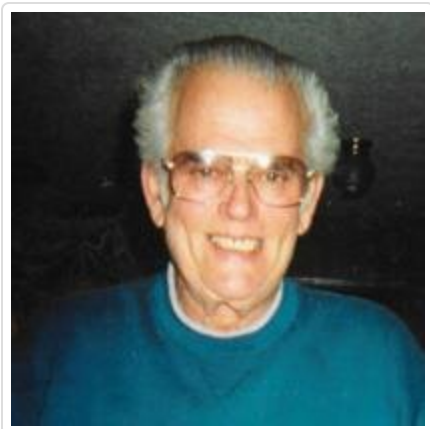




Thomas "Woody" Waters

February 15, 1941 - October 11, 2015

THOMAS "WOODY" WATERS, 74

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

Thomas "Woody" Waters, 74, of Lakeland passed into the arms of Jesus Christ our Savior on October 11, 2015, surrounded by his loving family at Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland.

Woody was born on February 15, 1941 in Winter Haven, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents Betty J. Waters and Jack B. Waters of Winter Haven, granddaughter Amber Murphy and one brother.

Woody graduated from Winter Haven High School Class of 1959 and worked for Jack and Betty's Drive-In Restaurant and The Longhorn Restaurant followed by Polk County Correctional Officer, D.O.T, and Polk County School Board as School Bus Driver. He was also the Co-Owner of Waters Produce for 35 years. Woody loved fishing, hunting, and Gator Football.

He is survived by his wife Helen Durrence Waters the love of his life for 54 years. Daughters: Misty Waters-Maloney (Leonard), Wendy Waters-Smith, Crystal Waters Murphy (Jerome) and Granddaughters: Brandi Murphy Masters (Brian), Jennifer Uhl, Jailen Maloney, and 10 Great-Grandchildren, all of Lakeland. One Brother of Auburndale.

A visitation will be held at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home Southside Chapel, 1727 Highway 98 South on Thursday October 15 from 10:00 am to 11:00am.

A funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00am.

In Lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to Good Shepherd

Hospice of Lakeland

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Woody" Waters*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 13, 2015 at 07:50 AM

PC

Awesome man who loved his job as a school bus driver and loved his "kids"! Prayers for the family and God be with you!
Pam

Pamela A Combee - October 13, 2015 at 07:38 PM

SE

A Very Moving Tribute to a Great Guy. Woody you were always Friendly and Outgoing and will be Missed but never Forgotten.

Steve Eichelberger - October 13, 2015 at 07:53 PM

TG

What a beautiful celebration of life for Mr. Woody! God bless your family for the pain they're going through because they're missing you!! Love you all!!

Teresa Griffin - October 14, 2015 at 02:56 PM

WS

*time ive sharerd with you daddy i will always charrish
I LOVE YOU DADDY.
Your loving daughter Wendy*

wendy waters smith - October 16, 2015 at 05:34 AM

CD

Daddy you have always been my heroe i will forever miss you dearly your babygirl(crystal murphy

crystal murphy daughter - October 26, 2015 at 03:23 PM

CM

Missing you so much Daddy we will take care of momma the pain of loosing you is hard you were so loved!!!

Crystal Murphy - November 16, 2015 at 05:06 PM

WE

I miss you just as much today as when the day you left us dad. I love you dad and miss you dearly

wendy - March 30, 2016 at 06:45 PM

CM

Miss you so much Daddy my heart aches evey day that goes by love your babygirl .Crystal

crytal murphy - May 22, 2016 at 10:11 AM

GW

“ *This is Gene, son of Vera Waters, nephew of Jack and Betty, and Woody's cousin.....sorry to read of his passing....had not been in touch with him since we were teenagers, although I think we did communicate by email several years ago. I hope the family is doing well. I have lost touch with all of my Florida kinfolks, and would appreciate any information you could provide about the Waters/Tucker families.*

Thank you so much, Gene Waters of Texas

Gene Waters - October 15, 2016 at 05:22 PM

SE

“ *Steve Eichelberger lit a candle in memory of
Thomas "Woody" Waters*



Steve Eichelberger - October 13, 2015 at 07:58 PM