



Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell

November 10, 1940 - November 28, 2024

Our beloved Winfred Mitchell Harrell was born on November 10th, 1940 in Hudson, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents J.L. Harrell & Helen Knowles Harrell, brother Levy Harrell, and son Mark Harrell. He is survived by his loving wife of forty-seven years Sue Harrell, daughter Amy Harrell Wineinger (Mark), son Doug Padgett (Lesley), and daughter LeAnne Bottorff (Chad). Winfred's favorite roll in life was being "Papa" to his eight grandchildren: Chloe, Camryn & Carver Wineinger, Emma & Laney Padgett, and Kate, Stock, & Millie Bottorff. His family moved from Hudson to Plant City in 1950. They owned a family fish market business (Harrell's Fish Market) in downtown Plant City. From a young age, Winfred diligently worked at the fish market by netting mullet, and he mastered the art of filleting fish. This was when his parents instilled in him exemplary work ethic that he carried on throughout his entire life. He graduated from Plant City High School in 1959, where he was co-captain of the football team, member of the Key Club, and voted "most athletic" for Senior Superlatives. After graduation, he went to work for the Coronet Phosphate mines as an electrician for twenty-five years. While working full-time at the mines, in 1962, he started Harrell's Nursery out of his backyard. His love for growing Azaleas ignited his passion to create his own business. Today, the nursery is incorporated as Harrell's Nursery Inc. and has expanded to encompass 400 acres and 150 employees. In 1984, Winfred retired from the mines to devote all his efforts into growing his business. He is described as a pioneer in the nursery industry by other nursery owners for his

invaluable propagation techniques and expanding operations. He was a lifelong member of the Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association (FNGLA), founding member of the Tampa Bay Wholesale Growers Association, the 2010 Florida Southern College Horticulturist of the Year recipient, and the 2023 Harvest Farm Family of the Year recipient. He worked everyday at the nursery up until he passed peacefully at the age of eighty-four on November 28th, 2024. In addition to being a devout business owner, more importantly, he was a devout Christian. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Plant City. He was also a dedicated member of the Gideon prison ministry, where he shared the Gospel with inmates. In addition to his nursery endeavors, he was a trustee at South Florida Baptist Hospital and a board of director at Sunshine State Federal Savings and Loan. In his free time, he enjoyed golfing with friends at Lone Palm, attending FSU and Bucs football games, rooting for his grandchildren from the sidelines, and preparing large fish fries for his employees, who he loved like family. His life's mission was to be an ambassador for Christ and for all his family and friends to be Believers. He made a lasting impact on everyone he met with his bright smile, embracing personality, and humble character. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy lives on through his testimony, family, friends, and business.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 7 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L Redman Parkway, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at <https://www.fbcpc.com/live>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: First Baptist Church of Plant City (Building Fund) or The International Gideon's Association.

Expressions of condolences 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

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L Redman Pkwy
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://fbcpc.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Live-Streamed Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 06, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ Sue, we are so sorry to hear about Winfred. We had not heard anything about his passing and will surely keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Tom & Beth Sistrunk

Tom Sistrunk - December 10, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 06, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

December 06, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Francis Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell



Francis Fleming - December 06, 2024 at 03:40 PM



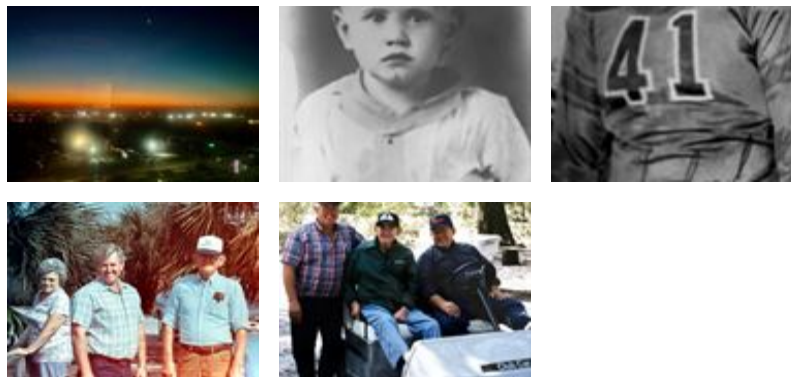
“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 06, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 06, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ The Greenery/Martinez Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



The Greenery/Martinez Family - December 05, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ The Greenery/Martinez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

The Greenery/Martinez Family - December 05, 2024 at 08:50 PM

JP

“ I think I have ALWAYS known Winifred, at least it seems that way. Upon the death of my father in 1956, my mother and I moved to Barnes Street. Being over one block and right behind Winnie, I often rode to school with him. Played on the same football teams with him. Spent a lot of time with Winnie in classes and in life just generally. Never did I ever hear a harsh or degrading word about anyone from Winifred. He was "A LIGHT" in our darkness of youth and a "WAY" through all the confusing times. Like all of us fortunate enough to know Winifred, we truthfully view our times with him as a "WAY to EXPERIENCE LIFE". We have been HONORED TO KNOW AND SHARE LIFE with Winifred Mitchell Harrell. Now, rest under that big Oak In Heaven Winnie, You deserve it.

Jettie Padgett - December 05, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winifred Mitchell Harrell.



December 05, 2024 at 04:44 PM

RP

“ Rod & Andrea Proctor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Winifred Mitchell Harrell.



Rod & Andrea Proctor - December 05, 2024 at 04:16 PM

RP

“ Rod & Andrea Proctor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

Rod & Andrea Proctor - December 05, 2024 at 04:16 PM

AT

“ A good friend, love you, George and Angie Turner

angie turner - December 05, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 05, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

December 05, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 05, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.*



December 05, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.*



December 05, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.*



December 05, 2024 at 08:58 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.*

December 05, 2024 at 08:58 AM

SD

“ I met Mr Harrell when I was young in the nursery business. My father had unexpectedly passed away 4 years earlier and Mr Harrell made himself available to offer counsel whenever I called. That was 34 years ago and here I still am. My condolences to the family, friends, and employees of this true Southern gentleman. He was difference maker in the lives of so many.

Scott Dickey
Azalea Hill Nursery

Scott Dickey - December 04, 2024 at 08:51 PM

AM

“ AMPLEX purchased the Divine Light for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



AMPLEX - December 04, 2024 at 04:38 PM

AM

“ AMPLEX planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

AMPLEX - December 04, 2024 at 04:38 PM

HL

“ Henry, Debbie and ELT Landscape purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



Henry, Debbie and ELT Landscape - December 04, 2024 at 03:37 PM

LR

“ Love, Allison Keeling & Maddie Rominski purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



Love, Allison Keeling & Maddie Rominski - December 04, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 04, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

December 04, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CL

“ Cool Springs Logistics purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



Cool Springs Logistics - December 04, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 04, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

December 04, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ Zach Sweat and the Syngenta Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



Zach Sweat and the Syngenta Family - December 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ Zach Sweat and the Syngenta Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.

Zach Sweat and the Syngenta Family - December 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM

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“ Christopher L. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



Christopher L. - December 03, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



December 03, 2024 at 03:18 PM



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Winfred Mitchell Harrell.



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