



## Claude Lavern Little

May 21, 1938 - July 17, 2025

Little River..... Claude Lavern Little, age 87, passed away Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Mr. Little was born in Floyd, Kentucky, son of the late Adam and Marie Elaine (Salisbury) Little. He was a member of Wampee Baptist Church where he had served as Deacon for a number of years. Mr. Little retired from the US Navy after 20 years of service. He went on to serve on the USS Toledo CA 133, USS Nautilus (1st nuclear sub) SS(N) 571, USS Scorpion SS(N) 589, the USS DeHaven (DD 727) a Sumner Class Destroyer, and the USS Alexander Hamilton SSB (N) 617 "Blue Crew," a Lafayette-class ballistic missile submarine, and the USS Henly DD 391 a Bagley-class destroyer, as well as the USS Noxubee (AOG-56), achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer, and also taught for a time at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. Mr. Little received four medals while serving in the Navy including Dolphins SSB (N) medal for both the Nautilus and the Scorpion, and a Good Conduct medal, and also received five awards, including the National Defense award. After retiring from the Navy, he settled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he became a Master Electrician working for a paper-manufacturing plant, and eventually also taught for a time at the local community college.

Mr. Little was predeceased by his wife, Martha Ann (Alford) Little, and three

sisters, Thelma Jo Little, Ruby Joyce Salisbury, and Rosealea Tobin.

Surviving are: two brothers - Robert R. Little (Toni) of Galesburg, Michigan and Danny L. Little of Plainwell, Michigan; one daughter, Malynda Sue Little of Conway; and one son, Henry Adam Little (Angie) of Mooreshill, Indiana, and three grandchildren, Brittany (Little) Gaines, Jessica (Little) Satchwill, Victoria (Tori) (Littler) Bamberger; and seven great grandchildren, Hayden, and Hailey Gaines; Landon, Caroline, Lincoln, and Taytum Satchwill; and Rhett Bamberger.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 PM Wednesday from Wampee Baptist Church with Rev. Tyler Caines and Dr. Michael Vipperman officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends and family at the funeral home from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm Tuesday in Conway, SC.

Memorials may be sent to Wampee Baptist Church, 9530 Hwy 90, Longs, SC 29568 or to the Disabled American Veterans, 2987 Church Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Wampee Baptist Church  
9530 Highway 90  
Longs, SC 29568

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claude Lavern Little.

July 23, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claude Lavern Little.



July 23, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ To the family of dear sweet Mr. Claude,  
There is so much love, admiration and respect for Mr. Claude by so many people. It will be sad not seeing his sweet smile at church. My prayer is that GODS presence will be felt more now than ever to give each of you peace and comfort knowing as Christians we all will see him again one day!  
GODS BLESSINGS TO YOU,  
Mike and Phyllis Todd

Phyllis Todd - July 23, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claude Lavern Little.

July 21, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Claude Lavern Little.



July 21, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ Your last Sunday at church. It was an honor to sit with you and walk with you to the altar to pray for our mission team. We loved our visits with you and I know that you are so happy now with Jesus and Mrs Marty. ❤️❤️❤️

Nickie Griffin - July 21, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ James and I will miss Mr Claude very much. He was a gentle man and a great inspiration to faithfulness. We loved seeing his smiling face.

Shirley and James Hall - July 21, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ Uncle Claude use to let me drive sitting on his lap on the old AFB. If he said it was ok, I believed him. He could be so funny. Uncle Claude I hope you disco here and disco there with Jesus and Aunt Marty in heaven. I will surely miss you but I'll see you in heaven. Please tell everyone there you brought a lot of love from earth. I love you Uncle Claude.  
Love Cat



Mary Todd - July 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claude Lavern Little.*



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July 21, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ *The Malchow Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Claude Lavern Little.*



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**The Malchow Family** - July 20, 2025 at 04:41 PM