



## Mr. William R. Wacaser Jr.

September 1, 1931 - August 17, 2016

William R. "Bill" Wacaser, Jr., 84, lifelong resident of Plant City, Florida, born on September 1, 1931, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; and sons, Rossie and Ronnie. He is survived by his children, Joy, Terry (Allison), Bobby (Charlene), Gary (Helen), Denise (Keith), and Jeffrey (Christie); daughter-in-law, Dee Dee (wife of Rossie); siblings, Margaret Watson and Marvin; 28 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 27 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice at <http://chaptershealth.org>. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 27.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William R. Wacaser Jr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 24, 2016 at 01:26 PM

BG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Bill's passing. He was one of the best men ever and a great supporter of his community. He taught my husband David how to drive in the field. He will always be loved and missed by many.  
Brenda "Word" Gunter



Brenda Gunter - August 27, 2016 at 03:21 PM

PF

“ Sorry to hear call if you need anything our door is always open.



Perdue Family - August 27, 2016 at 01:31 PM

RS

“ Only met Mr. Wacaser a couple times, but having known many of his children and grandchildren is a testament to a life well lived. God speed sir.

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**Robby Stewarr** - August 27, 2016 at 12:23 PM

TF

“ Papa was a mountain of a man. Even going through all he went with the cancer, Papa always had a smile. He was a God loving man and loved his family with all his heart.

He never met a stranger. Not only did the human race respect him but the cows did too!

When we would hear a nail clipper clipping at church we knew Papa was there!!

Sorry, Mike.

God is good and knowing that Papa is not hurting any more is a true blessing.

We are truly humbled to be part of the Wacaser family.

The fact that Papa was never alone is a testimony to the Wacaser family.

Taking turns to take care of Papa is true love and admiration!

What a blessing to have known Papa.

We think we heard the bells ringing in heaven and heard aunt Esther say, “Bill, what took you so long”?

We know there is a party in heaven with all of our loved ones that rejoiced when Papa walked thru the gates!!

Papa won the victory!!

We love you all

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**The Pintado Family** - August 27, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 27, 2016 at 07:21 AM



“ *William (Bill) was one of the finest men that I have ever known. He will be missed by many friends and relatives. God Bless his memory.*

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**Tom Vann** - August 26, 2016 at 11:21 PM



*Thank you so much for the kind words.*

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**Necie** - August 26, 2016 at 11:27 PM

SB

“ *The box says click here to post a memory: My mind thinks of many things, but looking at that dear picture to the left, just says it all! Your parents have left behind a great legacy of LOVE! Each and every time I ran into your Mom or Dad, they just oozed LOVE!*



*They are such an inspiration and wonderful testimony to God's love in the community! I remember the childhood Fall Festival time at the barn and hayrides... and how much fun it was for the whole community! ( I believe, I recall your Dad not liking it to be called a Halloween party) But, how he enjoyed seeing each one enjoy themselves.*

*We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of sorrow. But at least, we get to rest in the thought of "What a great reunion it will be!" And they are enjoying their time together at Jesus' feet! We know that we too will be there "by and by" as God calls each of us home. Prayers for all.*

*Tim and Sharon Bailey*

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**Sharon and Tim Bailey** - August 26, 2016 at 08:37 PM

GA

*Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Very much appreciated!*

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**Gary** - August 26, 2016 at 09:15 PM

NE

*Thank you sharing this with us Sharon.*

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**Necie** - August 26, 2016 at 11:26 PM

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“ *Debbie Modlin (Coutts) lit a candle in memory of Mr. William R. Wacaser Jr.*



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**Debbie Modlin (Coutts)** - August 24, 2016 at 09:59 PM

CE

“ *We would like to give our sympathies to the entire family our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time  
Chuck Trinkle and Laura Ellis and family*



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**Chuck Trinkle and Laura Ellis** - August 24, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ With all the fond memories, where do I start. I guess as a child. My Mom, Gerry, was cousin to Joyce. My cousin Joy, and I are close in age, so growing up, I got to learn (sort of) what it was like to live on a farm. I know it was probably hard work and aggravating at times, but their chores seemed fun to me!! I learned how to ride a horse, tried to learn how to milk a cow (not successfully), walked many of miles in the pasture, especially with Joy, and of all things (when little), we'd always have to lick the cow salt! (Yuck!) Our family had many good times, with fishing, swimming, playing games, and good old fashion socializing and good food! I saw a big difference in the way Bill and Joyce raised their kids than my Mom and Dad raising my sister and !! I remember one time, one of the boys came in and was cut and bleeding everywhere. Mom starts panicking, and Joyce says, "Oh, you're not dying! You're going to be fine. It's just a little old cut!" Moments later, Bill comes in and Mom and Dad are thinking they're going to take him to the doctor for stitches. Nope! Bill informs Mom and Dad, "I'm stitching him up! It's no different than stitching up cows or horses!" So Yeah, we were raised a lot different. I grew up knowing that this was the most lovingest family and the most Christian family I would ever know!!! I thank you Bill for all the fond memories of you treating me and all the rest of the kids, like we were one of your own! You will be greatly missed! Love you and tell everyone hello and we send our love. I can just see the party going on in Heaven!



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**Mary Gibson Narramore** - August 24, 2016 at 04:11 PM



(Peachy)

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**Mary Gibson Narramore** - August 24, 2016 at 04:12 PM

NE

*Oh Peachy, thank you for reminding us of those great memories. He and Mom loved you like you were their own.*

**Necie** - August 24, 2016 at 07:22 PM

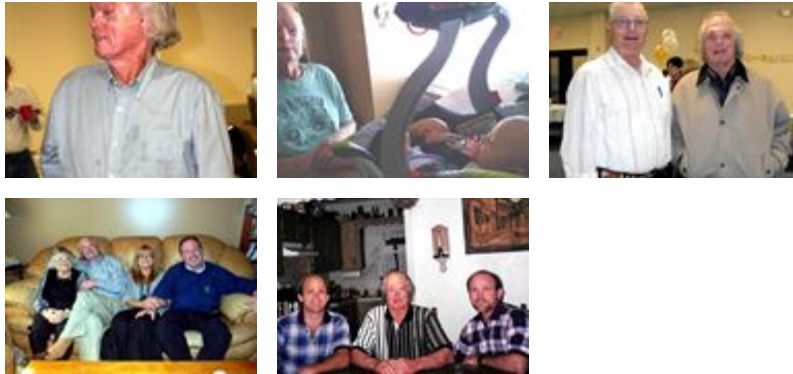
KJ

*Omgoodness...Exactly what she just said, What memories. I am so grateful for this family, Lord. Thank you.*

**Katherine Culpepper Jaeger** - August 25, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 24, 2016 at 01:24 PM

RK

“ *Respectfully- Kathy, Debbie, Connie, Kelly, Karen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William R. Wacaser Jr..*



**Respectfully- Kathy, Debbie, Connie, Kelly, Karen** - August 23, 2016 at 11:44 AM

MA

“ Papa and Othermama were the BEST Grandparents a child could ask for!! Growing up a Wacaser always was something to be proud of to me! Papa was the hardest working man I knew and he passed that along to my Dad, Gary and all of my Aunt's and Uncles. The farm was and still is a safe haven to me and the memories that have been created all started with Papa and Othermama!! I will miss you Papa and I love you so much!!

Mallory - August 22, 2016 at 09:23 AM

MP

“ Our condolences go out to the entire Wacaser Family. Our thoughts and prayers be with you.

Mark and Linda Perez - August 21, 2016 at 04:37 PM

 Helen Wacaser

“ See you later, Daddy. Love, your boy.

Helen Wacaser - August 21, 2016 at 08:46 AM

 Melody Miles

“ I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Wacaser. He and my father were good friends years ago as were Miss Joyce and my mom. In fact my family bought our property on swilley rd. from his dad in 1970. He also was my dad's boss at Tampa ship yard where they both worked for many years. His son actually babysat me and my siblings when we were young. Bill Wacaser and his entire family were very always very good to us. I offer my condolences on behalf of my entire family which has passed on. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time sincerely Melody Langford ( daughter of David and Patricia Langford

Melody Miles - August 20, 2016 at 11:49 PM

NE

*Thank you Melody so much for your kind words. I have thought of you many, many times over the years. You are a very strong woman.*

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**Necie** - August 23, 2016 at 11:01 PM

KJ

“ *So many memories...Of all the goodness, kindness, laughter, and love that filled the Wacaser home when we were kids. Visiting (of course, taking the short cut through the pasture to get there). Horse back riding. Hanging out. Growing up close-by and always feeling like we were a part of the family. Your family has given us nothing but great memories to reflect on all of our lives from the time we were very young. Thank ya'll all so much for letting us share your wonderful parents. We know that your Daddy, OtherMama, Rossie and Ronnie are rejoicing, and they're with our Heavenly Father. We're happy and sad at the same time, and not sure whether to laugh out loud or cry. Praying for all y'all, as always.*

*With so much love and respect,  
The Culpepper Girls -  
Kathy, Debbie, Connie, Kelly, and Karen*

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**katherine Culpepper Jaeger** - August 20, 2016 at 10:00 PM

RW

“ *I met Jeff and all of the Wacaser family through our East Point A/G Volleyball league either in the late '80's or so and we truly look at them as "family." What a heritage this great man has left and I know will be sorely missed. We love you all and are praying for all of you during this sad, but spiritually joyous time you all are in. Love ya'!!!!*

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**Rev. Don & Donna White** - August 20, 2016 at 08:48 PM

RW

*That should be Rev. Don & Donna White*

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**Rev. Don White** - August 20, 2016 at 08:50 PM



*I will never forget the great influence you and Aunt Joyce were in my life. Thank you both for the gift of eight of the greatest cousins anyone could ever have. We were all taught love and how to have a living relationship with our savior. I have only the fondest and happiest memories of having you as my uncle. I will miss you but then I have my happy memories to bring you close again. We will all be together again one day. Love you!*

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**Phyl Rea** - August 23, 2016 at 01:50 PM

Allen  
Hancock

“ *Mr Wacaser was what I call a true family man. I will never forget how strong he was when I was a teenager. He loved his family and community. He was a man among man. May God bless you and your family.*

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**Allen Hancock** - August 20, 2016 at 04:02 PM

Barb  
Mallalieu

“ *My dear cousin, Bill. I adored you & Othermama, and always looked up to you since I was a child. In my eyes, you were strong. My family cowboy and I LOVED going out to the farm & spending time with my Family. I think my scariest, yet fondest memory, is you teaching me how to swim, while my Mom freaked out. You threw me in the Pits and said "Sink or Swim". I'm here, so I swam. I am thankful that you are back together with Othermama, and my Mom and Dad. What rejoicing there is going on right now! Until I see you again....Love you*

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**Barb Mallalieu** - August 20, 2016 at 11:46 AM

JS

“ *Bill, it was a pleasure to have known you and many of your family members. I enjoyed the days we worked together at the shipyard. You were always such a kind gentleman. I also appreciate you letting me forge your name to the unsigned timecards; it sure made my job easier! Thanks for walking through my life. May you now rest in sweet peace.*

*Love,  
Jan (Hood) Shogaa*

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**Jan (Hood) Shogaa** - August 20, 2016 at 10:17 AM

TC

“ *Mr. Bill. Now you are at peace. You and momma dancing the night away. No more pain. No more cancer. Nothing. Just joy and happiness with our father above. R. I. P. Dad. You will be missed by many. You was a hard rock of a man. You took on many projects and finished many. You along with my father. Have thought us to be strong and stand our ground. Thank you for all the parties and get togethers. So we all would stay close to each other. Rest in peace now and the cows will just have to come home without you now. .*

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**Tina Sexton Cooper** - August 20, 2016 at 09:47 AM

TS

*May he Rip ,Mr.Wacaser,Mom knew her fav Cow would be safe with yall when we had to sell her and move away for a while,rip,just went by yalls pasture and house recently and enjoyed seeing the Cows in the Country setting ,brings peace to me everytime...*

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**Terri Simpson** - August 20, 2016 at 09:39 PM

PW

“ I remember spending a lot of time with with the whole gang, when we were growing up ! Never a dull moment, uncle Bill was always there when you needed him , you are missed but we will meet again !!

Punk Watson - August 20, 2016 at 08:28 AM

RD

“ Mr. Wacsser, you will be missed!! Out of all the patients of mine, I considered you more of a friend than a patient. You were an amazing person and you are no longer suffering. You're with your wife now and I know everything is A O.K. ! You will forever be in my heart. Love and miss you always -Rhonda

Rhonda Douglas - August 20, 2016 at 08:18 AM

CF

“ Carl Finley and Cody Finley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William R. Wacaser Jr..



Carl Finley and Cody Finley - August 20, 2016 at 08:07 AM

GW

“ We are really gonna miss you Daddy! You have always been a refuge for me. I always felt I could call you or come over and ask for advice or ask you to help me with some project. I remember not too long ago when you helped me put the rafters on the add on to my house. I had so much confidence in your ability to get it done and done right. That's how I always felt about something you decided to do. I know you are in heaven and are now at peace and no longer in pain or suffering. Thank you God for giving me a Dad that I could look up to and count on!

Gary Wacaser - August 20, 2016 at 07:15 AM

NE

“ *Life is very strange without you and Mama. I miss you both so much, but I am so thankful that both of you are relieved of pain, and with our Heavenly Father. I can't wait till we all meet again.* ”

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**Necie** - August 20, 2016 at 06:54 AM