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Harvey Lanier Merritt, 81, went to be with his heavenly Father on Saturday, January 27, 2018.

He was born in Coffee County, GA. On April 2, 1936 to Ed and Iva Mae Merritt (deceased).

He attended Pridgen Elementary, Broxton High School, and University of South Georgia in Douglas.

Harvey came to Florida in 1957 where he met the love of his life, Clarice Burch. They married and raised their family in Highland City. Harvey retired from Cargill Fertilizer in 1996.

Harvey was a Charter member of Trinity Christian Center in Highland City. He was very active in all areas of the church, but his special love was the Royal Rangers program. He worked with the young boys for 44 years and was awarded the Lifetime Service Award, a distinguished honor of which he was very proud.

Harvey was an avid bird hunter. He also collected antique tractors and was a member of the Florida Flywheelers.

Harvey's pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Clarice, and sisters Elizabeth Harper, Faye (Ronald) Jowers and Angela Smith. He has 3 children: Eddy (Kathy) Merritt and Gary (Cindy) Merritt of Highland City and Stacey Merritt of Tampa; 5 grandchildren Jason (Jessica) Merritt and David (Erin) Merritt of Bartow, Matthew (Lindsey) Merritt of Richmond Hill, GA, Thomas (Erin) Merritt of Highland City and Shelby Merritt of Nashville, TN; and 4 great-grandchildren Brayden, Levi, Rilynn and June.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Harvey was a diabetic, as are his niece and great-granddaughter, Rilynn, so this was a cause dear to his heart.

https://www2.jdrf.org/site/Donation2?2374.donation=form1&df_id=2374



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And use the address: PO Box 639, Highland City, FL 33846 for donation receipt letters.

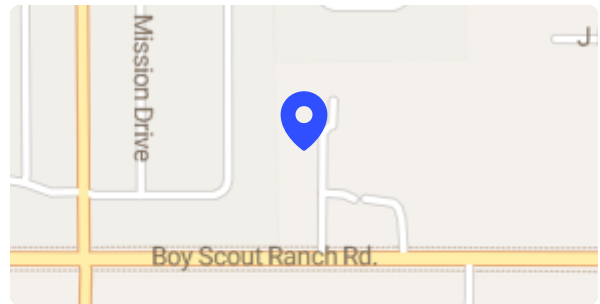


Visitation


 **Friday**, February 2, 2018


 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Trinity Christian Center**
4416 Co Rd 540A, Lakeland FL 33813

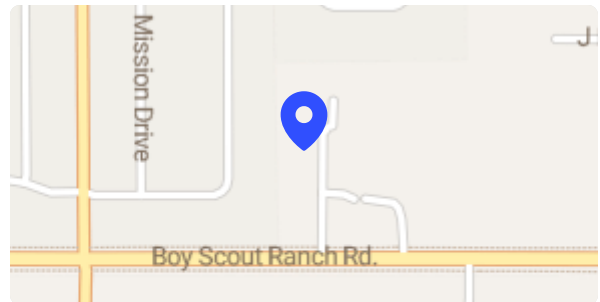


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February 7 at 2:47 PM



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February 7 at 2:44 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Merritt family.



January 31 at 6:31 AM



Faye Jowers posted:

My precious brother and I had many good times together. He even allowed me to go on a few dates with him and his good friend Bryant. Later I found out that Bryant really wanted me to go. Harvey was a gentle, kind, Christian, southern gentleman. He had a heart and love for God and I think he is enjoying being with Jesus and many friends who are already in heaven. I will miss you, dear one. Your sister., Faye

January 31 at 6:10 AM



Denise Grossman posted:

Harvey, I have been great full to have had you in my life. You have been my spiritual father for many year. You open your home to me, and spoke many things into my life. In 1 Cor. 4, it talks about there being many guardian, but not many father. You have definitely been a father. Thank You for speaking into my life. Love You

January 30 at 3:35 PM



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Hannah Williams posted:

Even to a writer, words do not come easily when someone so precious leaves earth to go Home. Harvey, I loved your stories! The one about the drunk pigs will always be my favorite, and I hope you have retold it to our Heavenly Father! Your words of wisdom, quiet strength, and humble heart taught me a lot. Watching your careful care and love for Clarice gave me amazing gifts as I stepped into the role of wife. I cannot wait until we meet again in Heaven, and I want to be the first one to race you down the street of gold.

January 30 at 11:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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