



## Joe Merritt

August 27, 1930 - November 15, 2010

### Obituary of Joe Merritt

Joe D. "Buddy" Merritt, 80, of Bushnell, Florida, died Monday, November 15, 2010 at St. Petersburg, FL. He was born August 27, 1930 in Lake Panasoffkee, Florida. He was a 4th generation resident of Sumter County. He graduated from Bushnell High School and Florida State University with a BS degree in Education. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force and served during the Korean War. He was an Agent with Cotton States Insurance Company. He was a member of the Sumter County School Board for 26 yrs. and served as Chairman. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge # 30, the Seminole Booster Club and the South Sumter Quarterback Club, and was a Shriner. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and conservationist. He was community minded and was an advocate for children.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and he loved Sumter County. He is survived by his wife of 56 yrs., Fredna Merritt of Bushnell; children, Sabrina (Randy) Baker of Wildwood, FL, Cheryl (Phil) Sanchez of Treasure Island, FL, and Derl Merritt of Lake Panasoffkee, FL; grandchildren, Jarrett and Derek Baker, Jason, Jarrett, and Chase Sanchez; and 5 great-grandchildren.

## Visitation

Visitation will be at the Purcell Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. A Masonic Service will be held at 7:30 pm.

## Services

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Bushnell on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 2:00 pm, Pastor Aaron Burgner will preside.

## Interment

Interment will follow at Sumterville Cemetery, Sumterville, FL.

## Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to Lane Purcell Hospice c/o Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

# Tribute Wall



“ Joe Merritt

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Fredna and family: Sending prayers of comfort your way during this time of great loss.

Becky (Robinson)Hampton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Fredna, Sabrina, Cheryl, Derl, and all of your family: Heartfelt condolences, love, and prayers to each and everyone of you.

Kenny James - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to Sumterville school with Buddy when we were in the second or third grade. He and I "liked" each other for that year. I don't remember seeing him after that year but have remembered him over these years. My mother was one of the teachers. I am glad to see he had a good life and had a Christian memorial service. May God give comfort to each of you, his family. Prayerfully, Patsy Brademeyer

Pat Brademeyer Hanson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I was saddened when I heard the news of Mr. Joe's passing. He was such an amazing man & also had a smile to share. He will truly be missed by sooo many. My thoughts & prayers go out to the family. God bless!!

Candi Rowe Giddens - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will always remember him as having a smile on his face. He could brighten anyones day. God Bless all who miss him. My condolences to Fredna, Sabrina, Cheryl and Derl*

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**Melinda Etheredge** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM