



Mr. Starkey Lee Tharrington Jr.

December 4, 1929 - June 25, 2020

Starkey Lee Tharrington, Jr., 90, of Plant City, Florida, born on December 4, 1929 in Epsom, North Carolina, entered into eternal rest on June 25, 2020. He was a veteran of the United States Marines Corp. Starkey was the first x-ray technician at South Florida Baptist Hospital when it opened in 1953. In later years he worked for various physicians in Lakeland, Tampa, and Winter Haven doing x-ray and lab work. He was a longstanding member of First Baptist Church of Plant City. Starkey was a Mason, a member of the Plant City Civitan Club, and a volunteer at the Straz Center in Tampa. He liked being on his computer, watching sports, and game shows, travelling, working out at the YMCA, doing crossword puzzles and card games. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janet Tharrington; children, Starkey "Lee" Tharrington, III (Lynn), and Rebecca "Becky" DeGraaf (Rob); grandchildren, Jennifer Tharrington, Cynthia Tharrington, and Levi DeGraaf; siblings, Martha McMahan, Kinwood Tharrington (Jerry), and Larry Tharrington (Virginia); and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Starkey was preceded in death by his parents, Starkey Lee Tharrington, Sr., and Mattie Pearl Hedgepeth Tharrington; and sisters, Juanita Ayscue, Thelma Poythress, Mildred Palenchar, and Naomi Stanton. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 1 from 10-11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, followed by a funeral service at 11:00. Due to COVID-19, seating will be limited, and masks are required. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at facebook.com/hopewellfuneral (if needed,

email office@hopewellfuneral.com for further details). Interment in Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice at chaptershealth.org, and/or First Baptist Church Building Fund at fbcpc.com. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Starkey Lee Tharrington Jr.*



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 30, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Mrs Tharrington and Family,*

So sorry to hear of this today. May The Lord give you all peace during this time.

Rusty and Laura Feaster

Laura Feaster - July 15, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Janet:*

Marilyn and i send our love. You and starkey have been specialj friends. We have shared many great experiences .god bless. Our prayers are with you and your family.

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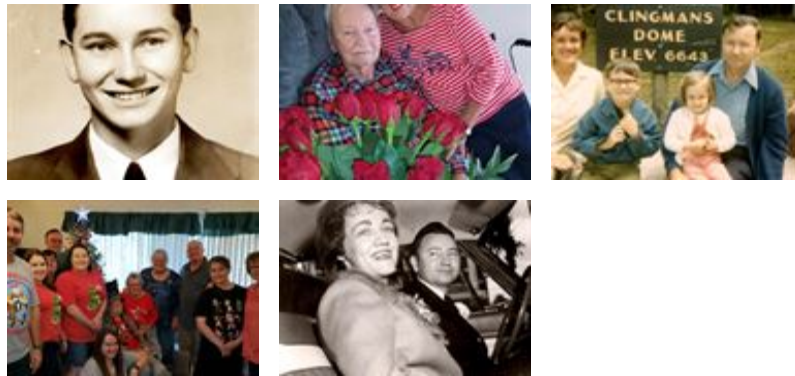
YC

“ Janet, I am sorry to hear about Starkey, Jim and I send our regards to family. I worked with Starkey at SFBH and he hired me to work at LOC in Lakeland. He was always very kind and I will always remember his laugh. His sister Martha and I were classmates at PCHS. Prayers and Love to family. Jim and Yuvonne Cameron, Opp, AL.

Yuvonne Cameron - June 30, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 30, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Please accept our condolences during this difficult time.

Nancy and Stephanie Shoe

Stephanie Shoe - June 29, 2020 at 05:39 PM

EH

“ Elvin and I want you to know that we love you and are praying for God's richest blessing of peace to be with you during these difficult days. We count it a blessing to have been a friend to Starkey. He was special. Love and prayers are with you Janet and family.

Elvin & Lucille Hall - June 29, 2020 at 04:11 PM

MD

“ Janet and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Starkey's passing. He loved his family and was gracious and kind to everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We hope to see you when it is possible to visit again.

Donald and Martha Dixon

Martha Dixon - June 28, 2020 at 04:53 PM



CM

“ I am so sorry I won't be able to attend his ceremony this week. I will always remember how much Starkey loved having Buttercup (my dog) visit him and give and receive love to/from her. I will miss him very much.

Carol DeGraaf Maietta - June 28, 2020 at 03:40 PM

JN

“ Janet, we are do sorry to here of Starkey's passing you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you

joe & Kathy Newsome - June 28, 2020 at 09:16 AM

CH

May God Bless You During This Time. We Know He Is With The Lord Watching Over Us. Love Myrle And Tomi Henry and Cheri And Kevin Ennis

cheriEnnis - June 28, 2020 at 07:40 PM