



Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr.

August 5, 1954 - July 4, 2021

Ronald L. Ayers, Sr., 66, of Orange Park, Florida, born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 5, 1954, entered into eternal rest on July 4, 2021. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and Army, a member of the NRA, and Passion Center for Worship in Lakeland. He loved his family dearly, enjoyed coaching Lakeland Saints youth football, and racing motorcycles, and was an avid fan of NASCAR. He is survived by wife of 30 years, Gail Ayers; children, Ronald L. Ayers, Jr. (Malonie) of Lakeland, Jon Ayers (Tina) of Deland, Samantha Williams of Lakeland, and Heather Sawtelle (Teddy) of Lakeland; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Woody Ayers, Jr. (Karen), and Cherie Sumner (Jeff). Preceded in death by his parents Woodrow and Margaret Ayers and brother, Roger Ayers. A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 10 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road, 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Graveside committal with military honors to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Passion Center for Worship at pc4w.org. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 10, 2021 at 02:00 PM

KH

Watching this video again throwback so many memories of knowing the man I used to call my boss but in reality he was like a dad he always made sure I was okay he almost made sure I made it to work okay and he always made sure that I made it home okay I will miss him each and every day and I will celebrate his birthday in each and every way and it was up there with my mom and dad and my mom's probably driving him crazy but it's okay at least I know he will be laughing every step of the way we love you Ron we will miss you God please watch over each and every one of the family as they journey through this tragedy give them the strength to continue on just like he would want to

Kathy toro high - July 13, 2021 at 10:26 PM



It was good knowing you Ron.

Robert Montgomerie

Robert Montgomerie - September 15, 2021 at 11:42 PM



It was good knowing you Ron.

Robert Montgomerie - September 15, 2021 at 11:43 PM



Was there anyone there to carry that prick's casket?

Kirk Morgan - October 11, 2021 at 01:56 PM

ES

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and the entire family during this most difficult time.*

*Our sincere condolences,
Brian & Elizabeth Sheppard*



Elizabeth Sheppard - July 12, 2021 at 10:16 AM

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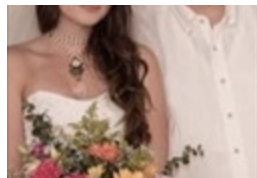
“ *Kaitlin Sawtelle-O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr.*



Kaitlin Sawtelle-O'Brien - July 10, 2021 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Pastors we do not need anymore hot tub comfort religion, we need to hear the true gospel, that is the TRUTH. The only way to heaven is through JESUS! Being good isn't the way, helping people isn't the way, singing isn't the way, while all of those are good, the only way is to confess your sin to JESUS and follow his WORD everyday. - Grandpa 🙏😔❤️*



Kaitlin Sawtelle-O'Brien - July 10, 2021 at 10:53 AM

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“ Woody Ayers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr.



woody ayers - July 09, 2021 at 07:49 PM

WA

“ Ron you were my best friend and brother you were there for me no matter what our 40 years of working side by side day by day I will never regret a single day you were boss and friends with everyone and everyone had a fair shake from you you had compassion for all your time as a coach did not end with football it carried on to our business and you we're always there thick thin and dark times They will never be another one like you You we're like my dad you always stood by me and I will never forget you or the love you had for everyone I will see you on the other side one day and we will never have to say so long love you big brother always woody ayers

woody ayers - July 09, 2021 at 07:48 PM

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Kaitlin Sawtelle-O'Brien - July 10, 2021 at 10:55 AM

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Kaitlin Sawtelle-O'Brien - July 10, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JC

“ Jordan and I want to send our condolences to you and your family. Our hearts will be with you at this trying time. Hugs from both of us

Rhoda Cokee

jordan and rhoda cokee - July 09, 2021 at 05:27 PM

EL

“ Uncle Ron you will always have a huge place in my heart. You were not just an uncle you were a friend and mentor. You loved with your whole heart and everyone around you knew it. You cared for everyone and especially your family. I will always remember our talks and snap chats. You never judged me and treated me as one of your own. I love you so much. I know your wings are beautiful! Prayers and love to all of the family. You will never ever be forgotten! I love you and miss you!
Love always
Emily Lemons



Emily Lemons - July 09, 2021 at 12:26 PM

EL

“ Emily Lemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr.



Emily Lemons - July 09, 2021 at 12:21 PM

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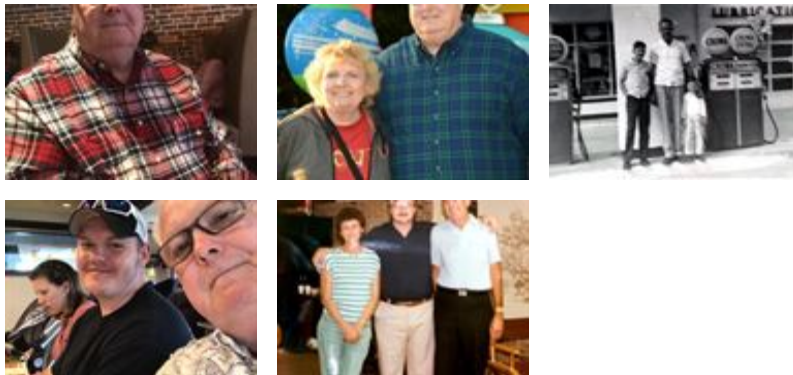
“Ronnie has been our friend since 7th grade - and, as one of the Big Three, he has been one of my best friends for over 50 years. Smart, funny, tough, he had your back, was there when you needed him, and a loyal, dependable friend. Shared so many great times and great memories. Had a blast hanging out with him, at school, at events, going to their house, Mr. Ayers station, then over the years always enjoyed getting to catch up with him. The years would melt away like it had been no time at all since we were just kids. We did not expect to say our good-byes so soon and it still does not seem real that we have come to this parting of the ways. Miss you already. We will see you again on the other side. Thank you for your great friendship for all of these years. Wouldn't take anything for it!
Jim and Dana Fortinberry



Jim Fortinberry - July 08, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 08, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr..



July 08, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr..



July 08, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ Uncle Ron , I will always remember the times I had with you, the advice and wisdom you would give me . I wake up every morning and I think about you and all the good times. This man was like my 2nd dad ,good bad or ugly you ALWAYS HAD MY BACK. The days where I'd need major help you were always there , now I am going to look up and talk not at you that's all. The world said good bye to a gentle, wise ,smart , funny caring man ,and I have to say good bye to my best friend. Thank you for 10+ years of DAILY mentoring (personal & professional) .not sure what's next for me but I know you are in HEAVEN chilling with boss ! Say hey to rob granny and boss for me . I LOVE ❤️ YOU BIG GUY 💔😭



woody ayers 111 - July 08, 2021 at 12:08 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Toro High sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr.*



Kathy toro high - July 08, 2021 at 06:48 AM

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“ *I have known this man since I was 19 he never thought I would turn into who I was and the way I handled myself in the office he always used to call me the tornado Toro cuz he know I had no problem getting the job done or taking care of business he was there when I needed him the most when my mom and dad died he was there when my husband passed away and he was always there whenever I broke down or needed to fix on my car so many memories I will recall from him he was like my second dad my friend my mentor and my colleague is not just the memories that he leaves behind is the impact that he left on my life I will miss him each and every day remembering the last phone call we had remembering the last visit we had cherish your memories cuz you never know when they're going to end rest in peace Ron we will miss you*

Kathy toro high - July 08, 2021 at 06:47 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr..*



July 07, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr..*



July 07, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Franklin O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr.*



Franklin O'Neal - July 07, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Andrew Williamson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr..*



Andrew Williamson - July 07, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Andy, Laura, and Garrett Williamson purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Ronald L. Ayers Sr..*



Andy, Laura, and Garrett Williamson - July 07, 2021 at 01:31 PM