



Robert D. "Skip" Crawford

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Robert D. "Skip" Crawford of Altoona, passed away on April 1, 2019. He was born and raised in Ft. Pierce, Florida and moved here in the mid 1950s. Skip was a Christian, an educator and school administrator. He taught at Eustis High School had served as the Principal for Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital in Umatilla, Altoona Elementary School and served many years as Principal at Tavares Elementary School, he retired in 1995. He was a Veteran having served in the United States Marine Corp. Skip was predeceased by his wife Dottie in 2015 and two siblings, John Crawford in the 1960's and Mildred C. McTureous earlier this year. He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Ann Campbell (Mike) of Flat Rock, North Carolina, Mary Carter of Tavares, Dave McTureous (Debbie) of Eustis, Steve Crawford, Scott Crawford and Beth Crawford all of Tampa, Florida. Memorial services will be held in the First Baptist Church of Umatilla on Saturday, April 6th, at 3 PM with Rev. Brooks Braswell and Rev. David Kelly officiating. The final resting place will be Greenwood Cemetery, Eustis.

In keeping with Skip and Dottie's love and dedication to children's education, please consider a donation to the scholarship fund of your choice.




Events

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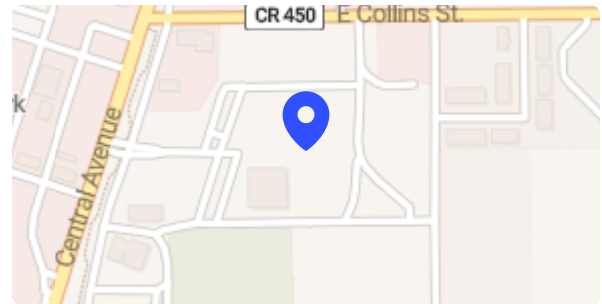
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Memorial Service


 **Saturday**, April 6, 2019

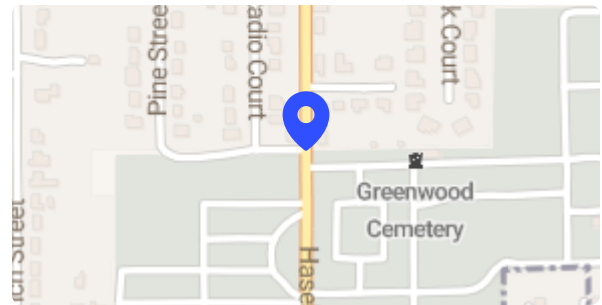
 3:00 PM ET

 **First Baptist Church of Umatilla**
550 Hatfield Drive, Umatilla FL 32784



Cemetery Details

 **Greenwood Cemetery**
220 Haselton Street, Eustis FL 32726





Tribute Wall

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Donna Pitts posted:

Mr. Crawford was a amazing man. He really loved all of his kids at Tavares Elementary and could remember their names years after they lefted Tavares. He will be missed greatly. Our prayers are with the Crawford family. The Pitts Family.

April 9 at 4:19 PM



Keith Oliver shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Skip and Dottie have been oh, such choice gifts to us here in Eustis, Altoona, Umatilla and Tavares ... being a fellow Marine with my favorite high school teacher (and his Marine wife!) was a special joy ... our custom was to acknowledge 10 November (the Corps' birthday) each year, usually by phone ... they were both very involved, down to the creative details, in our school projects like Class Night and homecoming floats but, especially, in the listening and wise counsel department. It was not unusual for some of us to pop in on them unannounced on a saturday night our senior year (and beyond) Harrington, Couch, Eveland, Kurtz, Hippler and Barber come to mind ... out would come Dottie's fresh-baked cookies and a lot of lively conversation ... they loved on us, sure 'nuf. Thank you, Lord, for sharing Skip Crawford with us! Semper Fidelis, Keith Oliver p.s. for fellow EHS '71 grads: remember Skip's hidden suit lapel signage when he handed you your diploma? "RIGHT ON - DOWN TO THE BRIAR!"



April 6 at 3:19 AM



William Burleigh posted:

He was a wonderful, praiseworthy principal at Tavares Elementary. A memorable moment we had with Skip was when we had our son in a play at school which I attended. During the play Skip took an urgent call from my wife at home. He came to me with the message that I need to hurry home. She said she's having a baby. Skip paused for a moment, then asked, "Is she kidding?" I laughed and said no. We welcomed our youngest into the world that night. A few years later this new arrival attended school under Principal Crawford's continued admirable tutelage. I suspect he knew he had the honor of getting the very first news of the pending arrival of one of his students. William and Martha Burleigh

April 5 at 5:10 PM



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Thomas Hammons posted:

So many memories. The toy store, the hay rides, hunting, fishing. I remember my mother asking Skip and Dottie if she could borrow her son back every now and then. They were the best people I've ever known. My Sincerest Condolences. Tom Hammons

April 3 at 4:07 PM



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April 6 at 3:19 AM



Creative, all-in educator; Marine Corps pilot; quietly over-the-top in his generosity.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert D. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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