



## Mr. Willard A. Darby

October 1, 1950 - August 4, 2021

COCOA – Willard “Darby” Arnold Darby, age 70, passed away at home on 8/4/2021, after a brave battle with cancer. He was born 10/01/1950 in Charleston, WV. He moved to Florida in 1973 as a home builder and carpenter, later to retire after 25+ years as maintenance Tech & locksmith at Rockledge Regional fka Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital, Rockledge, FL. Darby was honorably discharged 7/6/1970 from the U. S. Marine Corps after proudly serving in Vietnam. Darby was a long-time member of First Baptist Merritt Island. He was a kind and talented man, who is greatly loved and missed. Most precious in his heart are Jesus Christ, family, friends, helping others, music, and the USA. He enjoyed scuba diving, camping, taking cruises, traveling, and motorcycling. He is preceded in death by his parents, Willard M. Darby and Myrtle A. Darby. He is survived by his wife, Laura Mae Darby; daughter, Laurie Ann Legg (Rev Chuck); sister, Carol Sue Cochran (Rev Earl); grandchildren: Rachel Holloway (Will); Steven Legg; Aaron Legg (Taylor); Josiah Legg; Jeremiah Legg; great grandchildren: Evelyn Holloway; Joshua Holloway and Charlotte Legg (due later in August 2021); Nieces: Peteria Routt (Andy); Erika Courtney; and Emma Routt.

Services will be held on Friday, August 13, 2021, at First Baptist Church Merritt Island Chapel – visitation 11am, funeral service at 11:30 am followed by a Military Honors graveside service at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims at 2pm. Arrangements are in the care of Funeral Solutions, Cocoa. Those who wish to make a memorial donation might consider the Central Brevard Humane Society, 1020 Cox Road, Cocoa, FL 32926 or the First Baptist Church Merritt Island. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions, Cocoa.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Merritt Island  
140 Magnolia Ave  
Merritt Island , FL 32952  
(321) 453-2144

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willard A. Darby*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM

JH

“ *My prayers and condolences are sent to the Darby family. Arnold and I were DPHS 1968 graduates.*

*Joyce Dow Harris, Washington, DC*

**Joyce Dow Harris** - August 11, 2021 at 03:19 PM

EW

“ *I grew up close to Arnold the whole family where great people. It is sad to see your childhood friends die. Before he got sick he would come back to see a few of us. I am sorry to see his passing. He was a good man.*

**Ernie Wolfe** - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM

DH

“ *Don and Cathy Hayes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Willard A. Darby.*



**Don and Cathy Hayes** - August 10, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Willard A. Darby.*



August 10, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willard A. Darby.*



August 09, 2021 at 06:19 PM

PK

“ *I remember sleeping with his picture under my pillow when I was little .*

**Pam Darby Knight** - August 09, 2021 at 03:13 PM



*Thank you for sharing this memory, Pam.*

**Peteria Routt** - August 17, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willard A. Darby.*



August 09, 2021 at 03:13 PM

FM

“ *Frank Harriet Marcouiller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Willard A. Darby.*



**Frank Harriet Marcouiller** - August 09, 2021 at 03:08 PM

BB

“ *A beautiful man of God. Darby loved life and especially his wonderful wife, Laura and his family and friends. He was never to busy to cheer someone else up. He loves his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Missed but not forgotten.*

**Betty Brink** - August 09, 2021 at 02:38 PM

BC

“ *Laurie and the rest of the Darby family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Brandy Camp** - August 09, 2021 at 01:48 PM

EH

*Slow salute Arnold.From one Marine to another*

**Ed Hicks** - August 09, 2021 at 02:05 PM

LD

“ 1 file added to the album *W. A. Darby*



**Laura Darby** - August 09, 2021 at 12:44 PM

FT

*He was a wonderful cousin and man of God he was so dear to my heart I will always cherish our memories we were child hood friends not only first cousins! 🇺🇸 United States Marines*

**Faye Teel** - August 14, 2021 at 01:58 AM