



## Melvin Merritt

June 12, 2016

### Obituary of Melvin Merritt

Melvin "Jack" Merritt, age 87, of Groveland, FL, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2016. He was born in Tuscanooga Island, Florida and was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Mascotte. He liked fishing, hunting and telling stories and gardening. He loved God, his family and his church family. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lou Merritt; children: Dorothy Patterson (James), Mascotte, FL; Walter Merritt (Betty), Center Hill, FL; Kenneth Merritt (Frankie), Center Hill, FL; Alan Merritt (Bonnie), Mascotte, FL; David Merritt (Kyra), Groveland, FL; sisters: Vera Beach, Okeechobee, FL, Hazel Fowler, Clermont, FL; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers: Bernice Merritt, Curtis Merritt, Kermit "Buddy" Merritt, Bernard "Bill" Merritt, Alfred "Pete" Merritt; sisters: Myrtle Thomas, Arie Godwin.

### Visitation and Service

There will be a visitation and service on Friday, June 17, 2016 (visitation 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m.) at First Missionary Baptist Church of Mascotte, with Pastor Quintin Story and Pastor Ronnie Weeks officiating. Interment will follow at Tuscanooga Cemetery.

In Lieu Of

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in his memory to  
Compassionate Care Hospice, 214 E. Washington St., Minneola, FL 34715.

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *I miss your stories Daddy.*

Dorothy and Jimmy - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Dorothy and Jimmy - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *###GESTURE###*

Kenny and Frankie - June 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *God's blessings and comfort to you all. I always thought a lot of Jack. Heaven is sweeter today.*

Linda Strickland Crawford - June 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Melvin Merritt*

Kenny and Frankie - June 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Thoughts and prayers at this time for you and yours. Jack was a good man.*

Juanita & Bob McCue - June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Melvin Merritt*

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**Gretchen Merritt** - June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *We will forever love and miss you Papa Jack. Rest Easy*

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**Gretchen, Joe, Brett, and Reagan** - June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Melvin Merritt*

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**Melissa Smith** - June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to Aunt Lou and all the rest of Uncle Jack's family, which I did not realize was so very large. God blessed him many times over with people to love and more importantly, people who loved him. Two memories of Uncle Jack will always be with me: One was when I cut my big toe so bad playing ball in the back yard. He was going to put it in kerosene and I threw a fit, knowing how bad that was going to hurt. Finally after him threatening to whip my behind the toe went in the kerosene and he was right! - coolness and no pain. The second was when he finally let me cut okra after trying to explain to "hardhead" I wouldn't like it. Again, he was right! Love to all of you, especially Aunt Lou.*

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**Diane Zipperer Ponder** - June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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