



## Mr. Robert E. Dowdy

October 5, 1946 - July 28, 2017

Robert Dowdy went to be with the Lord last Friday evening in the comfort of his home in Rockledge. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandpa. Robert was born in Harris County, Texas, the son of Robert and Joyce Dowdy. He married the love of his life Bonnie June 10, 1984 and recently celebrated their 33 wedding anniversary. Robert moved from Texas to Florida in 1983 and spent the rest of his life with Bonnie in Rockledge. Robert loved classic cars, NASCAR, guns, and simply chatting with his buddies about everything! He considered his faith very important. He was an ordained as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Cocoa back in 1989. His son Matt would go on become pastor later in life. He loved our US Military and was a veteran on the US Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged in 1966 but was an avid supporter the rest of his life for all our troops! He struggled with surgeries and illness the last several years, but was a fighter til the end. He is now out of pain and in the presence of Jesus. May he rest in peace.

Robert is survived by his wife Bonnie.

Siblings: Bruce and Thomas Dowdy

Children: Chris Dowdy (Tina), Matt Jackson (Christy), and Kym Jespersen (Eric).

Grandchildren: Kirsten Dowdy, Loren Botma (Samuel), Sammy Dowdy, Jackson Dowdy, Fiona Dowdy, Emma Dowdy, Lindsey Hendry (Kyle), Noah Jackson, Hannah Jackson, Jennifer Leonard (Jeff)

Great Grandchildren: Arianna and Dane Botma, Finn Hendry (Isla Hendry on the way), Mackenzie and Ayden Leonard.

Robert also has numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 5 at 3 pm for all friends and family at Eau Gallie First Baptist Church, 1501 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the youth ministry of Eau Gallie First Baptist Church or Child Advocacy Center in Melbourne. (checks can be made to EGFBC in Robert's name or give online w [www.egfirst.org/give](http://www.egfirst.org/give) or for the Child Advocacy Center mail checks to: CAC, suite 403, 6905 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL 32940)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of his Life

AUG 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Eau Gallie First Baptist Church  
1501 W. Eau Gallie Blvd  
Melbourne, FL 32935  
<http://egfirst.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert E. Dowdy*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dowdy.*



August 05, 2017 at 01:31 AM



“ *Too many memories to just share one. He shaped me into the man I am today. He was not too proud to admit the mistakes and regrets he had in life and use those to make himself a better person. He used those to drive me to become "Better" at everything I do. From riding a bike to driving a car (even a stick shift), he taught be so much. Most importantly he taught me how important is was to have a relationship with God. He always encouraged me in my pastoral calling and helped and supported ever move and decision I made. His death has been the hardest for me to cope with but with the pain I saw him endure in the last couple of years (both physical and emotional), I truly believe that God showed him mercy one last time taking him home in his sleep. He's now hanging with all those believers who went before him. He gets to see Jesus face to face. He has no more pain. He gets a new body. Skate circles around them in heaven Hurricane!! Your grandchildren will miss you. And finally, please know this.....I feel like I am one of the luckiest kids on earth. God have me 2 great dads, but even though they are in heaven now, both their legacies last. Job well done Sir.*

**Matt Jackson** - August 04, 2017 at 10:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dowdy.



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August 03, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dowdy.



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August 02, 2017 at 10:22 AM