



Joseph (Joe) Martin Hegwood Sr.

October 3, 1940 - August 13, 2015

Joe went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 13, 2015. He moved to Hardee County with his family in 1970 as Engineer for Peace River Electric Cooperative where he retired and continued as a Consulting Engineer until his death. Prior to coming to Florida, he received his formal Electrical Engineering education at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. He was employed by Coahoma Electric Cooperative, Lyon, MS where he began his career in 1956. Joe was part of the Rural Electric Cooperative Association and was President of the same from 1978 to 1980.

He was born in Meridian, MS on October 3, 1940 to Martin Melvin Hegwood and Blanche Loper Hegwood. He is survived by his wife of over 52 years, Mary True Hegwood; two sons, Joseph M. Hegwood, Jr. (Marty) of Babson Park, Timothy Lee Hedgwood and Tim's wife Linda of Orlando; brother, Dr. Melvin Hegwood and Beverly of Hot Springs, AR; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

Joe was a part of Grace Fellowship Church where he taught Wednesday Night Bible Study. He also volunteered with the Caring People Recovery Center in Bowling Green as a teacher, mentor, and friend.

Joe Hegwood's passion was Jesus Christ, his family, and Caring People Ministries. Joe has been an active teacher and member of Caring People for

the past 20 years. He dedicated his Wednesdays and weekends to help struggling people that needed to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, touching the lives of thousands of addicted and recovering men, women, and children. He sacrificed his life to help those who needed the most help. Joe loved helping people and telling people where to find hope. That is why everyone who met and knew him, called him "Pastor Joe".

The family has asked that donations be made to a scholarship fund in Joe's memory at Caring People Recovery Center at CPRC, 5207 Doyle Parker Ave., Bowling Green, FL 33834.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service at Grace Fellowship Church at 131 S. 8th Ave., Wauchula at 2PM Thursday, August 20th. Burial will be at Hopewell Cemetery in Water Valley, MS.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Fellowship
Corner of 8th and Orange
Wauchula, FL 33873

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was a big influence in my christian life, he taught me how to study the bible, God blessed my life through him. I know Joe is now dancing in the streets of heaven, rejoicing. My prayers are with his family.

Carol Knight - August 19, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph (Joe) Martin Hegwood Sr..



August 19, 2015 at 06:37 PM

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“ Miss Mary,

I want you to know that I am so sorry for your loss. Pastor Joe, will be greatly missed by all. He touched so many lives with his great teachings a man anointed from God. I will always remember the great lengths Pastor Joe, would go to at Caring People to make sure his girls got it right. For I was one of them that was a hard cookie to break ! But that didn't phase Pastor Joe, for he would seek out the lost sheep and lead them back home. I am ever so thankful to Pastor Joe, and his teachings for he taught me God's word and lead me on the right path in life. I am who I am today because of Pastor Joe. My sincere condolences to you Miss Mary. Someday we will be with our love ones when He calls us Home. As that is our Greatest reward ! My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. All My Love, Maureen Kirby

Maureen Kirby - August 19, 2015 at 01:27 PM

MJ

“ *Tim and Hegwood family,*

I cannot tell you how saddened I was to read that your dad has passed away. I have so many great memories as a child in Riverview with you and your family. I remember he taught us how to make doughnuts out of biscuits and he had that crazy loud call by that he did with his hands to have us come home.

My sincere condolences go out to you and your family during this difficult time. You can rest easy and have comfort in knowing that your dad is with our Father, Jesus, and he is celebrating a new beginning in Heaven. Give your mom a hug from me.

*Would love to catch up with you.
- Michael Jackson and Family*

Michael Jackson - August 19, 2015 at 08:06 AM

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“ *Mary, my prayers are with you at this time.*

Pat Gugle - August 18, 2015 at 11:55 PM