



Mr. James Ray Futch

April 8, 1951 - December 30, 2023

James Ray Futch, 72 of Plant City passed into the presence of his Savior on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at his home. A moment he spent his life in service, waiting for. He was born in Plant City to the late William McDowell and Marie Grant Futch.

Ray attended Plant City High School and made many lifelong friends along the way. He was blessed with the talent of musical abilities, and it showed every time he sat at a piano. In fact, this forte became his calling to the ministry where he served the Lord as a minister of music throughout his adult life at many churches in the community. Ray knew service to the Church was all encompassing and he never limited himself to just music, he also served as custodian throughout the years. Ray was a botanist and showed his knowledge of many species and varieties of plants through the ones he propagated and cared for. He also cherished time seeking out God's creation through birds and admiring their natural existence surrounding him. He was a task master with skillful hands and a vision that led to many remodels, a quality he loved to use and share. His most cherished times though were when he was surrounded by his family and church family. A great void will remain; however, a legacy will flourish in the countless lives Ray touched throughout the years.

Ray is preceded in death by his wife of forty-five years, Donna Futch. Those

which survive are his son, James Ray Futch II (Esther); brothers, Bill Futch (Donna), Lee Futch (Gail), David Futch (Bonnie); grandchildren, Javan, Jeremiah, Jordan Futch and honorary sister, Darlene Harrison.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate the life of Ray will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 11:00AM with a visiting hour from 10:00AM until service time. Both will be held at Trinity Life Church, 1942 W. Memorial Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33815. A committal service will immediately follow at Mt. Enon Cemetery, Plant City.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Enon Cemetery

3702 N. Frontage Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Life Church of God
1942 W. Memorial Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33815

Funeral Service

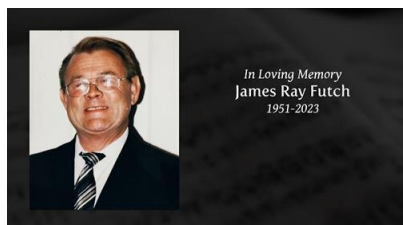
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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Ray Futch



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 11, 2024 at 08:42 AM

JK

Ray was the most loving, caring, selfless friend I have ever known. I have known Ray for many years and have always have many laughs together. Enjoyed cruises together. A piece of my heart is missing here on Earth but knowing his is in Heaven praising Jesus and walking on the streets of gold gives me great assurance to see him again some day. Ray I Love You and you will terribly missed. Go fly high and rest. See you soon, Jason Killam ❤️💙

Jason Killam - January 14, 2024 at 07:59 PM

RA

I'm sorry just hearing about your passing and wanted to say you was 1 of the best men I ever met in his family with the church and with helping me with community service you will definitely be missed by me and I at least know where you are and what your doing (playing piano)so thank you for all the stuff you taught me too take care old friend.

Randy - June 02, 2024 at 10:22 AM



Jamie and Stephanie I didn't get to say goodbye Stephanie Adkins but I enjoyed every moment with you I enjoyed all the fun adventure and craziness you brought excitement into my life when I was nothing you made me feel Worthy and you made me feel like something too bad I never did straighten out now I'm just lost my friend Mike Mathis is dead and you're dead there's nothing really left I'll miss you forever thank you for everything in my life thank you for having me showing me adventure

S Stoneadkins - September 21, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Futch.*



January 12, 2024 at 07:25 AM



“ *Calvin and Sandra Bishop and Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mr. James Ray Futch.*

Calvin and Sandra Bishop and Family - January 12, 2024 at 07:25 AM



“ *Futch Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mr. James Ray Futch.*

Futch Family - January 11, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Futch.*



January 11, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Futch.*



January 10, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ *Pre- Con Construction, Inc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Ray Futch.*

Pre- Con Construction, Inc - January 10, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Futch.*



January 09, 2024 at 07:24 PM

LL

“ Lynn and Michael Lister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Ray Futch.

Lynn and Michael Lister - January 09, 2024 at 07:24 PM

LF

“ Lee & Gail Futch purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Mr. James Ray Futch.



Lee & Gail Futch - January 08, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Futch.



January 08, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Futch.



January 06, 2024 at 01:22 PM

TC

“ We are saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our dear friend, Ray. It was wonderful to get together many times with him while we were in Lakeland over the 12 years we spent there. Ray will be missed by all his family & dear friends. Our prayers are with his family.

Trueman & Lynne Mutch (Napanee ON Canada - January 04, 2024 at 09:10 PM

DG

My dearest friend, what can I say .My heart is broken but you are meeting with family and friends. Prayers for your family.

Debra Griffin - January 11, 2024 at 12:13 PM

MP

Ray, we can't thank you enough for what you did for us and what you gave to us. We'll always miss you at the park. With an abundance of love-Mike, Joe, Tony and Carol.

Mike Perkins - January 12, 2024 at 07:59 AM

AB

A dear friend gone but not forgotten. I miss you Ray you funny guy you. Tony

anthony beall - January 13, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RW

I was Blessed to be able to call this wonderful man my cousin!! If I ever felt down and needed a laugh he was the one to call. Broke my heart for him to leave us behind . But, I rejoice for he has made it home. Until we meet again my friend. Love ya much !!

Rhonda Williams - January 14, 2024 at 11:09 PM