



## Thomas Jefferson LeVines

February 3, 1929 - August 20, 2022

Longtime Baptist minister Thomas Jefferson LeVines passes away at 93

Thomas 'Tom' Jefferson LeVines went to be with his Lord August 20th, 2022 while at Edgewater at Waterman Village in Mount Dora, FL. Tom's life can be summed up in his favorite sermon title, Love is a Spendthrift, based on the writings of Paul Scherer, "Love is a spendthrift, leaves its arithmetic at home, is always 'in the red.' And God is Love." Tom loved his Christ and as God commanded, his love extended to all people. No one knows how many lives he influenced through the years.

Tom was born in Arcadia, Florida on February 3rd, 1929 to Eugene Osborne LeVines (1892-1972) and Minnie Mercer LeVines (1899-1994). He had one sister, Jannie Laura LeVines (1927-2017). Tom moved to Virginia when he was 16 and graduated from George Washington High School. After serving in the Army for two years he was discharged in 1954. He married Shirley Mae Heflin on March 20th, 1954.

Tom attended Bluefield College (VA) before graduating with a B. A. from Wake Forest College (NC) and a M. Div. from Southeastern Theological Seminary (NC). He pastored five congregations in Virginia and Florida, as well as serving many additional churches as interim, supply, and guest minister. He served Lyles Baptist Church (VA) for a combined 30 years as both his first and

last ministries.

Tom was also passionate about working with his hands, skilled as a mechanic, builder, and woodworker. He rebuilt dozens of vehicles over the course of his lifetime. He built a large geodesic home for his family from his own customized designs, which featured a central spiral wood staircase. He crafted two cradles for his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

LeVines is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley Heflin LeVines; and their children Thomas Allen LeVines and Eugene Osborne LeVines and wife Ellis; grandchildren – Valen LeVines Clore and husband Daniel, Kacy LeVines Tillman and husband Alex, George LeVines and partner Laura Curtis, and Jesse LeVines; greatgrandchildren – Dorothy Curtis, Suzi Curtis, and Levi Tillman. The memorial service will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday 24 September 2022 at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Oak Ridge Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. Memorial contributions may be made to Lyles Baptist Church, P.O. Box 475, Palmyra, VA 22963.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

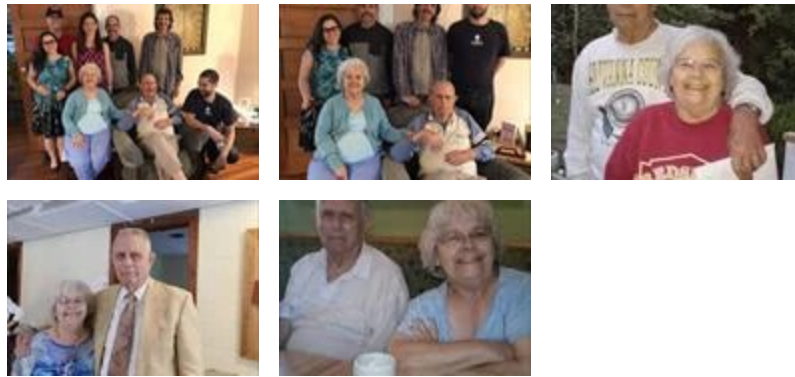
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Oak Ridge Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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Kacy LeVines Tillman - September 24, 2022 at 10:54 AM

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Gene LeVines - September 12, 2022 at 04:29 PM

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*Valen and grandpa*

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**Kacy Tillman** - September 05, 2022 at 10:29 AM