



Mr. Shields D. Gay III

January 3, 1938 - May 22, 2018

Shields D. Gay III, 80, of Plant City, Florida, born in Tampa on January 3, 1938, entered into eternal rest on May 22, 2018. He graduated from Plant High School in Tampa, and the University of Miami, where he played football. He was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and he loved his family more than anything. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sybil Gay; children, Shields D. Gay IV, Jimmy Harwell (Valerie), Billy Harwell (Shelly), Kevin Gay (Sherry), and Patti Harrell (Mike); sister, Sheila Mainwaring (John); 12 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 26 at 2:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Instead of sending flowers, Shields would have preferred everyone send memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, support.woundedwarriorproject.org/. Expressions of condolence at 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

MAY 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 26. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RT

“ Rick & I knew Shields and considered him a great friend. Spent lots of time with him & Sybil boating, fishing, going to the keys, lobstering & Bahama trips. You are loved and will be missed by us both.

Rick & Mavis Terrell

Rick & Mavis Terrell - May 26, 2018 at 11:14 AM

EH

“ I have so many fond memories of Mr. Gay I wouldn't know where to start. He was a part of my best childhood years. He was my fathers best friend and like a favorite Uncle to me. I will never forget him and I'd like to think that his fine example was partly responsible for who I am as a person today. I will miss you forever.

Ed Harrington - May 25, 2018 at 10:50 PM

AM

“ I have so many fond memories of Shields and the time we spent at Madison Jr. High and Plant High. He was truly a great person, a terrific football player and most importantly a friend to all those who knew him. We had some great times at Plant that will never be forgotten both on and off the football field. My heart goes out to his family for their loss but they still have those wonderful memories of the husband, father and grand parent he was. God bless you Shields, you truly will be missed by all those who knew and loved you.

Your friend and team mate,

Al Malone

Class of 57

Al Malone - May 25, 2018 at 07:22 PM

JH

“ Shields raised me and taught me so many things. Two of the most influential things were the love & importants of family & the outdoors. I love & appreciate you papa.

Jimmy Harwell - May 25, 2018 at 05:08 PM

EC

“ To the family of Gay, I send you my deepest regrets at this sad time...Plant High Alumni Eddie Contreras

Ed Contreras - May 25, 2018 at 03:20 PM

SS

“ I think back to Plant High school days in the 50s when he was dating my cousin Berdina Tarr. I always did like Shields. Praying for the family.
Skipper Smith

skipper smith - May 24, 2018 at 10:07 PM

CH

“ I know he is enjoying his heavenly home ! He will be missed by many ! Praying for the Lords comfort to you all 🙏 Love Cheryl Buell

Cheryl - May 24, 2018 at 06:53 PM

PJ

“ Pamela & Kyle Jacobs purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Shields D. Gay III.



Pamela & Kyle Jacobs - May 24, 2018 at 06:27 PM

PS

“ Patsy Cronier Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shields D. Gay III



Patsy Cronier Sawyer - May 24, 2018 at 04:26 PM

PS

“ Huge condolences to family and loved ones! His name is synonymous of PHS of which he was a classmate loved and respected by all. So sorry to know he's gone from this world..
Patsy Cronier Sawyer

Patsy Cronier Sawyer - May 24, 2018 at 04:26 PM

FY

“ Fuel "Guys" & "Gal" - We Love You!!! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Shields D. Gay III.



Fuel "Guys" & "Gal" - We Love You!!! - May 24, 2018 at 04:16 PM

PS

“ Nancy & I send our condolences to the family. Paul & Nancy Schneider

Paul & Nancy Schneider - May 24, 2018 at 03:19 PM

GG

So sorry to hear of the loss of this great man and family friend. It was always a pleasure to be in your presences while hunting and growing up. Thank you for being a friend. You will be missed until we meet again. Greg Guagliardo Tally Jr.

Greg Guagliardo - May 24, 2018 at 09:41 PM

RT

Shields was a big part of our neighborhood pickup football crowd growing up in Tampa. A good guy and gentle giant!

Raleigh Truitt - April 10, 2020 at 08:46 AM

GA

“ *Rest In Peace Shields and know that you were loved* 🙏

Gail Allen - May 24, 2018 at 06:48 AM

BW

Shields and Sybil worked with my husband at Luke's Brothers and they are special friends. Shields RIP good buddy. We miss hearing from you so much. We hope you are doing better Sybil.

bonny whidden - July 11, 2018 at 12:14 AM