



## Melvin Carpenter

August 19, 1931 - April 13, 2016

Melvin E. "Mel" Carpenter, 84, of Ocala passed away April 13, 2016. Born in Albemarle, NC, he came to this area over 60 years ago from Mississippi. He received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and took Advanced Studies at the University of Florida. Mel was a retired teacher, coach and athletic director for Central Florida Community College and United Methodist by faith. Among his many notable achievements include mentoring and being a role model to the many student athletes he lead in his long career, with over a dozen former athletes becoming head coaches at other colleges. Mel was inducted into the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Athletics Hall of Fame, the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame, and lead CFCC to three national tennis championships. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Etta; daughters, Kim (Darrell) Newman of Madison, MS, Kelly (Anthony) Asquith of Ocala, Dayna (Henry) Priest of Winter Park, FL, Kris Carpenter of Ocala, and Mary Key Priest (John) Gerlach of Orlando; grandchildren, Justin Newman, Kyle Newman, Savannah Newman, Etta Priest, Camille Priest and Camp Priest; and cousin-brother Alton Broadway of Concord, NC. A Celebration of Mel's Life will be held at Ocala First United Methodist Church (1126 E. Silver Springs Blvd.) on Monday (April 18th) at 11am, with visitation at 10am. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to either the Florida Methodist Children's Home [www.fumch.org](http://www.fumch.org) or the Central Florida College Foundation [www.cf.edu/foundation/](http://www.cf.edu/foundation/) Arrangements by Roberts Funeral

Homes, Downtown Chapel 606 SW 2nd Ave., Ocala 622-4141. A condolence message may be left at [www.robertsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.robertsfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ MEL CARPENTER--A STELLAR COACH AND CFCC COMRADE. HE TRULY WILL BE MISSED. LOIS HUNT

Lois Hunt - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. We pray the Lord will continue to hold you in the palm of his hand as he did your dad. Remember the times he made you laugh because he wants to see your smiling faces and your tears turning to joy.

Jim & Beth (Whitston) Respass - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 Etta, you and your family are in our hearts and prayers. Gloria and Bob James

Gloria and Bob James - April 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mere words are not enough to express the impact that your husband/dad/coach had on the lives in his family, friends, and students. He definitely lived a life worth every celebration on earth. Please accept my condolences as you lay him to rest and remember all of the special moments that you all shared.

Andrea Cruice - April 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mel. He was a very nice and respectable man. Since I first met Mel and Etta at Camp Mataponi, I knew I was blessed to have known such a good soul. Though we shall miss him, He is in eternal bliss and someday we will see him again. And we will trade in our tears of sorrow for tears of happiness. I will be praying for you Etta and the whole family. God bless you all.

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**Mike Anderson & Family** - April 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM