



Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail

January 16, 1940 - October 22, 2020

Woodrow “Woody” Wilson Nail, Jr., 80, of Plant City, Florida, born on January 16, 1940 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, entered into eternal rest on October 22, 2020. He was a member of First Baptist Church Plant City, a retired choral teacher for Hillsborough County Public Schools, an ordained minister of music for many churches, and served several years in the Army as a trainer.

Through his life-long pursuit of learning, he attended William Carey College, Jacksonville State University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, University of South Florida, and Robert E. Webber Institute. He earned multiple degrees in music, theology and education, including a Doctor of Worship Studies at the age of 72. He loved his family dearly, and enjoyed song leading, learning, and laughing. He is survived by wife of 57 years, Rosella “Rosie” S. Nail; children, Dennis Nail (Kimberly) of Tampa, and Michelle Arn (Edward) of Lakeland; grandchildren, Ryan Nail (Kristin) of Tampa, Nicholas Nail of Wake Forest, North Carolina, Cole Arn (Lindsey) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Marlee Arn of Birmingham, Alabama; great-grandchildren; Ford Nail, and Alice Nail; siblings, Shirley Simmons (Bobby) of Milton, Maurice Nail (Daphne) of North Carolina, Linda Murphy (Eddie) of Lakeland, and Caroline Doucette (David) of Lakeland; and many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, and long-time friends. A memorial service will be held Friday, October 30 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L Redman Pkwy. Private graveside committal with military honors at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. For those unable to attend, the memorial

service will be live-streamed at fbcpc.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies at iws.edu. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

Bushnell, FL

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L. Redman Parkway
Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 28, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Dennis and Michelle, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. You are all in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult sad time.

Love your cousin,
Doris Rosson



Doris Rosson - October 30, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail.



October 29, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail.*



October 29, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Mr. Nail was my Chorus Teacher at Burnett Middle School, and he was the only teacher that I felt truly cared about me while I was there. He was always helpful and caring about how I was doing in and out of class. I even remember one day when he asked me to stay a few minutes after class for a private lesson. He truly went above and beyond!*



Matt Blankenship - October 29, 2020 at 07:33 AM

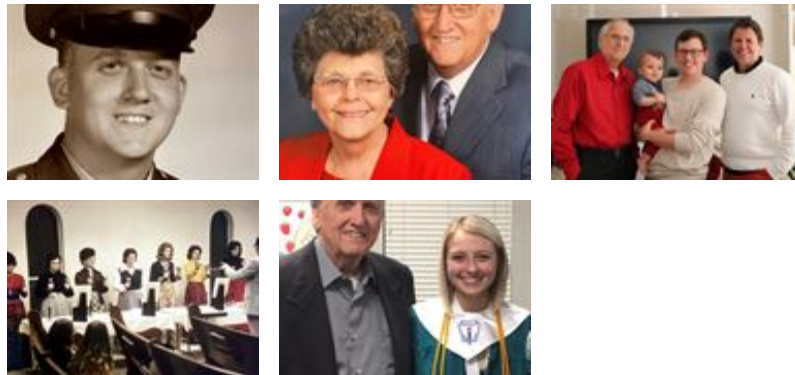


He was the best teacher ever for this school he was heaven sent

Melissa Hill - July 06, 2025 at 02:51 AM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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TT

“ I met Mr. Nail when he was my sisters chorus teacher. I couldn't wait to be in his chorus 5 yrs later when I was in 6th grade at Burnett. I was in his Advanced chorus for 3 years. Within those 3 years Mr. Nail has fought for me so many times. He fought for me when it came to All State because my audition tape was rejected. He fought for me when I didn't believe in myself and wasn't going to come to the awards concert, I didn't know that I was receiving any award but he made me the announcer to make sure I was there to receive the most outstanding trophy. And he fought the principle for me when I was moved to a different chorus class to put me in a math class to help my testing grade and Mr. Nail was able to get me back in Advanced Chorus. Mr. Nail always believed in me and thought that I would go far with my voice. Unfortunately I stopped singing once I moved on to high school because no chorus teacher would ever be as great as Mr. Nail. He had a great impact on us all! He became like a grandfather to me! He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed!!

Tiffany Thornton - October 28, 2020 at 04:20 AM

KL

“ I was in his chorus class for 3 years at Burnet middle school and I know that I gave him hell but he was by far one of the absolute best teachers that I have ever had in my entire life. If I could've gone back in time to just apologize for yelling at him when he sent me to the office for a dress code and acting like a typical 13-year-old girl. My heart aches for his family I was also in the same grade as his grand son Nick however we have not maintained a friendship. After middle school ended we all went our separate ways. I hope Mr. nail is exactly where he wants to be, you will never ever be forgotten Mr. Nail

Kelsey De Leon - October 27, 2020 at 10:27 PM

SW

“ He seriously inspired me and helped grow my skill and confidence in music and singing. I will never forget him as a teacher. Many cherished memories...”

Stephanie Walker - October 27, 2020 at 10:15 PM

RD

“ I met Mr. Nail in 6th grade he was my chorus teacher. He made life make sense. There were times I would feel my life was crashing around me and he always found a way to cheer me up. He believed me enough until I learned to believe in myself. I could share many memories but want to say what I'm sure is already known...the life he lived was nothing short than amazing and he did it so humble! Rest in paradise Mr. Nail! You are loved and will be missed by so many! I'm sure he is singing with the Angel's.”

Rebecca Dickerson - October 27, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail.”



October 26, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail.”



October 26, 2020 at 08:34 AM

JF

“ *Judy Yarbrough Mowdy & Todd Yarbrough & Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail.*



Judy Yarbrough Mowdy & Todd Yarbrough & Families -
October 25, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DW

“ *I took Woody's place as chorus director in 1996 at Eisenhower Middle School. At that time we became friends and worked together on many projects. He has always had a special place in my heart and I know he touched the lives of so many. He loved his students and music and I'm sure he'll soon be directing a choir in heaven.*

Debbie Woodfin - October 24, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail.*



October 24, 2020 at 12:35 PM

RB

“ *I have many memories of my cousin, Woody, but a few stand out. One is the fun times we had when he played basketball in Kansas. Another is the time he kindly came all the way to Mississippi to sing in my wedding. I haven't seen him for a long time, but I will still miss him. My sympathies to all the family.*
Love, Ramona

Ramona Nail Boughan - October 24, 2020 at 11:55 AM

KF

“ We worked together at Eisenhower Junior High back in the early 80s. He would sing two songs all the time. "Oh give me a home, where the buffalo roam....and I'll show you a dirty house."....and...."Mayonnaise have seen the glory of the coming of the Lords...".
He always brought a smile to my face.

Kevin Fuller - October 24, 2020 at 09:43 AM

NG

May you Rest In Peace, Sweet Cousin. Our families were unable to get together in the last few years, but I enjoyed chatting with you on FB. You will be missed. Love, Nancy

Nancy Nail Goodhue - October 24, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Nail.



October 23, 2020 at 06:26 PM