



Mr. William Avery Kicklighter

June 18, 1940 - February 26, 2026

William Avery Kicklighter, 85, passed away Thursday, February 26, 2026 peacefully at home in Plant City. He was born June 18, 1940 in Glennville to Sue Nell Stark and Jenniece Kicklighter. Avery graduated from Turkey Creek High School in 1958, then served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked at Hillsborough County Emergency Services until retiring. He was a member and served as a Deacon at GracePoint Church in Plant City. He enjoyed fishing, Westerns, and was an avid fan of the Florida Gators. He is survived by wife of 55 years, Barbara Kicklighter; children, John Kicklighter (Becky), Rhett Kicklighter (Jodie Peterson), Alan Kicklighter (Dawn); stepdaughter, Debra Lightsey; grandchildren, Ashley Kilcrease Morey, Courtney Murrell (Matt), Kelley Jackson (Jenae), John Kicklighter (Jordan), Kyle Chapman (Lexie), Kelsey Hopkins (Michael), Jayde Schou (Cody), Alana Kicklighter, Yohannes Kicklighter, Easton Kicklighter (Michaela), Paulos Kicklighter; great-grandchildren, Caroline Murrell, Guilana Giovannucci, Kinsley Lester, Katie Murrell, Charlotte Murrell, Maci Jennings, Adalyn Morey, Kenlyn Schou, Stetson Kicklighter, Will Hopkins, Riley Schou, Declan Hopkins; Braedy Jackson and Rowe Jackson; siblings, Ruby Wall, Peggy McCarta, and Harold Perkins (LuAnn); and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by daughter, Kathleen Land; mother, Sue Nell Stark; father, Jenniece Kicklighter; and siblings, Jennell Mason and Nicky McCoy. A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 13 11:00 A.M., where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M at GracePoint Church Plant City,

1107 Charlie Griffin Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to GracePoint Capital Campaign Fund at <https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/App/Giving/generalfund>. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gracepoint Plant City
1107 Charlie Griffin Road
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://www.gracepointpc.org>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ Barbara, Alan, and family — Thinking of you all and sending love during this difficult time. May Avery’s memory bring you comfort. —
Brandon, Lana, & Brooke Ayscue

Lana Ayscue - March 17 at 08:11 PM

B&

“ Brandon &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Avery Kicklighter.

Brandon &. - March 17 at 07:52 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. William Avery Kicklighter.



March 11 at 01:04 PM

GF

“ Glenda Geiger, Brian Blocker and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Avery Kicklighter.

Glenda Geiger, Brian Blocker and family - March 10 at 12:07 PM

GF

“ *Glenda Geiger, Brian Blocker and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Avery Kicklighter.*



Glenda Geiger, Brian Blocker and family - March 10 at 12:07 PM

LJ

“ *What wonderful memories we have made with Avery and Barbara during our vacation travels throughout the U. S. and when they came to Glennville. I could always count on Avery to give me the very latest political news...& his slant on it. He was a dedicated Christian who set a high bar for all of his family to reach. So many persons were helped by Avery, the church member, through a quiet, anonymous, and dedicated way. He was God's servant here on Earth and I am sure God welcomed him to His home in Heaven. Until we meet again, our friend. Delmas and Louise Jones*

Louise Jones - March 04 at 10:23 AM

LA

“ *I send my deepest condolences to the Kicklighter Family n friends,I'm really gonna miss you,I really enjoyed the time we spent together,all the laughs n jokes are gonna be good memories,I love yall Ms.Barbara,Thanks for welcoming me into your family❤️🙏*

Lacreshs Allen - February 28 at 12:34 PM

JA

“ From coaching softball to fishing with Uncle Paul, from his ever present toothpick to making sure everyone had a seat, from looking like Conway Twitty when young to getting slapped by his MIL (over his banana pudding comment), from his quick response to beautiful roses, the memories are stacked high. You had to love him even if you didn't agree with him. And yes, I'm sure the Lord will let him wear that orange and blue Gator shirt. He will be missed.
JD Ayscue

JD Ayscue - February 28 at 12:11 PM

EP

Uncle Avery, what a real man he was. He will be missed dearly. Much love to Aunt Barbara, Alan. and family.

Erica Phillips - March 01 at 04:27 PM

SB

“ *Want to share my deepest condolences to Barb & the Kicklighter family. Avery was a rock the years I got to be around him. He was a no nonsense believer in Christ who will be sincerely missed.*

Scott Bergman - February 28 at 12:09 PM

SO

“ *Martin and I have been friends with Avery and Barbara for almost 50 years. We consider them very special friends. More like family. We are so sad to hear of Avery's passing but he is safely in the arms of the Lord whom he dearly loved. He is now free of the pain of this world and he can now move freely without restrictions and fish and do everything he loved to do. Fly high my dear friend until we meet again. 🕊️🙏*

Martin and Sharon O'Donnell

Sharon O'Donnell - February 28 at 11:33 AM

KC

“ I was honored to be a part of this family. Avery was an amazing man, father, husband and grandfather. The memories are so precious and will always be remembered. He will be missed and leaves behind a beautiful family and as he is held in the arms of Jesus, he is at peace. May his family find comfort during this time.

Kim Chapman - February 28 at 10:22 AM

SW

“ Had some good times back in the days with Mr. Kicklighter. He was a good man. Prayers for the family

Shelia Wiggins - February 27 at 07:21 PM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers for all Family and Friends. Fond memories of all the baseball games over the years, 🕊️🙏🕊️🙏



Judy Colding - February 27 at 04:19 PM

KL

We love Avery and Barbara. They have been faithful friends since the first day we moved to Florida. Avery is with his Lord and Savior..his body whole once again. He will be forever missed until we meet again. Love you both. The LeFeveres

Kathy and Gary LeFever - February 28 at 11:01 AM