



L. Bennett Flanders

November 30, 1937 - May 4, 2022

L. Bennett Flanders Obituary

L. Bennett Flanders (known by many as Doc Flanders) passed peacefully in his home in Lakeland on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. He was 84 years old. He was born in Toombs County, Georgia to Arlie and Florence Flanders.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters Arlene Smith and Faye Lollis. Bennett enrolled at Lyons Senior High School his senior year specifically to play football. There he met Judy Jarriel who he married in June 1960. Shortly thereafter, in the fall of 1960, Bennett entered the University of Georgia Veterinary School. He graduated in June 1964, worked for almost a year in avian research for the veterinary school before moving to Lakeland, FL in 1965. He began his veterinary practice at Crystal Lake Animal Hospital and practiced veterinary medicine over 30 years. He retired from the practice he established at Kathleen Animal Hospital. As he was retiring from practice, he pursued his lifelong dream of cattle ranching. This became a thriving cattle ranch known as LBF Ranch LLC. He was an active member of the Polk County Cattlemen's Association. He was also a lover of the Georgia Bulldogs.

Bennett is survived by his wife, Judy Flanders, and two daughters: Lori Germany (Eric) and their children Joseph, Jordan, and Jennifer; and Carrie Bayhan (David) and their children Elleri and Ben. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Wednesday May 11th, from 10:00- 11:00a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life service at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 3125 W Socrum Loop Rd, Lakeland, FL 33810. The burial will follow at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes-Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, FL 33810.

In lieu of flowers, Bennett's family asks that donations be made to the Florida Baptist Children's Home, Lighthouse Ministries, or Good Shepherd Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens - Cemetery

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
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<https://serenitygardensoflakeland.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church
3125 Socrum Loop Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I count it a privilege and honor to have been an employee, colleague, and friend of Bennett for the past 45 years. He was more than fair to me as a young veterinarian and gracious to me as I left his practice and opened my own practice. He and Judy supported us when my family were Missionaries in Africa. In recent years he has sold me bulls for my cattle herd and allowed me to assist him as a veterinarian for his herd. But what has most impressed me is his deepening and an abiding faith in Jesus Christ and a desire that others know Him! I will miss Bennett and am praying for Judy and their girls (and their families). I would be at the funeral today but a COVID diagnosis in the past 24 hours restricts me. Blessings Judy and all... Will see you soon!

Dr. John Crews - May 11 at 09:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of L. Bennett Flanders.



May 10 at 06:36 PM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of L. Bennett Flanders.



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“ My thoughts and prayers for the Flanders family, I will always remember riding with Bennett on the 4-wheeler opening the gates on his ranch, talking about those Georgia Bulldogs, he told me earlier this year it was on his bucket list to see Georgia win a National Championship, they lost in the conference championship game, he thought that was it, but they came back and won the National Championship, he was thrilled, and going with him to eat a good hamburger, he told me he loved a good hamburger, like many of us I will miss my friend. Rest In Peace
Jerry Morgan

Jerry Morgan - May 08 at 06:22 PM