



Theodore DeWayne Whidden

September 29, 1935 - December 7, 2015

Madison: Theodore DeWayne Whidden, age 80, went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 7, 2015 at Tallahassee Memorial Health Care after a lengthy illness.

Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, December 11, 2015 at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison. Visitation will be from 1:00 "" 2:00 prior to the service. Burial will be at San Pedro Cemetery.

DeWayne was born and raised in Tampa. He received Christ and was baptized at age 12. After graduating from Hillsborough High School in the Class of 1954, he served overseas in the U. S. Air Force for four years. Returning to Tampa, he began a 32-year career with Eastern Airlines. He was a Master Mason, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Member and a Shriner. After retirement he worked five years as a Hillsborough County Park Ranger, before moving to his adopted hometown of Madison, Florida where he enjoyed life and his many friends. He was a member of the Madison Coffee Club at Burger King. His church membership was at New Home Baptist Church. He will be remembered by many, for his wit and fun-loving spirit, as well as his generosity and care for those who needed help.

DeWayne was pre-deceased by his parents: Ted C. and Edra Duke Whidden, and by two brothers, Tim and Jerry Whidden.

He is survived by his beloved wife: Helen Bland Whidden; his daughters: Debra Aplin and husband Doug of Sarasota; Angela Culpepper and husband Jack of Madison; his sister: Sara W. Tillis and husband Lester of Tampa; grandchildren: Ashley, Wil, Jay and Tommy; nephew and niece: Bart and Brenda; and many cousins.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 850-973-2258.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my Father, DeWayne. I'm even more saddened that he never got to meet his beautiful grandson and my son, Timothy Steven Whidden (8) or his equally beautiful granddaughter from his daughter Wendi Schaffer, Jonna Reagan Schaffer (11). Rest in peace Dad.

Steven DeWayne Whidden - December 16, 2015 at 03:51 PM

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“ I have known DeWayne all my life. I grew up right down the street from him on Wilson Avenue in Tampa. It was such a shock to hear of his passing. I am at a loss for words. He will be greatly missed!

MICHAEL HOPE - December 12, 2015 at 01:37 AM

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“ DeWayne was a great guy, and a good friend. He was the soul of Madison. He will be missed by his many friends, and especially by us.\r\n\r\nGod bless him. Deepest sympathy to his family.\r\n\r\n\r\nBruce and Carol Paladino

Bruce & Carol Paladino - December 11, 2015 at 04:32 PM

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“ Dear Helen,\r\n\r\n\r\nSo sorry to learn of DeWayne's passing.\r\n\r\nSincerest sympathy to all of you. God\r\n\r\nbless and keep you. I didn't have the\r\n\r\npleasure of meeting him but all who did\r\n\r\nsaid he was a very good man.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nIn Christian love,\r\n\r\n\r\nRosalind



Rosalind Huggins - December 10, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ Theodore DeWayne Whidden

December 09, 2015 at 11:53 PM



“ Helen Glenn, you have my deepest sympathy and remain in my prayers. God bless you.i

Don Kellum - December 09, 2015 at 11:19 PM



“ To Dewayne"s Family\r\n\r\nPlease accept our sincere condolences at the passing of DeWayne. We were classmates of his in Hillsborough High School, class of 1954. He was a swell guy and will be missed. We always enjoyed seeing him at our class reunions. May he now rest in peace.\r\n\r\nJim and Yvonne Marsh

Jim and Yvonne Marsh - December 09, 2015 at 09:24 PM