



Theodore Russell Safford

September 21, 1920 - April 10, 2020

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the family in advance, so that they can plan accordingly.

Theodore Russell Safford, 99, of Fruitland Park, FL, went to be with the Lord on April 10, 2020. Theodore was born in Canton, NC, on September 21, 1920 to the late Fred and Lefa Safford. He has proudly served his country as an Army Veteran during WWII, graduated from Duke University, and retired from Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company in charge of the Macon Branch and Macon Concept. Theodore was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Leesburg, FL, and has served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon. He loved spending time with his family and at church, he also enjoyed golfing, fishing, friends, and hugs.

Theodore is predeceased by the love of his life for 73 years, Mabel Safford, his twin brother; James D. Safford, and his parents. He is survived by his sons; Robert G Safford of Deltona, FL., James T Safford (Kathy) of Okahumpka, FL., daughter; Carol Ann Schmelz (John) of Citra, FL., six grandchildren; Kristy Lewis, Laura Safford, Jim Safford, Leslie Safford, Lauren Schmelz, Nathan Schmelz, five great grandchildren; William Lewis, Lindsey Lewis, Audrey Safford, Evelyn Safford, and Mark, and numerous family members and friends.

Theodore was an amazing person and he will be truly missed by everyone that knew him. There will be a funeral ceremony celebrating his life on April 15, 2020 at 1:00 PM, at Page-Theus Funeral Home in Leesburg, FL., Pastor Bill Stephens will be officiating. Following the ceremony, he will be laid to rest at his final resting place, Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations to his Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Leesburg, Fla. 1710 US Highway 441, Leesburg, Fl. 3474

Arrangements are entrusted to Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

Cemetery

Events

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens APR

1901 County Road 25A

Leesburg, FL, 34748

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Funeral Chapel Service

01:00PM

Page - Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services
914 West Main Street, Leesburg, FL, US, 34748

Comments



“ Tribute to Mr. Ted Safford

Ted and Mabel Safford came into my life during the 1970's when I was pastor of my first church in Longwood, Florida. Ted had retired and they moved to Florida. He and Mabel joined our church and immediately became active.

I could not have asked for a more supportive, kind, and caring couple to help grow our church. I often sought out Ted's input about church matters and he always gave me good advice. My golf skills were not very well developed, but Ted frequently took me out to the course where he was a member and patiently let me play with him and his buddies.

He and Mabel treated my wife and I as family and this was important to us because we lived far from our parents. Ted enjoyed teasing my wife and would always try to sneak a hug when she was around. She acted embarrassed but I don't think she minded all that much. Ted was a good "substitute" dad for us both.

Ted will be missed by all of us who loved him, but he will never be forgotten. He made all of our lives brighter and more meaningful by his demonstrating the Biblical principle, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you".
Paul Murphy

Paul Murphy - April 15, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ You and your dad had a very special relationship, Jim. We are praying for you and the entire family in this time of sorrow. Bret and DeeDee Taylor

Bret Taylor - April 14, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ To Jim and family, our sympathy to all of you. Ted was one of the kindest men I have ever been around. He sure loved all of you and had a good sense of humor. Most important is the love he had for the Lord.
Thinking of you during this time and especially during his service.
Gary and Judy Blanchard

Gary Blanchard - April 14, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ On behalf of the staff at Page-Theus Funeral Home, please accept our condolences. It is an honor to serve your family



Julie Kutlesic - April 14, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Theodore Russell Safford.



April 14, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Theodore Russell Safford.



April 14, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Theodore Russell Safford.



April 14, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ Love always, Betty and Dann purchased the Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Theodore Russell Safford.



Love always, Betty and Dann - April 14, 2020 at 11:24 AM