



## Mr. Willis S. Kirkland Jr.

February 27, 1930 - January 18, 2017

Willis S. Kirkland, Jr., 86, of Plant City, Florida, born on February 27, 1930, entered into eternal rest on January 18, 2017. He was a member of Cork United Methodist Church, a former Plant City Rotarian, a veteran of the United States Navy where he served on the USS Bennington, a retired agriculture equipment salesman, and a citrus grower and caregiver. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Cofer Kirkland; and son, Foy Kirkland. He is survived by his daughters, Sherry Clenney (Roger), and Lori Der (Dennis) of Plant City; grandchildren, Erica Hall (Jarrett), Brittany Lopez (Michael), Kayla Clenney, and Lauren McNair (Andrew) of Plant City, and Ryan Clenney (Steph) of Kentucky; great-granddaughter Gracie Lopez; and brother Jiles Kirkland of North Carolina. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 20 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City; where a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Memorial contributions may be made to the James Ranch, c/o MacDonald Training Center at <http://www.macdonaldcenter.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  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willis S. Kirkland Jr.



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - January 19, 2017 at 04:29 PM

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“ April Fleming Sullivent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis S. Kirkland Jr.



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**April Fleming Sullivent** - January 22, 2017 at 09:23 PM

DH

“ Willis Kirkland was a wonderful man. Kind and gentle with everyone around him. He always had time for a smile and a conversation. He didn't know any strangers. I will never forget him! So sorry to miss the celebration of his life as i am in Naples with my nephews this week! My prayers are with the family for peace knowing where this great man now is and that he will be there waiting when it is your turn to join him. Love and Hugs to all of you!  
Debbie Hunt

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**Debbie Hunt** - January 21, 2017 at 03:00 PM

CB

“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Cheryl Croft Bennett** - January 20, 2017 at 02:16 PM

JM

“ *THE WILLIS KIRKLAND FAMILY,  
WE SEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO ALL THE FAMILY  
ROBERT AND JOANNE CONIBEAR  
JUDY MILLS*

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**JUDY MILLS** - January 20, 2017 at 01:27 PM

RB

“ *RON AND BEV BAILEY purchased the Strength  
& Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Willis S.  
Kirkland Jr..*



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**RON AND BEV BAILEY** - January 20, 2017 at 06:01 AM



*“ What a remarkable life lived with Love and Kindness to mankind. He made a huge difference in our lives as neighbors and friends throughout the years. When my first husband passed away he and his family were there for me with unconditional love and support. I will never forget those sweet memories and Willis kindness. Prayers for peace and comfort and the family embarks on yet another grief journey. We Love you all.*



Vonda Gainey - January 19, 2017 at 07:32 PM



*“ Lene' Haney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis S. Kirkland Jr.*



Lene' Haney - January 19, 2017 at 04:48 PM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Willis S. Kirkland Jr..*



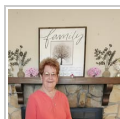
January 19, 2017 at 04:47 PM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - January 19, 2017 at 04:27 PM



*Mr. Willis always had kind words for me when we spoke on any occasion. I will miss his hugs. Tinker*

Lila Harris-Pelham - January 19, 2017 at 09:37 PM

MW

*I'll always have precious memories of Willis and Barbara. They were friends of my husband, Ben, and I for many years, fellowshipping together and rejoicing as we each were blessed with our children. I will especially remember and cherish the encouraging words Willis gave me after Ben passed away. I pray God's comfort on his family during this time of sorrow. Maxine Waters*

Maxine Waters - January 20, 2017 at 01:56 PM

MS

“ *As a child growing up in Mr. Willis's church, I looked forward to every Sunday morning to his warm hugs and smile making me feel at home. He was a wonderful man and will always be very special to our family.*

Molly Sapp Settles - January 19, 2017 at 04:23 PM

CW

“ So very thankful I was blessed by meeting Mr. Kirkland. I know he is rejoicing with his wife and son now. This is definitely a loss to Plant City but a huge gain to Heavn. Love and prayers to all.

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**Cindy Wooten** - January 19, 2017 at 02:36 PM

JW

“ James Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis S. Kirkland Jr.



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**James Watson** - January 19, 2017 at 02:11 PM