



## Claude Bennett Reed, Jr.

December 9, 2007

Claude "Buster" Bennett Reed, Jr., 79, formerly of Jacksonville, FL, passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2007, at Waccamaw Community Hospital after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Buster was born July 15, 1928 in Dallas, Texas to the late Elsie Rae and Claude Bennett Reed. He graduated from North Texas State, where he was a member of the historic golf team that won 4 NCAA Championships in a row from 1949 through 1952. Individually, he was one of the top amateur golfers in the nation, allowing him to turn professional and compete on the PGA Tour. He was proud to be a lifetime member of the PGA. While serving in the United States Army, Buster was part of both the Army Swing Band and the golf program. His successful golf career had many highlights including working with both Byron Nelson and Sam Snead, a close relationship with Arnold Palmer, and playing golf with many of the greatest players of all time. He was a teaching pro and club pro at Valley Country Club, Cunningham, PA from 1960 to 1970 and Eagle Vail Golf Club, Vail, CO, from 1990 to 2001. He was involved in ownership, operation, or development of four other golf courses in Florida, including Wekiva Country Club in Longwood, and Jacksonville area courses Cimarrone Golf Club, Hidden Hills Country Club, and the popular Dunes Golf Club, which he owned and operated from 1969 to 1988. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Reed; sons, Danny Reed and Gary Reed; daughter, Susie Fonde Hank; stepdaughter, Carol Koller of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; five grandsons, Daniel, Coleman and Connor Reed, Trey and Tyler Fonde; and nephews, Gene Hanson and Larry

Hanson of Dallas, Texas. A private service will be held by the immediate family, and in keeping with Buster's wish, a memorial golf outing and celebration will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Carolyn and Family, In life we meet a lot of nice people, but a true friend is rare. We feel blessed to have known Buster and will always remember him for his warm friendship and great stories that made us laugh. We share in your sorrow. With Deepest Sympathy, Lillian and Tom Nolan###imported-begin##Lillian and Tom Nolan###imported-end##

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“ To The Family of Mr. Claude Bennett Reed, Jr. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to each of you. Although we are not acquainted with one another, we are acquainted with the pain when our loved ones fall asleep in death. Jesus taught us to pray for God's Kingdom to come here upon the earth as it is in the heavens. The fact that the the heavens is peaceful, no sickness, death, etc. is surely a place where we would like to be. So when we pray for these conditions to come on the earth, we are asking God to restore the earth back to its original condition when he created the first Man and Woman. That Kingdom will be a reality here on the earth. The Scriptures promises that the day is soon to come in which death will be no more and that Almighty God Jehovah will wipe away the tears of sorrow from our eyes forever. He promises too that your loved ones, my loved ones and many others will hear his voice and come out of the memorial tombs graves to live in heaven-like conditions right here on the earth.###imported-begin##Annette Pegues###imported-end##

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December 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Carolyn, We are deeply saddened and sorry. You are in our thoughts. Buster was a very special and unique person and I was fortunate to have known him as a friend. The times we shared will always be cherished and remembered. His wisdom and humor combined a subtle, unpretentious honesty that combined to always get his point across and knock you off your chair laughing. Our meetings at golf were always memorable and special. He was one of the true greats of golf! It will not be the same without him. He enriched all our lives. He was my friend and I will miss him. We share in your sadness, Bill Kinast and Anne 1###imported-begin###Dr. Bill Kinast###imported-end###

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