



Mr. William Cecil Everidge Sr.

October 16, 1927 - March 31, 2023

William Cecil Everidge Sr., 95, a native of Plant City born on October 16, 1927, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2023. He graduated from Plant City High School and immediately joined the Army where he served in the Philippines as World War II ended. At age 17, he became a Plant City Fire Department volunteer fireman. When the siren would ring he would jump out of the window of the 1914 High School to get to the fire. He attended Florida Southern College after his Army discharge. He entered a long successful career as a partner of Reeves Southeastern Corporation, a manufacturer of chain link fence. He loved his work and retired in 1998. He loved his family, his church, his friends, and Plant City. He was a past president of the Plant City Lions Club. He was the first chairman of the Strawberry Festival Queen contest and remained chairman for 10 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Plant City for 77 years where he served faithfully as a deacon, chairman of the deacons, Sunday school teacher, many committees, and leader of the Royal Ambassadors. He was chairman of the ushers for over 60 years. He was also very instrumental in the development of The Baptist Towers of Plant City. He was a loving and devoted husband to Helen for 67 years. He is survived by his wife, Helen; children, Jean Ann (Paul), Billy (Nancy), Linda (Riviere), and Carolyn; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; brother, Buddy (Jackie); and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Irvin and Betty Everidge; and brothers, James and Herbert. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. with a funeral

service to follow at 11:00 A.M. on April 11, 2023 at First Baptist Church Plant City. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the missions ministry of First Baptist Church Plant City. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L. Redman Parkway
Plant City, FL

Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Cecil Everidge Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 04, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Cecil Everidge Sr..



April 09, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ Condolences to the family on loss prayers for the family

Franklin O'Neal - April 06, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ Please accept our condolences at the loss of Mr. Everidge. He was a great man, and he will be missed.

Scott and Lauri Toler

Edward Toler - April 06, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Cecil Everidge Sr..*



April 06, 2023 at 02:05 PM



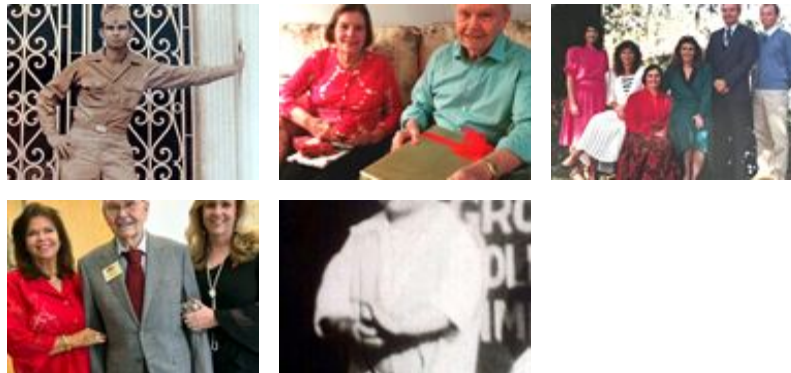
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April 06, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 04, 2023 at 09:57 AM

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We mourn with family and loved ones at the passing of Mr. Everidge. He was a good, kind, humble man with a servant heart. The Elliot family will always remember his kindness and caring for us.

Maurice and Suzanne Elliot

Suzanne Elliot - April 11, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DM

“*Cecil was the first person to greet us and make us feel welcome when we first started visiting First Baptist church of Plant City. We will forever be in deep gratitude for his warm, caring ways demonstrated in this task alone. We know he went above and beyond his duties of usher/deacon. He would actually try to find us each Sunday to check on us and make sure we still felt welcome. I always enjoyed talking to him and eventually meeting his family who he spoke of with pride. Through these introductions I have grown to love this family so much! We've since shared many wonderful life experiences together, which I will always cherish. It is with great sadness we say goodbye (for a while) to a wonderful man. As Christians we are so thankful for the gift of knowing that we will see Cecil in Heaven again.*

Diane McDonald - April 04, 2023 at 04:56 AM

LC

“*Heartfelt sympathy to the family. Prayers for comfort as you navigate your journey without your loved one at your side. He lives on in Heaven until you meet again, and, in your heart forever. With deepest sympathy, Camp Family*



Lisa Camp - April 03, 2023 at 08:54 PM

JB

“ I only knew Mr. Everidge Sr. through his daughter, Carolyn. She always believed that he was the best man in the whole world. She always shared with me, his love of family and his love of God. In our many frequent conversations, she always shared how much he loved Plant City and how much he loves doing things for them. I am sending many prayers for her right now in her time of devastation. I believe sometimes there are just not enough words or prayers to send comfort to that broken heart. As I have spoken to her so many times fondly Miss Everidge there are not enough words to fix this... I am sending you a big hug!

Jamisue Boggess - April 03, 2023 at 08:42 PM