



## James Newton Etheredge

January 29, 2017

### Obituary of James Etheredge

James Newton Etheredge, age 83, of Bushnell, FL, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2017. He was born in Miami, Florida then moved to Clermont where he graduated high school after attending Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Pete. He entered the U.S. Army as a Chief Computer Specialist. After his service time he went to University of Florida, School of Pharmacy. While at UF Mr. Etheredge played baseball, tutored students and was on the Dean's List. He also was on the committee that hired football head Coach Ray Graves in 1960.

After college, he was co-owner of Palms Pharmacy in Eustis. He then owned and operated Etheredge Pharmacy with a soda fountain in Bushnell from 1961 to 1972. He helped many people in his community. In 1972 he built the new building that housed Etheredge Pharmacy. Mr. Etheredge served as a councilman with The City of Bushnell and also served as Mayor of Bushnell for two terms and as Mayor signed the agreement with Florida Power to provide electric to the City. He also served on the Health Planning Council for the State of Florida and was President of the Pharmacy Association. He coached and supported local sports teams, including little league and girls softball and was a member of the Quarterback Club. Mr. Etheredge was also in the Kiwanis Club, was a Master Mason Honorary 33rd degree, and a

Shriner 33rd degree. Mr. Etheredge is survived by his wife, Joyce Laverne, children: Stephen, Darby, Melinda and Daniel; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Von Ola Purvis; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Julie Etheredge.

#### In Lieu Of

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in the memory of James Newton Etheredge to: University of Florida, College of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 103570, Gainesville, FL 32610.

#### Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service held on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Bushnell, FL with Pastor Casey Ferguson officiating and following will be committal service at 11:30 at Florida National Cemetery with full military honors. All are invited to a luncheon following at First Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *###GESTURE###*

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**melinda etheredge** - February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband and father. He was a very sweet man, and gave me my very first job in his store. I pray your happy memories will soon replace the sorrow.*

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**Susan Noell** - February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *James Newton Etheredge*

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**melinda etheredge** - February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you Steve and your family. Your dad was an amazing man.*

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**Deb Gardner** - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Thought of you often over the years.. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Maybe a visit in the future..*

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**Sheila Buie** - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Our family would like to extend our sympathy to your family in the loss Mr. Ethredge.....Our love and prayers are with you. Prayers for God's blessings and strength during this time.*

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**Joyce Mask** - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *James Newton Etheredge*

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**melinda etheredge** - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TD

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**Terri Besser- Day** - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *James Newton Etheredge*

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**Terri Besser- Day** - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Mr Etheredge was such a nice man. Always had a smile whenever I saw him. He took such pride with things. I only met him during his time just before his beloved daughter Julie passed away. I saw him destroyed and then built back up again with his daughter Melinda's new found life. He was a family man and loving husband and hard working pharmacist from what I have learned. My thoughts to his family and friends. I say this for him....Go Gators.*

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**Bill W. Friend** - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *James Newton Etheredge*

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**melinda etheredge** - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Your family is in our prayers. We wish that we could be there for the service I know Doug really wants to be there.. Me. Etheredge we'll be so missed..

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**Doug and Kelli Craft** - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Sorry for the sadness this brings to the hearts of those that this honorable man left behind. My prayers will be for those hearts to feel more peace than sorrow when thoughts of him come to mind.

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**Ellen Didion** - February 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

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**melinda etheredge** - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ ###GESTURE###

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**Vickie Scofield** - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I love you daddy <3

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**melinda etheredge** - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ James Newton Etheredge

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**melinda etheredge** - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. He was a great man and will be missed. My prayers are with the family. May God bless you and keep you. Love to you and yours. Vickie Scofield

Vickie Scofield - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ James Newton Etheredge

Vickie Scofield - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Angela Gardner - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Danny, May the Lord always Bless you and your family. So sorry for your loss. God Bless

Becky Sizemore Knight - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ James Newton Etheredge

February 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Danny and family, I offer my deepest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. May you find peace in knowing that your loved one has gone home, and may the Lord hold you in his comforting hands in the days ahead.

ANNIE MARTIN BROWN BONNETT - February 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM