



## Mr. Virgil W. Oglesby

November 8, 1929 - July 29, 2020

Virgil W. Oglesby, 90, of Brandon, Florida, born on November 8, 1929 in Lewisburg, Kentucky, entered into eternal rest on July 29, 2020. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel and Special Forces Green Beret with the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam and Korean Wars, and earning the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Flying Cross. After his service, he became an author, publishing 26 novels in the military, suspense, and action genres. He enjoyed fishing, and was an avid fan of the Kentucky Wildcats basketball team. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Grace Self Oglesby; children, Steve Oglesby, Jeff Oglesby, Eric Oglesby, Jim Self, and Scott Self; 15 grandchildren; sister, Betty Oglesby Whitescarber; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, extended family, and friends. Interment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a Christian organization of your choice. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Hopewell Memorial Gardens**

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# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Colonel 20 years ago you walked into Stowers funeral home in Brandon, FLORIDA to my fathers funeral. You were both about the same age and had served together in the army. Your entrance made an indelible mark on my family as you told and recounted the stories of combat you and my father experiencing Vietnam. He never spoke of those stories and, in fact, never advised that he was an infantry man.

*How could my family and I have ignored the insignia on his chest and shoulders and thank that he was nothing more than a medic or a motor officer? You enlightened us and told us stories that we would not have believed , had they been told to us otherwise, but your versions resonated. You gave my mother a signed copy of your book “watch for the jaguar“ where in you stated that some of those stories were based on the adventures of you and my father.*

*I now have that book as I inherited it from my mother since she has now passed away close to around the time that you did. oh how I wish I could've been at your funeral had I known to pay you the respects and courtesy that you showed my father and my family. I hope you and he are having a few drinks up there and heaven. Thank you for your service and thank you for the friendship to my father The office spoke of his comrades and of you fondly. You said back in 2005 that you and my father had lost contact about 20 years before, but I think it was fate that you ended up in the same city in the end. Rest well And say hi to mom.*

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Jason D. Montes, Esq. - June 18, 2024 at 11:11 PM

RP

“ He was a friend of my father. They worked together in Lakeland. He gave us his wonderful dog, named Cleo. He will be missed.  
*Rebecca Clark Parrish.*

Rebecca Clark Parrish - April 18, 2024 at 02:48 AM

DL

“ Sorry for your loss my Sweet friend



Denise Lord - April 20, 2021 at 10:28 AM

VP

“ Grace and Virgil were treasured neighbors and friends while I lived in Brandon. He was a very special man - always thoughtful and giving, trying to do his absolute best each day for those around him. While we are sad to learn of his passing, I am absolutely sure he walks with the Lord. Prayers to his beloved Grace and family -

*Vanessa Perez  
Jacksonville, Fl*

vanessa n perez - February 16, 2021 at 05:42 PM

DB

“ Just learned of Virgil's passing. So sorry for his family and friends. What a wonderful man and true American hero. Rest in peace brave soldier!

*Dr. Patrick Bowers*

Dr. Patrick Bowers - January 30, 2021 at 12:27 AM

LT

“ Papa visiting Georgia and snuggling with Shelby.



Lyndsey Thomas - August 07, 2020 at 09:44 PM

LT

“ Papa and his middle son, Jefferd skydiving for his 70th birthday.



Lyndsey Thomas - August 07, 2020 at 09:42 PM

LR

“ Papa’s son Jeff, with his 3 grandsons (Which would be Virgils 3 great-grandsons).

*The oldest Elliott (middle 2 years), Everette (Right side, 8 months),  
And Oliver (Left side, 11 months).*



Lauren Russell - August 07, 2020 at 09:22 PM

LR

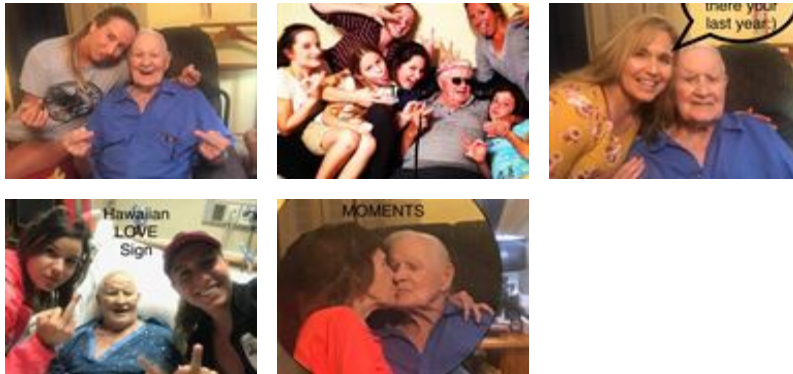
“ Papa & I on one of our visits.



Lauren Russell - August 07, 2020 at 09:19 PM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - August 07, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 06:19 PM

MP

“ Mrs Grace and the Crew: Trey and I extend our heartfelt condolences. Our sympathy and prayers are with all of you. Virgil was a great hero and patriot, we will miss the Colonel and his sense of humor until we see him again in Heaven. We love you all.

Marie Pimperl - August 03, 2020 at 10:52 AM

TH

“ I am sorry to hear about Mr. Oglesby's death. He was a friend of my Mom's from childhood in Lewisburg KY. They reconnected several years ago at the funeral home there. She enjoyed the books he sent that he wrote and his calls once in awhile. He would email me for a while to check on her but lost contact with him a few years ago. My Mom died in May and I was looking to see if I could find out any information on him and found the obituary. I will be remembering you all in prayer.

Tangela Heltsley - August 03, 2020 at 01:41 AM

BA

“ Grace and family: During this time of separation and grief, I pray that our Heavenly Father will fill your hearts with the peace and comfort that only HE can give . We have not lost Virgil. We know that he is in Heaven and that we will see him again. There is a great reunion day coming.

BRUCE AYRES - August 01, 2020 at 07:37 PM

GS

Grace, thinking of you all . A great Patriot has won his final battle and enjoying his victory in the presence of His Savior, Jesus Christ. Hugging you in my heart. ❤️🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

Gerri Skipper - August 03, 2020 at 08:08 AM

VG

*Grace, thinking of you and family during this trying time. The Lord will have his hand upon you. He is at peace with Savior. Jesus Christ. Huggs*

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**Vince & Kathy Guagliardo** - August 03, 2020 at 11:31 AM

RS

*Sorry Praying you*

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**raul kajander sr** - August 03, 2020 at 04:40 PM

MH

*“ May Grace and all the family be assured of my prayers. I have many of his novels on my bookshelf. He was always a gracious man and an honor to know. I thank God for him and his service to our country. I will have Ahava Baptist Church place the family on our prayer list.*

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**Mike Holland** - August 01, 2020 at 03:20 PM