

Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr.

July 29, 1937 - April 10, 2021

Roy Dean Gaither, Sr., 83, of Plant City, Florida, moved to his eternal home on April 10, 2021. He was born in Sikeston, Missouri on July 29, 1937, and moved to Florida in 1938. He earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree, and worked 27 years at Peace River Center in Bartow where he retired as Executive Director in 1998. He enjoyed construction work, travel, and socializing with family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Gynelle; children, Roy D. Gaither Jr. (Gayle), Cheryl Carlisle, and Connie Lucas; brother, Wyndell Gaither; sister, Patsy Martin; grandsons, Matthew Carlisle, Brad Carlisle, A.J. Gaither, and David Gaither; 8 great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy C. and Mary Gaither; siblings, Vivian, Ina Bremer, and twin Ray G. A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 15 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Graveside committal to follow at Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, Brandon. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at [Facebook.com/HopewellFuneral](https://www.facebook.com/HopewellFuneral). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice at <https://lifepathhospice.chaptershealth.org> or with a check payable to Chapters Health Foundation to 3010 W. Azeele Street, Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33609. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](https://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

Cemetery Details

Hillsboro Memorial Gardens

2323 W Brandon Blvd
Brandon, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Funeral Service

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Live-Streamed Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 14, 2021 at 10:03 PM

KB

“ i knew Roy Gaither, as he hired me at University Community hospital., he was the manager of the Accounting Dept. I just thought Roy was the best boss i ever had in my many years and i sent him notes to say just that. this was back in the 70's. I am so, so sorry to hear he died, i talked to him a few times over the years. He was a wonderful man and i will always miss Roy. Sincerely, kathy brady.

kathleen brady - June 15, 2021 at 03:40 PM

JH

“ I was honored to work with Roy at Peace River Center. He was a trusted mentor and a dear friend. We always appreciated his rich laugh and sense of humor. He cared deeply about the people we served and the staff, giving his time, talents, and resources to each of us and the community. He showed us how to be better people. I offer my sincere condolences to your family. Jacque Wolfe Henderson

Jacque Wolfe Henderson - April 15, 2021 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ A great guy with a great family. Always kind and encouraging.

Janice Beaty - April 15, 2021 at 07:38 AM

BG

“ Shared with me by Carol Sharp, Director of Information Technology at Peace River Center... Roy was CEO when I was hired at Peace River. He owned a plant Nursery and brought in plants for all the staff offices. I'm not good with plants but somehow managed to keep it alive. I brought the plant to the Main St Office from Hwy 17 when we moved in 2004. One day years later it bloomed with a big beautiful white flower. I was so excited I called Roy and told him, "The plant you gave me 20 years ago has bloomed!" In Roy's typical sense of humor he replied, "I'm glad one of them survived! I must have carried 100 in there." Roy was a generous giver of time and talents to staff and the people we serve every day. A great man.

Carol Sharp
Director of Information Technology
Peace River Center

Bill Gardam - April 15, 2021 at 12:07 AM

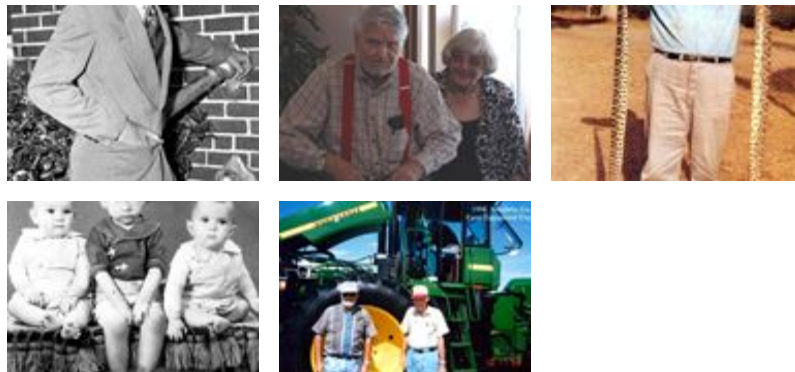
BG

“ Roy was a great guy. Roy was the CEO at Peace River Center when I (David Blackwelder) was hired to open the food service operations for Peace River. Me and my staff were helping to unload boxes and moving around furnishings on a large flat cart when Roy showed up at one of our facilities. I remember he jumped on the cart I was pushing down the hall and asked for a ride. He had a great sense of humor and heart for the people we serve. We've lost a great man. David Blackwelder

Bill Gardam - April 15, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 14, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Love, Mitchell & Vicki Aman purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr..*



Love, Mitchell & Vicki Aman - April 14, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ *Cheryl, we are so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Although we are unable to attend his funeral we wanted you to know we are thinking of you and your family. Our deepest sympathies to you and your entire family.*

Jerry & Pauline Gschwender - April 14, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr..*



April 14, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *I was very sorry to learn of Mr. Gaither's passing. I came to know him back in the 1970s when Connie invited me on a family vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Gaither hauled us and a pop-up camper across the country. It was a trip I will never forget. While out West, we stopped at authentic general stores, saw real cowboys, visited multiple state and national parks, and and took in the general splendor of the open land. While the camping did not stick, the love of travel did. I am remembering Mr. Gaither fondly today. My deepest sympathies are with Mrs. Gaither, Connie, and the rest of the Gaither family.*

Cheryl Boles Roggensack

Cheryl Roggensack - April 14, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Don & Ruth Glass Livezey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr..*



Don & Ruth Glass Livezey - April 14, 2021 at 02:06 PM

AV

“ Roy Dean was the Tom Brady of the 1955 Gobblers highly successful football team . One of his best performances was the last game of the season , (Our Super Bowl) against Plant City . Gobblers 32 Plant City 9 . The Buc's were not as proud this year as we were then .Thanks again Gator

AI Varnum - April 14, 2021 at 11:45 AM

AV

“ AI & June Varnum purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr..



AI & June Varnum - April 14, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr..



April 13, 2021 at 07:14 PM

DL

“ Daniel Lewis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Roy Dean Gaither, Sr..



Daniel Lewis - April 13, 2021 at 06:31 PM