



# Mahlon L. Hetrick

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**M**ahlon L. Hetrick, of Fort Myers, Florida went to be with the Lord on April 1, 2025. He was 95 years of age.

Born in 1929 on a farm outside Hershey, Pennsylvania, Mahlon's family moved to Washington, D.C. when he was 5 years old. He graduated from Anicostia High School in Washington, D.C. and was the drum major for the high school marching band.

Mahlon was drafted into the US Army and served as the division chaplain's assistant during the Korean War. Upon returning home, he married the love of his life, Marlyn Henderson, affectionately known to all as "Molly". In 1959, the Hetricks moved from Washington, D.C. to Fort Myers, Florida where they raised their three sons.

Deeply dedicated to serving his community, Mahlon found countless ways in which to provide for the needy and make Southwest Florida a better place to live. He was a member of the local chapter of Kiwanis International and in 2024, was recognized for the extraordinary accomplishment of being a part of that organization for over 60 years. Mahlon was also on the Board of Trustees of the Edison Pageant of Light and was elected to a term as President of the Board in the late 1960s.

His tireless service to the community was exceeded only by his deep dedication to his Christian faith. He served in churches and other faith-based ministries in a number of different capacities over his lifetime. For many years, he was a traveling worship leader for church revivals, first in the Washington, DC area and then later, in Southwest Florida. Mahlon was a longtime volunteer for the Billy Graham Association and a devoted member of CBMC (Christian Business Men's Connection), mentoring many business and professional men in their spiritual walk over the years.

After a long successful career at First Federal of Fort Myers, Mahlon founded Christian Financial Counseling in 1982. This was a major cornerstone of his legacy. He served the community



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through CFC for 31 years until his retirement in 2013 at age 83. Over the course of his time with Christian Financial Counseling, Mahlon provided counseling to over 20,000 people, helping them to eliminate overwhelming debt and giving them the tools to properly budget for their future. He presented 272 church seminars, 46 business seminars, and authored three books on Biblical principles of money management. It became his passion to provide the necessary guidance to help people move from financial insecurity to stability. An amazing hallmark of CFC is that throughout those 31 years, Mahlon never charged any fees for his services. Instead, this nonprofit ministry was funded solely through donations.

Mahlon was preceded in death by his loving wife of 70 years, Marlyn (“Molly”) Hetrick; his parents, Carrie and Mark Hetrick, and his 4 siblings. He is survived by his three sons, Gary (Carol) Hetrick, Daniel Hetrick, and Kenneth (Carol) Hetrick; 6 grandchildren, Matthew Hetrick, Mark Hetrick, Stacia Delaney, Adam (Kelsey) Hetrick, Holly (Andrew) Etchison and Keith (Ally) Hetrick; and 8 great-grandchildren, John, Keeley, Emma, Carter,

Brooks, Ethan, Andi, and Everett; and countless other relatives and dear friends.

A Funeral Service for Mr. Hetrick will be celebrated at 11:00AM on Saturday, April 12, 2025 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Guests will be received at the chapel for a half-hour preceding the ceremony, beginning at 10:30AM. At the conclusion of the service, family and friends will recess to adjacent Memorial Gardens Cemetery where Mahlon will be laid to rest beside his wife, Marlyn, at the family Crypt inside the Mausoleum at the Hall of Crucifixion.

Family and friends alike will remember an exceptional life well-lived and celebrate the many ways in which Mahlon served to make this world a better place.

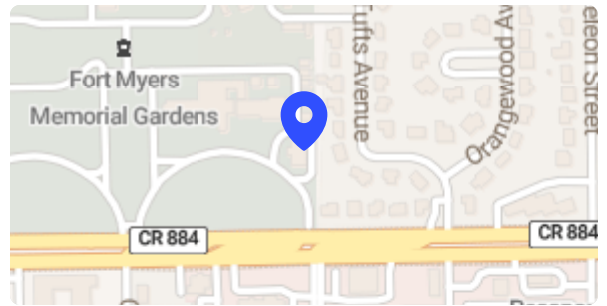


# Events

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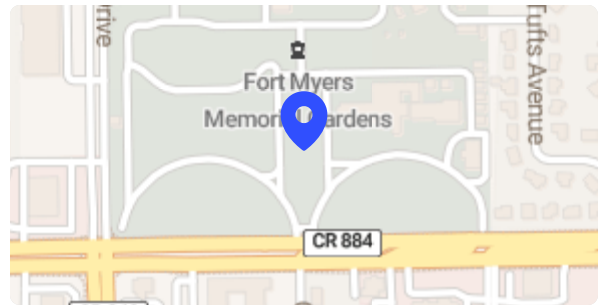
## Visitation

- Saturday**, April 12, 2025
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907



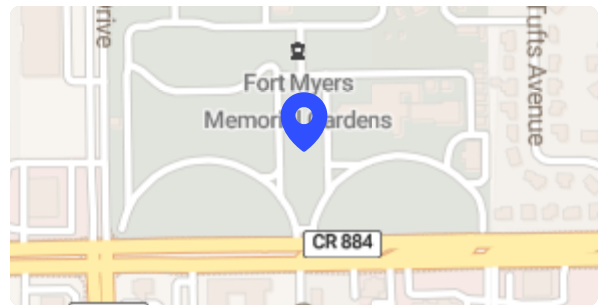
## Funeral Service

- Saturday**, April 12, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
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## Cemetery Details

- Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
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- (239) 243-0014**





# Tribute Wall

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**Tim Rieckhoff** posted:

To the Sons and Family of Mahlon Hetrick, I first want to apologize for not attending your dad's memorial / funeral service. I was not aware of it. Had I been aware of it I most certainly would have been there. Your dad was a very special man in my life. He along with another gentleman by the name of Len Paret led me to Jesus Christ on April 19, 1979. I went on to study the Bible with Len Paret for several years. After Len's passing, I stayed in touch with your dad throughout the years. We both attended McGregor Baptist Church for many, many years. On a rare occasion your dad and I would get together for breakfast or lunch. I remember getting together with him on the 33rd anniversary of him leading me to Christ. My last meeting with your dad was in December 2023. I had called him on his 94th birthday a few weeks earlier and suggested we have lunch. He said he couldn't make it that day because all of his sons were visiting but he would really enjoy having lunch soon. So I called him a week later or so and we arranged for me to pick him up to take him lunch. When I got to the door Gary answered and said your dad had dementia and that he is not aware at all that I was coming over going to take time to lunch. I asked if I could visit and, of course, I was invited in and we had a nice visit. As I said, your dad was a very special man. In addition to his involvement in me accepting Jesus Christ as my personal savior, your dad's Christian Financial Counseling was also very important in my life. In 1984 right after my wife and I married your dad presented a finance seminar to the young married couples at church. Of course, my wife Gail, and I were in attendance. It really taught us to live below our means and because of that many, many years later we are living comfortably in retirement, I credit your dad greatly for this accomplishment. Again I want to apologize for not being at your dad's memorial / funeral service. I lost my own father 40 years ago this year and to be quite frank you never get over it. Rest assured your dad led a great and influential life for Jesus Christ. Praise Jesus! Sincerely Tim Rieckhoff 16959 Colony Lakes Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida 33908 239-851-5346 Tim.Rieckhoff@gmail.com

September 3 at 12:09 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Hetrick family.



April 11 at 9:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hetrick family.



April 10 at 2:21 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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