



Mr. Russell Peavyhouse

April 30, 1937 - August 29, 2017

Russell Peavyhouse, 80, slipped quietly from his physical body on August 29, 2017, to enter a fuller, richer relationship with God, whom he has followed since childhood.

Russ was born on April 30, 1937 in Pickett County, Tennessee and was the oldest child of Justine Richardson Peavyhouse and Kenneth Abraham Peavyhouse. After graduation from Carson Newman University (B.A.) and Stetson Law School (J.D.), he practiced law in Hillsborough County from 1963 until 2007. Russ was a key leader in his church all of his adult life, serving in numerous capacities including Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. He taught for over 55 years at Spencer Memorial Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Brandon, and South Tampa Fellowship. Well done, good and faithful servant.

He is survived by four siblings, Phillip Clayton Peavyhouse (Saundra), Janet Peavyhouse Maxim, Rita Peavyhouse Paulich (Don), and James Stephen Peavyhouse (Janet). Russ married Faye Leavins in 1959 and is survived by her; 2 daughters, Julie Ann Peavyhouse Melnyk (Andrew), and Amy Jo Peavyhouse Wilde (Matt); former son-in-law, RJ Quezon; six grandchildren, Stefan Melnyk, Jaime Quezon, Gabrielle Quezon, Christopher Melnyk, Caleb Quezon, and Jencen Wilde; and a large extended family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 31 from 5:30-8:00 P.M. at Epicurean Hotel Ballroom, 1207 S Howard Ave, Tampa 33606, a graveside committal service will be held on Friday, September 1 at 9:00 A.M. at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, 6005 S County Road, Plant City, and A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, September 1 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Brandon (live stream at www.fbcbrandon.org). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

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

AUG 31. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Epicurean Hotel
1207 S Howard Ave
Tampa, FL 33606
<https://epicureanhotel.com>

Graveside Service

SEP 1. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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

First Baptist Brandon
216 N. Parsons Ave
Brandon, FL

Tribute Wall

KF

“ I join my brother Brigg in thanking Mr. Peavyhouse for being a friend to my late Dad and to my family. We need more men like him.

Kirkland D Foster - November 02, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JG

“ We have been out of the country so we could not be with you to honor Russ. We were saddened to find out about his passing. Russ was a legal hero and mentor for me. I first met him when I was in college and he came on campus for a debate. Later, he was my professor in law school and then we were law partners for many years. I was honored to work at his side and share my chosen career with him. He was also a spiritual mentor to me and he helped me grow in my faith. We were partners in law, partners in business ventures and partners in our faith. My heart reaches out to Faye, Julie and Amy in this time of loss and family transition. May the good Lord watch over you all.

John Grant

John Grant - September 02, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ I remember the first time I met Russ. He was just out of law school and came highly recommended by the dean at Stetson, if I recall right. I was a young man working in/out of my Dad's law offices, Ben Sidwell and Cliff Cheatwood. Russ was a wonderful young man, and a terrific young lawyer, to boot. My prayers are with you all, and with Russ' soul, soaring and enjoying his new life....

Bil Sidwell

Bil Sidwell - September 01, 2017 at 03:20 PM

BF

“ Russ was a true gentleman and a man my father was proud to call a dear friend. He will be surely missed by all who loved him. Thoughts and Prayers to your family.
Brigdon K. Foster. (Brigg)

Brigdon K. Foster - September 01, 2017 at 10:04 AM

BS

“ We were so very saddened to hear of Russ' going home to his Father. Praying that the Holy Spirit Comforter will hold you close in His arms of Grace during this new time in your lives. God grace you, Faye, with His quiet love and assurance.
With much love, your cousin, Bev and Ron Schiro

Beverly Schiro - August 31, 2017 at 04:24 PM

BG

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family, especially to Faye, on Russ's passing. May God sustain and comfort you. *Bob & Elsie Garner*

Bob Garner - August 31, 2017 at 10:51 AM

CH

“ *CB,Marty, Char, Karen, Nancy, Bill, Shellie, Harry purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. Russell Peavyhouse.*



CB,Marty, Char, Karen, Nancy, Bill, Shellie, Harry - August 30, 2017 at 02:50 PM