



## JAMES HARPER

February 2, 1947 - October 29, 2009

### Obituary of JAMES HARPER

James Robert Harper (Bob) went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 29th after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Orlando, Florida, on February 2, 1947. He graduated from the University of South Florida in 1969. Subsequently, he served in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years. In the early 1970's he started in the fern business with his brother, Russ, and continued the business his Grandfather had started in 1919. His current business is Foliage Imports with his wife Leilani & Son Robbie. Bob served on the Astor St. John's Water Board and was instrumental in Astor obtaining a sewage treatment facility. Perhaps most important to Bob was his membership in the First Baptist Church in Astor. Over the years, it was his privilege to serve as a Deacon, Finance Committee, and Chairman of the Committee on the new Family Life Center Building. He is survived by his beloved wife, Leilani, his son, Robbie, his daughter-in-law, Nicole, and his grandson, Eli. He has two surviving brothers, Mike of Orlando and John of Pierson, and is predeceased by his brother, Russ, his mother, Helen Harper, and his father, Dr. George Russell Harper. He also has many beloved nephews and nieces, all of whom were a blessing to his life.

## Visitation

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Astor. Flowers are acceptable but those desiring may make a contribution to the First Baptist Church of Astor Family Life Building Fund.

## Services

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 3, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Astor with Reverend Terry Holland and Dr. Dick Lincoln officiating.

## Interment

Interment will follow services at the Astor-Astor Park Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Bob's Family, especially Leilani - thank you so very much for sharing such a special person with our community who was so giving and caring. It was my pleasure and honor to know him. His service was most definitely a "Celebration" - May He be with you during this time and forever.

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**Nancy Brand** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I just heard of Bob's passing yesterday afternoon. He will be missed, most importantly we know where he is and we know that he is free from cancer and its pain. His faith and commitment to Christ and his wishes to share it through his business will reap many rewards. J. Bryan Cox Port Matilda PA

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**J. Bryan Cox** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM