



## Mr. Rowland B. Ax

December 3, 2015

Rowland B. Ax, 81, of Plant City, Florida, and born in Detroit, Michigan, entered into eternal rest on December 3, 2015. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and Army, and was a member of Pleasant Grove Assembly of God. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy A. Ax; children, Jim Ax (Sally) of Lakeland, Mike Ax (Ann) of Massachusetts, and Linda Sapp (Rocky) of Lakeland; brother, Richard Ax of Michigan; and 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Virginia Ax. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 8 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where a Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 11:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Cemetery

East County Civic Group  
FL 33567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Celebration of Life

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rowland B. Ax



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 08, 2015 at 02:01 PM

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“Mr. Ax, I am sorry to hear of your passing. But I want you to know that your Christian life was not overlooked or forgotten. To begin with, you and Bonnie raised your family right, and when I was your almost next door neighbor, your children, Jimmy, Mike, and Linda were good neighbors and friends to me as a child. Last I heard, your children are still serving The Lord, to this day – thanks to your family's good upbringing. In fact, even to this day, Jimmy often reminds me of how important it is to remain faithful to our Merciful God, as we grow closer to the end times in these scary last days. I also appreciate that you let me mow your grass on several occasions when I was much younger – and held me to the highest standards of quality to mow behind your pool (which I had somehow overlooked as a kid), teaching me personal responsibility, even as a youth. And, while I couldn't make it, you attended the funeral of our next-door neighbor, Mr. Pendergrass – and sang – and encouraged me, by word and example & role model, to try hard to make important events, and to not give up. (And your sense of humor was not bad either: you asked me once how many 'Watts' was I, a play on my name!) But even when you were quite old, I have not forgotten how you let me fill up my car's radiator with water when I was visiting my mother's house just a few years back, and my car was overheating. Even in your latter years, you were faithful to Jesus. – I am sorry that I could not make your funeral, but I did not find out until afterwards. – I grieve with your family and friends at your passing, but I have hope for the future: I wish you the best blessings in your continued journeys, now that you have passed on from us: there is hope in Jesus' saving power, our Savior (John 3:16) and our only perfect Role Model and Example (John 13:15; I Peter 2:21) – and Ultimate Healer.

Gordon Wayne Watts  
Lakeland, Fla.

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Gordon Wayne Watts - December 10, 2015 at 01:26 AM

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*Thank you so much for those kind words. I'm so glad to know our family, and my father had such an impact on your life. Daddy is home with the Lord, and I like to think reunited with his mom and dad, brothers, and sisters, and our dear, beloved mother Bonnie. Let's keep looking to "our perfect role model" our savior Jesus Christ until he comes back to retrieve us, or it's our time to pass out of this old body to be with the Lord. Linda Ax Sapp*

Linda Sapp - January 05, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rowland B. Ax.*



December 07, 2015 at 02:27 PM

SG

“ *Sorry for the loss to his family but so happy he is now in the presence of our great Lord.*

Stanford Gidley - December 07, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Rowland B. Ax.*



December 07, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 06, 2015 at 12:56 PM