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**D**ouglas "Doug" Richard Hesselberg, 74, of Palmetto, Florida passed away August 29, 2015 with his family by his side. Doug was born in Sparta, Wisconsin, to the late; Joseph L. and Ann (nee Heintz) Hesselberg. He grew up on a farm with 13 siblings. Doug knew what it was to work at an early age. He attended school and had fun playing baseball and softball with his brothers and cousins. While working at a tv repair shop, he dined daily at a small restaurant across the street, where he met and fell in love with Bonnie Callaway. They dated 6 months before marrying on February 6, 1965. Doug served in the Army National Guard during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He worked as a Biomedical Field Engineer with Beckman Instrument, repairing laboratory equipment across the states of Florida and Georgia. He retired after 25 years of service. Doug was a man with a strong work ethic, proud, yet humble. He always enjoyed celebrating birthdays and accomplishments of those in his family. Doug wanted the best for his family, encouraging Bonnie to receive her doctorate degree in nursing, providing his children with the best educations. Doug led by example and never met a stranger. He made many friends while volunteering at Manatee Memorial Hospital, serving on the Board of Directors for the Manatee Memorial Hospital Auxillary and Board of Directors for the HOA of Bay Club. He enjoyed woodworking, including the construction of rocking horses for the grandchildren and a grandfather clock for Bonnie. He worked part time at Home Depot in Bradenton for 10 years. Doug's life changing event occurred on January 27, 1965, when he found salvation in the Lord.

Doug is survived by his wife of nearly 51 years, Bonnie Hesselberg, of Palmetto, FL, daughter, Beulah Ann (Barry) Hammond, of Tampa, FL, son, Richard Douglas Hesselberg, of Tampa, FL, grandchildren; Jacob Ryan Hammond, Bonnie Marie Hammond, Anna Michele Hammond, siblings; Stanley (Lois) Hesselberg, Joseph (Barbara) Hesselberg, Donald (Carol) Hesselberg, Robert (Karen) Hesselberg, Dennis (Sue) Hesselberg, James (Rita) Hesselberg, Joanne (Lester)



## Obituary

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Bjorkman, Florence (Donald) Peters, Jean (Jim) Flock, Margaret (David) Smith, sister in law, Lucille Hesselberg, Doug was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; William and Hugh Hesselberg, and sister, Lucille Severson.


A visitation will be held at First Baptist Church of Palmetto, Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 12:00-1:00 pm. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 pm. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. Entombment at Skyway Memorial Gardens will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Doug's honor may be made to First Baptist Church of Palmetto.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Skyway Memorial Funeral Home, Palmetto, FL. Online condolences can be made at [www.skywaymemorial.com](http://www.skywaymemorial.com).



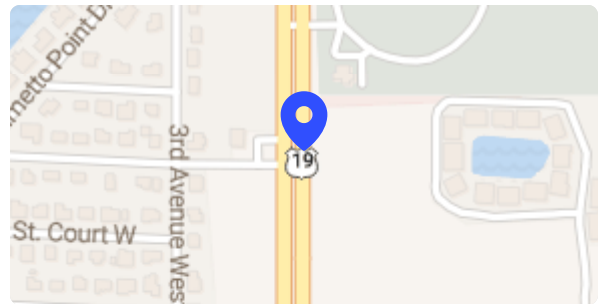
### Visitation

 **Thursday**, September 3, 2015


 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

 **Skyway Memorial Funeral Home and Cremation Services**

5200 US Hwy 19 N, Palmetto FL 34221



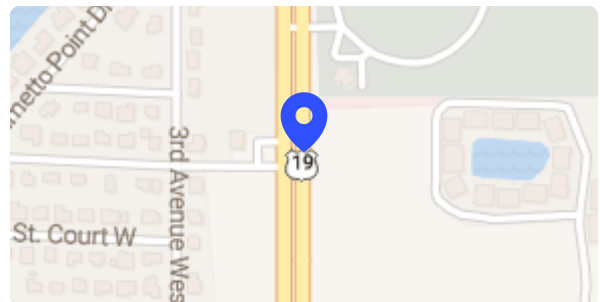
### Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, September 3, 2015


 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM ET


 **Skyway Memorial Funeral Home and Cremation Services**

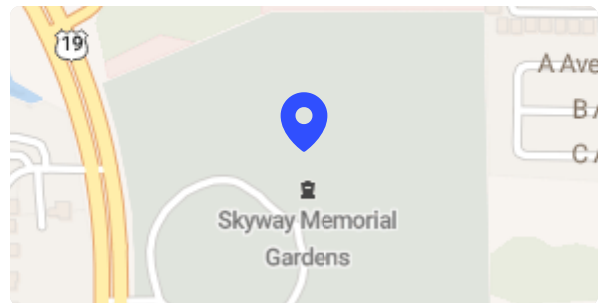
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### Cemetery Details

 **Skyway Memorial Gardens**  
5200 US Hwy 19 N, Palmetto FL 34221

 **(941) 803-7626**





## Tribute Wall

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PF

**Pat F.** posted:

Dear Family, I am so very sorry about the loss of year dear loved one. May the thought at Job 33:25 give you comfort in knowing that Mr. Hesselberg will return to the days of his youth and be able to enjoy life without the infirmities of old age. My sincere condolences to you.

September 12 at 2:20 AM

BE

**Bob Eilert** posted:

Bonnie - Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family on Doug's passing. He was a fine man and I enjoyed our time on the Board at Terra Ceia together. He was dedicated to making Terra Ceia a great place to live and he will be sorely missed. Barb & Bob Eilert

September 6 at 7:08 AM

JL

**John J. Lasko** posted:

On behalf of the Class of '58 - Bangor High School, we extend our deepest sympathy during this difficult time for our fellow classmate, Douglas R. Hesselberg. A memorial in Doug's name will be donated to the Bangor Scholarship Fund by his classmates. He was one of us "kids".

September 3 at 7:00 AM

SH

**Scott Hesselberg** posted:

I'm so sorry for your lose. Doug will live in the many wonderful memories that you have of him. Scott Hesselberg

September 3 at 3:02 AM

DB

**David W Burbach** posted:

I remember well how Doug participated enthusiastically in HS science & physics class experiments, as well as discussions in religion classes at St. Mary's in Bangor, Wis. where his faith foundation was formed from the principles passed down from Jesus Christ (aka God) through the apostles and their successors. May he relish the new intimate companionship of the Lord! May the memories of Doug's good life comfort you, Bonnie, as well as your children, grandchildren, and all of Doug's family. David Burbach La Crosse, WI

September 2 at 9:30 PM



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

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



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