



## Mr. William "Billy" Weaver Herold III

December 27, 1955 - March 26, 2025

William "Billy" Weaver Herold III passed peacefully in his sleep surrounded by his loving family on March 26, 2025, after a short fight with Lymphoma.

Billy was born in Hartford, CT on December 27, 1955 to William 'Bill' & Mary Herold, he was one of five children. When he was 3 years old his family moved to Lakeland, FL and then in 1965 they settled in Plant City, FL where he lived for almost 60 years. He was a graduate of PCHS Class of 1973. Starting in high school, Billy went to work to earn his own money and buy his own car. Cars became his passion. Before he jumped into the car business, he worked at the Holiday Inn working his way up to Maître D'. Customers could count on him to find them a table even when the restaurant was full.

For over 49 years, Billy enjoyed a long and successful career in the automobile industry, starting at Wilson Davis Ford as a car salesman. He then went to Bell Chevrolet and moved up from a salesman to GM. He eventually opened his own business, Billy Herold's Auto Sales, and expanded that into 4 locations. Billy was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as Small Business Owner of the Year.

Billy was always active in his community and held many leadership roles. He became a member of Kiwanis. Billy was active in the Rotary Club, where he was President, Lt. Governor, and a Paul Harris Fellow. He emceed Dancing

With The Locals and various auctions, including the Wild Game Cookout for 12 years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge for 42 years.

He was a giver and led the Rotary Christmas for an Angel program which included over 2,000 gifts per year for underprivileged children and meeting the Christmas wishes of the special needs classes at Marshall Middle School.

Family was very important to Billy. He is survived by his wife, Sherri Taylor Herold; sons, Tony Mike Herold (Lauren), Nicholas Owens Herold (Andrea); step daughter, Brittani Taylor (Billy); stepson, Joey Taylor (Lisa); and 6 grandchildren, Braxton William Herold, Jayden Cruz, Avery Cruz, Mia Herold, Alli Jo Taylor & Colton Taylor; sister, Toni Herold Yamin (Bert); brother, Arthur Harry Herold (Nina); sister, Betty Herold Peck; mother-in-law, Joanne Grace; brother-in-law, Norman Grace (Cindy), and sister-in-law, Terri Hughes (Rick); and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Susan Elizabeth Herold.

A private family graveside service will be held in early April. A public celebration of life will be held at Eastside Baptist Church of Plant City on Saturday, April 12th. Visitation will be from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. with the service beginning at 4:00pm.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to:  
Christmas for an Angel - Rotary Club of Plant City, PO BOX 5601, Plant City, FL 33563. Memo: Christmas for an Angel, please make check payable to Rotary Club of Plant City. Eastside Baptist Church - [www.eastsidebcpc.org](http://www.eastsidebcpc.org).  
For online giving under Building Repair, memo: in Memory of Billy Herold.  
Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://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

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eastside Baptist Church  
1318 E. Calhoun St.  
Plant City, FL

## Funeral Service

APR 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Plant City, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William "Billy" Weaver Herold III



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Hopewell Funeral Home - April 16, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Hopewell Funeral Home - April 11, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ Maxwell S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Billy" Weaver Herold III.

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Maxwell S. - April 07, 2025 at 11:43 AM

RM

“ Billy we will miss you! Funny and loud. Thoughtful and driven. Loved his kids, his wife and his family. Took the meaning of community to heart. His light burned so very bright for so many to see. The world is better for his presence. Rest well my friend. I will remember you with a big smile.

Rick Moran - April 01, 2025 at 12:42 PM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Billy. Keeping his family in my thoughts and prayers. I working with Billy at the Holiday Inn 1776 back in the 70"s. He was always a joy to work with. Gone too soon. Bunny Saxman Patterson

Maryrose "BUNNY" Patterson - March 29, 2025 at 03:57 PM

VN

Rest in peace my friend. Lots of great memories with you. Gov.

Vernon Niswanger - March 30, 2025 at 11:30 AM

SG

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Billy. I Worked with Billy at Bell Chevrolet and he was definitely one of a kind. My thoughts and prayers for the family.



Susan Greer - March 29, 2025 at 09:41 AM

MH

“ Mary Heysek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Billy" Weaver Herold III.

Mary Heysek - March 28, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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“ Mary Heysek purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of Mr. William "Billy" Weaver Herold III.



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**Mary Heysek** - March 28, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William "Billy" Weaver Herold III.

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March 28, 2025 at 07:55 PM

SM

“ Billy truly will be missed. He was a beckon for the Children of the Community (Kiwani's Christmas For Angel Project) May God Bless his family and friends.



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**Sharon Moody** - March 28, 2025 at 06:55 PM

DR

*Billy will be missed. He was a great leader in the community and had a wonderful wit about him.*

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**Dan and Shirley Raulerson** - March 30, 2025 at 08:14 AM