



Mr. William Herold

March 1, 1921 - May 5, 2011

HEROLD, William Weaver "Bill", of Plant City, Florida, has been called to be with his blessed Lord and Savior on May 5, 2011 after suffering from Parkinson's disease for the last three years. He was 90 years of age and always felt young at heart.

He was the eldest of 3 children born to Frances Mitchell Herold and William Weaver Herold, Sr. in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was educated in New England, excelled in his studies and graduated early from his Prep School. While attending the University of Connecticut, he ran on their track team and earned a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1942.

Being a member of the greatest generation, he enlisted in the Army and served his country in central Europe during World War II from March 1944 to November 1946. He earned the rank of Captain in the Army Air Corp, flew a B26 and completed 52 bombing missions before the war ended. He then became the Assistant Group Operations Officer and eventually the base legal officer. He earned several medals for his bravery and service.

Following the war, he bought a business in Plant City and met Mary Elizabeth Mike, and they were married in June 1950. They moved to Connecticut and raised four children until relocating to Lakeland, Florida where they added a fifth child to their family. In 1965, he and his family moved to Plant City. He

was married to Mary Mike Herold from 1950 until her sudden passing in 2003.

He enjoyed a long career in various capacities with the First Federal Savings and Loan of Plant City, now Sunshine State, related to commercial and residential loans. He joined the bank in 1958 and eventually retired in 2002.

As an active volunteer in the central Florida area, he was involved in helping hundreds of people through many organizations. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, had 44 years of perfect attendance and served as President of the Plant City Chapter. He attended and was very active in the First Baptist Church of Plant City for over 45 years, was a volunteer in the Bill Glass Worldwide Prison Ministries and served as the volunteer Chaplain for over 8 years at the Orient Road jail in Tampa. In addition, he was a member of Gideons, delivered meals on wheels to shut-ins and provided companion services to hospice patients. He was voted Plant City's Citizen of the Year in 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 7 years, Jean Pyle Herold, brother, John Herold of The Villages, Florida, Marjorie Herold Hart of West Hartford, Connecticut, and 5 children – daughter Toni Herold Yamin (Rod) of Calabasas, California; son Dr. Arthur Herold (Nina) of Brandon, Florida; daughter Betty Herold Peck (Pete) of Valrico, Florida; son William (Billy) Weaver Herold III of Plant City, and his fiancée Sherri Taylor; daughter Susan Elizabeth Herold of Valrico, Florida; 2 step-children, Nancy Workman (Bob) of Tampa and Ruth Sullivan (Hubert) of Owega, New York; 5 grandchildren, Lauren Herold Vermuth (Justin) of Orlando, Florida; Jonathan Peck (Jessica) of Hobe Sound, Florida; Emily Peck of Delray Beach, Florida; Tony Herold and Nicholas Herold of Plant City; 2 step-grandchildren Tom Sullivan of New York and Kate Leckonby; 2 great-granddaughters, Morgan and Taylor Peck of Hobe Sound, Florida; and step-great-granddaughter Lauren Leckonby.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, Tennessee 37214, Plant City's First Baptist Church Building Fund, and/or Kiwanis Club of Plant City, P.O. Box 3574, Plant City 33564. Expressions of condolence at 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

MAY 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Plant City's First Baptist Church
503 North Palmer Street
Plant City, FL 33563
<http://www.fbcpc.com/>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Herold



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ The video is a beautiful tribute to his life, my prayers are with you and for his soul's peace. With love, Allison Edmonds Poff

Allison Edmonds Poff - May 26, 2011 at 07:14 PM

BJ

“ Dear Toni and Family -
WOW! What an amazing man and great life. We're so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love,
The Johnsons

Brenda Johnson - May 13, 2011 at 02:46 PM

KM

“ Dear Toni and Herold Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at his very difficult time.
Love,
Kathy, Ed, Caitlin & EJ



kathy miller - May 10, 2011 at 11:27 AM

LF

“ *Dr. Herold and Family, the obituary was very nice. I'm sorry I could not attend the service, my sympathy to all the family.. Lynda Fuller*

Lynda R. Fuller - May 09, 2011 at 11:41 PM

TE

“ *Dear Toni and the Herold family,*

I enjoyed reading about your father and grandfather. What a remarkable man - indeed a life to be celebrated.

May you find comfort in the Shield of St. Patrick:

*Friends, as you go now on your way,
May Jesus go with you.*

*Before to show you the way,
Behind you to encourage you,
Above you to watch over you,
Below you to uphold you,
Within you to give you His peace,
And beside you to be your Friend.
In the faithful love of the Father,
The amazing grace of the Son,
And the guiding power of the Spirit.
AMEN*

*Dear friend, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,
With love,
Tom and Tammy Ennis*

Tom and Tammy Ennis - May 09, 2011 at 09:29 PM

DS

“ *My Dearest Toni,
Our warmest thoughts are with you at this very sad time. Your wonderful Dad was very lucky to have a loving daughter such as you.....and I can see by reading about his life filled with his generous spirit.....that the apple certainly does not fall far from the tree.*

*Thinking of you and sending lots of hugs and kisses.
We Love You,
Dori and Charles*

Dori and Charles Schneider - May 06, 2011 at 09:16 PM

SP

“ *Toni,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this time of sorrow and celebration of your wonderful father. What an amazing man he was and I can see so much of what i read about him in you. Your friends will be here for you when your return.
Shelli Place*

Shelli Place - May 06, 2011 at 07:09 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William Herold*



Patricia Moore - May 06, 2011 at 05:08 PM

SS

“ Bill was a giant in the faith. His command of scripture, so much of it memorized, was amazing. Of course, it was not just head knowledge. He lived it as well. He was a good neighbor to us in the 70's and 80's. I've never forgotten his showing up unannounced on the morning of the day we moved away from Robin Drive in 1984. Instead of hiring a mover, we'd rented a truck and recruited some of our friends to help with the move across town. We were all in our 30's then. Bill was nearly twice our age, but no one outworked him all throughout that day. His presence will be sorely missed but his example, lived out through his personal faith and his faithful public service through many ministries, will be forever remembered and will continue to impact lives throughout the generations to follow. Bill truly earned the greeting, "Well done, good and faithful servant."
- Steve Sparkman

Steve Sparkman - May 06, 2011 at 11:15 AM

ST

“ 1 file added to the album Pictures



Sherri Taylor - May 05, 2011 at 04:53 PM

CC

*Dear Toni & family,
Harvey & I sending you our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We enjoyed reading about all your Dad's accomplishments throughout his blessed life.
In Sympathy, Cheryl & Harvey*

Cheryl Van Tassel, Los Angeles, Ca - May 06, 2011 at 03:16 PM