and demonstrated kindness to animals domestic and wild. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, son, daughter, and 4 grandchildren, who were the light of his life. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 1 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 5049 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Black Dagger Military Hunt Club at [www.blackdaggermhc.org](http://www.blackdaggermhc.org). Expressions of condolence at [www.wecare.io](http://www.wecare.io).



# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Stephen Catholic Church  
5049 Bell Shoals Road  
Valrico, FL

## Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GL

“ PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES DURING THIS TIME OF YOUR LOSS. MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING “GOD IS NEAR TO THOSE BROKEN AT HEART AND THOSE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT HE SAVES.” PSALM 34:18

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**Glenda** - February 03, 2014 at 06:55 PM

JG

“ As incredible as it may sound, I only learned of Robert 's passing too late to attend his memorial service, it however will not change my memories of him. I spent numerous years working with and around "Bob" and will forever remember him as one of the most professional person I have ever met in my 39 years of Military and Law Enforcement careers. I had the opportunity to met him once more after his tragic accident and although severely restricted physically, I found him to be grateful for being alive and appreciative of all his friends. One of the courageous person I have known. My sincere condolences to the Unger family and his friends, he will be surely missed by all of us. Jacques Girard and Family.

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**Jacques Girard** - February 02, 2014 at 07:18 AM

WF

“ We have known Robert Unger for many years. He was a fine man and a big help when our son past away. Our family wants to extended our deepest sympathy at your loss. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers always and forever. The Wisner Family

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**Wisner Family** - February 01, 2014 at 06:46 PM

LB

“ Although we did not know Robert Unger, we wish to express our sympathy to his fine son and the rest of the family. You will be in our prayers and thoughts through the coming days. Jim & Linda Barriage

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**Linda Barriage** - February 01, 2014 at 10:00 AM

LC

“ Bob was my Sergeant at one time. He was a fair man and listened to concerns of others. He will be missed by so many who's lives he touched. May he rest in peace in his heavenly home.

*Master Sgt. Lori Cain, Retired*



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**Lori Cain** - February 01, 2014 at 08:33 AM

PB

“ Hank and I were blessed to have known Bob and to have been in a home Bible Study with him for several years. Bob was remarkable. You could see the lovingkindness of our Lord Jesus shining throughout Bob's life. He exhibited strength thru gentleness and kindness towards others. He extended grace and friendship to all. He embraced life and family regardless of circumstances. May we all learn how to live life thru his example. He will be truly missed. Now he is fully restored to good health in the presence of our Lord and Saviour. Thank you Bob for being you.

*Patricia Bellairs*

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**Patricia Bellairs** - February 01, 2014 at 08:30 AM

KT

“ I first met Bob when his daughter, Naomi, volunteered the entire family to help me move. The first thing he said to me was, "Hi, I'm Bob. Let's get you moved!" I have loved him and the entire clan ever since. What an amazing example of a family sticking together through all the adversity life has thrown their way. I am so honored to have known him, and grateful to be a friend of this incredible family.

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**Kirsten Tofte** - February 01, 2014 at 04:35 AM

PB

“ My life has been blessed to have known and worked with Bob for many years. I wasn't aware of his equestrian accident until viewing on-line photos yesterday. The love of life and determination are still very visible in those eyes. Bob has heard the welcoming words of our Lord that we all hope to hear some day. He was a good and faithful servant here amongst us and I'm certain the love he had for the Lord has restored him whole. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and many friends.  
*Philip & Konnie Beauregard*

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**Philip Beauregard** - January 31, 2014 at 05:57 PM

DL

“ Bob is truly a one-of-a-kind person. His gentle soul and kindness to all will always be treasured by those who were blessed to have known him. I am one of those people. I was lucky enough to have known him for 39 years. He will be sorely missed.

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**Donna Lulay** - January 31, 2014 at 03:53 PM

JM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was my Cpl. when I was in patrol, and not only was he one of the best, he was a genuinely good person. He will be sorely missed by so many of us. May he rest beneath the wings of St. Michael.

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**Jan Masson** - January 31, 2014 at 03:48 PM

SW

“ Bob is one of those people that you are truly happy to have met. I have only known Bob for a few years, but the strength, grace and good humor he shared will always be remembered.

*Scott Westgate*

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**Scott westgate** - January 31, 2014 at 07:56 AM



DW

“ Our Lord has received a wonderful man, may he rest in peace. My prayers and strength are with the family.

*Darlene*

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**Darlene Westgate** - January 31, 2014 at 07:01 AM

