



## Clarence Marion Hooks

May 12, 1932 - November 5, 2015

Clarence Marion Hooks, a child of The King transitioned to his heavenly home Thursday November 5, 2015 with his wife and family by his side. He was born May 12, 1932 in Miami, FL to Gladys and Marion Carnegia Hooks. He was a good ole country boy that honored God first and his family second. He was a dedicated hard working man that gave everything he had to any task he undertook. Everyone he met he considered to be his friend and was fiercely loyal to all. There are no words available to adequately describe who he was and what he meant to his family and many friends.

He was known to his parents and sisters as well as his softball teammates as "Buddy". He served in the US Navy from 1951 until 1955, where he played fast pitch softball the entire 4 years. He was scheduled to ship out and at the last minute his orders were changed. His Chief recognized his talent as a ballplayer and changed his orders to remain in San Diego, CA and to be able to pitch for ComPhibPac, the Naval softball team. His years of enlistment during the Korean War earned him a High School diploma that he value and was extremely proud of. Clarence played fast pitch softball locally on several teams for many years. He even pitched against The King and His Court in an exhibition game and got a hit off The King. His many years of playing fast pitch earned him recognition for his talent and gift as an outstanding ball player. Over the years he sponsored several church softball teams as well as Little League baseball teams at Meridian Park. As an avid hunter he enjoyed many hunting excursions with his son in laws Paul Sauls and Joe Thompson,

but especially loved hunting with his grandsons Joey and Josh Thompson and also nephew Buck Cash. He also loved fishing and that quickly became a family tradition enjoying many weekends at St. George Island with family and friends. No one could snatch hook mullet like he could. Clarence was employed with the City of Tallahassee for 31 years retiring January 1987 as Supervisor of the Recreation Maintenance Department. During his years with the City he was instrumental in helping the Recreation Dept. grow and expand the number of softball fields and recreation complexes. He was also known as Mr. Umpire to many players as he umpired countless softball games at James Messer Field. After retiring from the City of Tallahassee he owned and operated Hooks Tractor Service for 12 years.

Clarence is survived by, Faye Barineau Hooks his wife of 59 years; daughters Cindy Sauls and Pam Hooks both of Tallahassee; grandchildren: Jennifer OBrien (Chris) of Savannah GA, Joey Thompson (Emily) of Orlando, Rachael Grice (Mike), Josh Thompson (Nyssa) all of Tallahassee, Christy Osteen (James) of Wakulla, Beverly Sauls of Tallahassee; great grandchildren Faith & Grace Ortega and Cali & Hope Obrien of Savannah, GA, Braydon & Madison Grice of Tallahassee, Wyatt & Gage Thompson of Tallahassee; sisters Ruby Sullivan of Tallahassee, Frances Roberts of Waukeelah, FL, Betty Spence (Earl) of Monticello, FL, Edna Merle Pace (Raymond), Barbara Barineau of Tallahassee, Kathy Barineau of Donalsonville, GA. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents Gladys & Marion Carnegia Hooks; sisters Mable Bell, Ruth Morgan, Edna Echols, Glenda Riley; in-laws: John Lorin and Mary Barineau, sister in laws Loraine Sholar, Mary Frances Cash, Juanita Ellis; brother in laws Ernest, Guyton, L.C., Kenneth, Charles and James Barineau. The family will receive friends Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Evangel Assembly of God Church. Funeral services will be held Monday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. at Evangel Assembly of God Church. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Clarence's favorite dress attire was jeans, so feel free to wear your favorite ones. Memorial contributions may be made to Lighthouse Children's Home 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee 32309. Susie

Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements.  
([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Very sorry to hear of the passing of Clarence, my thoughts and prayers go out the family.*

*Tammy Thompson*

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**Tammy Thompson** - November 12, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence Marion Hooks.*



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November 09, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *Faye, Pam, Cindy and family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*



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**Sarah O. Martin** - November 08, 2015 at 11:05 PM



“ *Donna Jo Stevens purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Clarence Marion Hooks.*



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**Donna Jo Stevens** - November 07, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Clarence Marion Hooks.*



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November 07, 2015 at 03:53 PM



“ *I remember or at least one of the many memories is uncle Buddy wearing a short sleeve button down cotton shirt with a front pocket with of course a pair of jeans he always had a pack of his favorite gum juicyfruit and he would give a piece to all us kids. Aunt Faye Cindy and Pam I too will miss uncle Buddy I am ever so grateful for his help with Mother I love ya'll so much you have been in my thoughts and prayers LOL Terry Little*



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**Terry Little** - November 07, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ *Pat H. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Clarence Marion Hooks.*



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**Pat H.** - November 07, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Clarence Marion Hooks.*



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November 07, 2015 at 07:48 AM



“ *It was thru the softball games at Messer Field that I remember Mr Hooks. He was one of those rare government employees that was dedicated and will be missed. Gone too soon.*

*Barbra Faircloth*

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**Barbra Faircloth Harless** - November 07, 2015 at 05:01 AM



“ *Mr. Hooks will never be forgotten. He was like a second father to me growing up at Messer fields. He was not only a father figure, but friend and supervisor the eight years I worked there. He will be loved and thought of often. He was a blessing to my life as well as so many others. All my love to Ms. Faye, Cindy and Pam. Thank you all for sharing him with us. He was one of the best men I have ever known.*



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**Faye West Miller** - November 06, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence Marion Hooks.*



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November 06, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *SCOTT & LISA MATHIS lit a candle in memory of Clarence Marion Hooks*



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**SCOTT & LISA MATHIS** - November 06, 2015 at 04:57 PM



“ *Sonja Davis lit a candle in memory of Clarence Marion Hooks*



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**Sonja Davis** - November 06, 2015 at 03:50 PM



*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family! Love You xoxo*

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**Sonja Davis** - November 06, 2015 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Very sorry to hear about Mr. Clarence. Always admired the way he carried himself and he was kind and respectful to everyone. He was truly a fine man and I know he will be missed by many.*  
*Scott Yancey*

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**Scott Yancey** - November 06, 2015 at 03:18 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to Sis. Faye, Cindy, Pam and all family and friends. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I can remember that Clarence Hooks ALWAYS made you feel special, he liked to pick, you never walked away from him without a smile on your face.*



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**Carla Whitfield (Jackson)** - November 06, 2015 at 03:18 PM