

Mr. William L. Kitchens

October 6, 2013

Kitchens, William L. "Bill", 76, of Plant City, Florida went home to be with the Lord on October 6, 2013 as a result of cancer. He was born in Lakeland on January 17, 1937 to the late Ruth and John Kitchens, Sr.. Bill was a Gideon and a Mason. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at Camp Gilead Cabin 2 and was a long time member of Plant City's First Baptist Church. He served in the Army Reserves. He retired from Publix in 1998 as the Director of Construction after 42 years of service. He enjoyed his career and appreciated the opportunity Mr. George Jenkins gave him to work for such a great company. He enjoyed working on his land, building, traveling, playing golf and the piano. Bill loved his family and showed it in many ways. He taught and instilled Biblical truths to impact their lives and was an example of those truths. He enjoyed helping people in need and expected nothing in return. He will be greatly missed but we know he is in his Heavenly home, no more pain or sorrow. He was preceded in death by his first wife Annette Kitchens; daughter Sherry Lynn Kitchens; and sisters Pat Fleckenstein and Kathryn Kitchens. He is survived by his wife Jeannine Kitchens; children Julie Britt (Tim), John Kitchens (Toni), Joel Kitchens (Deborah), and Kim Simpson (Dave); siblings John Kitchens (Grace), Tommy Kitchens (Donna), and Mary Hornsby; grandchildren Timothy Britt (Lanna), Matthew Britt (Theo), Connor Kitchens, Courtney Kitchens, Garrett Kitchens, Hannah Simpson, Cole Fraser, and Abbey Simpson; and great-grandchildren Emma Britt, Darien Martin and Nick Martin. A Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 19 at 11:00

A.M. at Plant City's First Baptist Church, 503 N. Palmer Street, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment will be private in New Home Cemetery, Lakeland. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Steppin Stone Farm, 8421 Pritcher Rd., Lithia, FL. 33547, The Florida Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 8190, Lakeland, FL. 33815, The Gideons International Plant City Camp, P.O. Box 1469, Plant City, FL. 33564, or The Pregnancy Care Center, 304 N. Collins Street, Plant City, FL. 33563. Expressions of condolence at www.wecare.io.

Cemetery Details

New Home Baptist Church Cemetery

901 N. Galloway Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

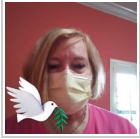
Plant City's First Baptist Church
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Plant City, FL 33563
<http://www.fbcpc.com/>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Houser lit a candle in memory of Mr. William L. Kitchens*



Sharon Houser - October 25, 2013 at 11:31 PM

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“ *Billy was an early mentor to me at the start of my career. He was always dedicated to the highest standards and taught that to me and others. It was apparent that he enjoyed teaching and helping others grow. I am grateful for his caring and attention to me and those many many others. He made a great difference for the company and for the associates he touched. Sending condolences and wishes for long lasting memories to the family.*

Dave Duncan

Dave Duncan - October 15, 2013 at 12:15 PM

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“ *Billy was one of those people who impacted many co-workers. I was fortunate enough to be one of them. Billy always had time to help a rookie real estate manager who knew nothing about construction. No matter how tall the stack of phone messages was, and we all know about those stacks, he always made time to help and guide me. Billy epitomized the Publix culture and I am thankful for his friendship. Billy will be missed, but he is in a better place with his Lord.*

John Frazier

John Frazier - October 14, 2013 at 05:43 PM

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“ *Rosemary Walden lit a candle in memory of Mr. William L. Kitchens*



Rosemary Walden - October 13, 2013 at 11:00 AM

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*Billy was just a young man when we met at Publix. He was a very dedicated person then, as in later years and much loved by everyone. He was SPECIAL and will be missed by his family & all others that loved him. God Bless his family. Love.
Rosemary (Rosie)*

Rosemary Walden - October 13, 2013 at 11:06 AM