



## Perry Hodges

December 2, 1926 - October 5, 2018

### A Time to be Born

Perry Hodges was born on December 2, 1926 to the late Reverend Elliott and Mary Ann Hodges.

### A time to Love

In 1952, Perry married the love of his life, Mildred McKinnon. His romantic proposal, was "Mil, don't you think it's about time we get hitched?" To this union of sixty-six years, five children were born - Sheryl, Kathleen, Winston, Cecelia and Valerie. Besides Perry's great love for his wife and children, his second greatest love on this earth was butter pecan ice cream!

### A Time to Serve

Perry served in WWII. Following military service, he became a citrus crew leader for B&W Packing Plant for numerous years before becoming an independent farmer and trucker. His trucking travels took him as far as the apple orchards of New York. A fond memory is the crates of hand-picked apples he'd bring back to Stuckey for all to enjoy.

Most importantly, Perry dedicated his life to serving the Lord, working tirelessly as an ordained Deacon, van and bus driver, and choir member for more than fifty years. He also completed much of the construction of the new Mt. Olive church after the original building was torn down. On Sundays, he often lead

the choir in singing his favorite song, "Center of My Joy". Hearing this song brought great comfort in his final days. But his voice and memory started to fade, he was still able to praise God as he would utter daily. "Thank you Jesus" and "Lord have mercy".

#### A Time of Legacy

He leaves to cherish his memory a beloved wife: Mildred; four daughters: Sheryl (Willie) Williams, Kathleen (Alfonso) Stephens, and Cecelia (Chuck) Rivers of Orlando; Valerie (Alton) Burke of Rochester, NY; and one son, Winston Hodges; 12 Grandchildren: Jamie Williams, Demetria McNeal, Jermaine Hodges, Heather Rivers, Lindsay Rivers, Kimberlyn Slagle, Dana Taylor, Cory Burke, Justin Burke, Alfonso III (Tre') and Alisha Stephens; 9 Great-grandchildren and a host of other sorrowing relative and friends. Perry Hodges—A man of God and pillar of the community. He will be truly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Stuckey Memorial Cemetery

15645 Stuckey Loop  
Groveland, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
15641 Stuckey Loop  
Groveland, FL 34736

## Service

OCT **12**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Perry Hodges*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Tancie Bostic lit a candle in memory of Perry Hodges*



**Tancie Bostic** - October 12, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ *On behalf of our Pastor Rev. Billy R. Lock and Greater Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Groveland, Florida, we send our condolences to the Hodges Family.*



**Mary Kirnes** - October 11, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *Mary Kirnes lit a candle in memory of Perry Hodges*



**Mary Kirnes** - October 11, 2018 at 09:31 AM

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“ *Butter Pecan won't be the same anymore love you Grandpa Perry* 🥺



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**Demetria** - October 08, 2018 at 08:31 PM

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*We will truly miss Cousin Perry. We pray for the family and we love you all.*

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**Cousin Georgia Mae** - October 12, 2018 at 11:13 AM