



## Charles L. Mott

August 7, 1944 - April 29, 2025

Charles "Charlie" Lewis Mott, of Lakeland, FL, passed away on April 29 th , 2025 at the age of 80.

Charlie was born in Bradenton on August 7 th , 1944, graduated from Lakeland High School, and married his high school sweetheart, Elaine in 1963. He then served in the Army in Vietnam, learned surveying and road construction in the engineering division and volunteered as assistant chaplain. Back at home, he became active in his church by serving as Sunday School Director and coached both the basketball team and the softball team.

Good sportsmanship was his top priority, and he was well respected by his players and their opponents. Charlie was proud to be a bridge builder by trade. He enjoyed pointing out his projects to family whenever he could. Because Charlie was a faithful husband and father and did not drink or smoke, his crew once ordered him a glass of milk at a restaurant bar to tease him.

Unbothered, he offered up a toast and tossed it back with a smile. Charlie was passionate about gardening and fishing and 'taking a ride' around central Florida. Many Saturdays were spent on short road trips in the car with the family that always included a stop at a store for a Diet Coke. He loved growing green beans, black eyed peas and strawberries, and especially loved sharing

his crops with neighbors and friends.

He loved his property and his pond. He often frightened his children by driving his tractor into the pond to "clean it out," and he loved seeing the grandchildren drag their fathers by the hand to fish and see the wildlife there. Most of all, he loved Elaine. She was his very best friend, faithful companion, and garden helper.

His life was never the same after losing her to Leukemia in 2011. In addition to Elaine, he was preceded in death by his mother Velma Jean. He is survived by his three daughters, Vickie (Wes) Reid, Pam (David) Cash, and Tricia (Rhett) Strickland; nine grandchildren, Charlie (Sarah), Chelsea, Shelby (Granger), and Chad Reid, Christopher (Sara) and Jessica (Nick) Cash, Laina, Kacee, and Cale Strickland; six great-grandchildren; as well as his sister, Gail Myhand; and brother, Ronnie Mott.

# Cemetery Details

## Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Dr  
Lakeland, FL 33809  
(863) 853-5959

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 4.** 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel  
3350 Mall Hill Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33810  
(863) 858-4474  
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com  
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

## Funeral Service with Military Honors

**MAY 4.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles L. Mott*



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - May 02, 2025 at 03:14 PM

JW

“ *My uncle by all means he was a overcome where he started and finishing well. Uncle Charles and my aunt had intoxicating love for each other. I'm sure that my three uncles encouraged and excepted him as there sisters husband with respect and importance of Jesus christ and being a good dad and excelled as a dad,husband friend and it goes  
Forever be the Jesus wanted him to be*

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**Jimmy Williams** - May 07, 2025 at 12:03 PM

CF

“ *Coffman and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles L. Mott.*

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**Coffman and family** - May 02, 2025 at 04:11 PM

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“ *Coffman and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles L. Mott.*



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**Coffman and family** - May 02, 2025 at 04:11 PM

KO

“ *Vickie, Pam & Tricia, we are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was so sweet & we enjoyed many days talking across the fence with him about our gardens. He always had great tips & stories & always a smile on his face. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you all. Keith & Donna Otstot*

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**Keith & Donna Otstot** - May 01, 2025 at 12:28 PM

IA

*My deepest condolences to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. Mott was such a kind man. I'm grateful for the time I had to care for him get to know him and for all the knowledge he shared with me he will be deeply missed sincerely Vickiy*

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**icky Arnett** - May 02, 2025 at 07:09 AM

AL

“ *Angie & Leo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles L. Mott.*

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**Angie & Leo** - May 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ Angie & Leo purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Charles L. Mott.



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**Angie & Leo** - May 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM

YG

“ Your Sis, Gail purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Charles L. Mott.



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**Your Sis, Gail** - May 01, 2025 at 09:52 AM