



# Donnie Medlin Cress

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### **D** onnie Cress, 75 Don Cress Construction

Lakeland – Donnie Cress passed peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Donnie was a Godly man and will always be remembered for his faith and his love of God. He will be remembered and greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Donnie was born in Concord, NC and moved to Lakeland in 1949. He owned and operated Don Cress Construction where he built many homes for the people of Polk County. Donnie was a member of Kathleen Baptist Church where he served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher and Deacon for many years. He loved spending time with his family, fishing and hunting, checking on his cows and also his home in Homosassa.

Donnie is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara; son, Dean (Belinda) Cress; grandchildren, Josh (Courtney) Cress, Lindsey (Josh) York; 5 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, 1 brother, and his mother.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am at Kathleen Baptist Church, 3939 2nd St NW, Lakeland, FL 33810. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 am. Graveside service will follow at Serenity Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, C/O Kathleen Baptist Church.

Condolences to the family may be offered at [www.gentry-morrison.com](http://www.gentry-morrison.com)



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## Visitation

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- Kathleen Baptist Church**  
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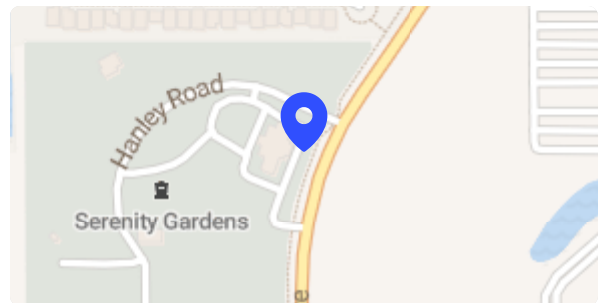
## Funeral Service

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- 11:00 AM ET
- Kathleen Baptist Church**  
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## Cemetery Details

- Serenity Gardens - Cemetery**  
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810
- 863-853-5959**





## Tribute Wall

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**Diane Pierson** posted:

So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was not only our home builder but a good friend. Took him and his grandson fishing one time and he caught a large cobra. We were out about 20 miles and I got so sea sick! I think Don did too but was not going to say anything because he wanted that Cobia!! Diane Pierson (built home on Giant Oak Rd)

November 19 at 11:05 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donnie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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