



## Claude C McSwain Sr

September 30, 1948 - December 8, 2018

Claude C. McSwain passed away Saturday, December 8, 2018 after a brief illness. He was born September 30, 1948 in Wilmington, NC.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Grover C. and Shannon N. McSwain. After graduating from Oak Hill Academy, he attended Wingate University. For many years, he lived and worked in Clearwater, Florida where he remained until the death of his parents. In 2008, he moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He resided in Lakewood Camping Resort and served as Director of Food and Beverage Sales and Group Sales. Mr. McSwain became interested in Help4Kids, a non-profit, volunteer organization whose mission is “to provide food for hungry children of Horry County who through no fault of their own do not have enough to eat on a daily basis.” The organization developed Backpack Buddies, a program that distributes nutritious food packs to feed children in Horry County over the weekend. In order to raise money for the program, Mr. McSwain developed and organized the Lakewood Grillers Cup in which proceeds are donated to the Backpack Buddies program.

Mr. McSwain is survived by one sister, Barbara Kean of Albemarle, NC; two nephews, Barton Kean of Albemarle, NC, and Rod Kean (Dorothy/Duffy) of Potomac MD; and two great nieces, Hope Kean of Boston, MA and Faith Kean of Potomac, MD; and many loving friends and family members.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm Friday, December 14, 2018 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with Rev. Dean Forrest officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Committal services will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Lakewood Campground Ministry, 5901 S. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29575 or Backpack Buddies, 2523 Forestbrook Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

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

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Claude C McSwain Sr



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - December 12, 2018 at 12:44 PM



Such a sweet man. I'll never forget when he gave me a watermelon dressed up like a bunny rabbit for Easter for my daughter 🐰

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**Julie Blakely** - December 12, 2018 at 09:40 PM



Very sad day for the Peterson family. I met Claude when He drove a Luxury veh for the company a was a Driver Service Manager. We immediately became friends. My family stayed at Lakewood Camp grounds several times. He came by with friend Kelly almost every morning to make sure we were having a good time. Some people come into your life that you will never forget. I will never forget Claude McSwain Rest in Peace

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**william p peterson** - December 14, 2018 at 05:56 PM



“ What a loss to the all his friends and the community. Claude had the biggest heart and grufest bark, there was never a doubt in your heart what he was thinking because it was out there for all to see and hear. You will be missed and never forgotten our dear friend. RIP Carolyn & Ken

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**Carolyn and Ken Miles** - December 14, 2018 at 11:56 AM

CB

“ *Rest In Peace, my friend.*

*Charlie Baumgartner*

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**Charlie Baumgartner** - December 14, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Claude C McSwain Sr.*



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December 13, 2018 at 07:03 PM

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“ *Claude was a long time friend from Oak Hill. We had the joy of spending time with him at Lakewood where he was in his element in the kitchen. He always had a story and a smile for all. Our sympathy to the family and many friends he has and as the old gospel hymn said many many times, we'll understand it all by and by. RIP my friend i am sure you are in heaven with your family.*

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**Richard Otis Reamy** - December 13, 2018 at 10:17 AM

BF

“ *Blayne Perry, Tony Perry, & Karla Mauldin families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Claude C McSwain Sr.*



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**Blayne Perry, Tony Perry, & Karla Mauldin families** -  
December 13, 2018 at 06:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Claude C McSwain Sr.*



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December 12, 2018 at 09:47 PM

DT

“ This man is all I can say. He and I had a strange relationship to say the least. And it all started over a trash can in Lakewood. He had just moved in next door to us and every morning ( 11ish) he would walk out his door with a bag of trash and put it in my trash can. My husband Eddie kept saying well he's new he doesn't know where to put it. Well after about two weeks I had had enough and out the door I went . Hey hey , Mister and he says " Yeeesssss", I proceeded to tell him that was our trash can and I'd appreciate it if he'd not put his trash in it any more because then I didn't have room for my trash. He says to me " Is that right " in the most sarcastic tone ever and reaches over and puts trash in my can . Ahhhhhh !!!! No he didn't !! I was furious!!

Well Eddie sees him drive up. The two of them do their introductions and chit chat and Claude says " Is your wife still mad " ? Eddie assured him I was and asked him to not use it. Claude opens the trunk of his big ole Cadillac and presents the biggest trash can I had ever seen. He told Eddie he didn't think there would be anymore problems with the trash and to tell his wife that she was more than welcome to use it any time. Well now I feel like an ass and need to apologize. When he drove up next I did sorta apologize and told him what a nice trash can he had and I hated there was a misunderstanding and he says to me "You need to be and get that piece of junk trash can out of here. "

We continued to fuss here in there about the strangest things but remained friends through it all. We laughed as much as we fussed and although he wanted to appear like some tough guy he was one of the kindest men I ever met. Always had something for us on the weekends we came to Lakewood. Included us in his family functions. Always had Christmas gifts for us, although sometimes you didn't know what they were. Even though we have long been gone from Lakewood we still stayed in touch with Claude and visited him if we were in Myrtle Beach. I am going to miss his sarcasm and his kindness. I feel so bad for Barbara whom he loved with all his heart , and the other family and friends that grew to love Claude as

*we did. Get some rest my friend I hope to see you again one day.*

*Love,*

*Diane & Eddie Tonet*

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**Diane Tonet** - December 12, 2018 at 04:59 PM

PS

*I met Claude in Florida, some twenty years ago.....we became fast Friends from day one. I helped him in various places and capacities....decorating for Christmas [ I called him "Santa Claude" ], preparing his wonderful Feasts for Family and Friends, Moving from one Home to another, Mardi Gras Floats in Dunedin, the list goes on and on. I brought my Mother to Florida in 2003, Claude actually wanted Daddy Mac and my Mom to get together, even at their age of being Elderly Parents.....we became Family! He always made sure my Mother, Lilah, My Mom. had a present from Claude, for every single event in her life!, They adored one another, they sparred with each other, they Loved each other and they Laughed! I know they are doing the same in Heaven at this very moment!*

*We always kept in touch no matter how far apart in miles.....I was anticipating his trip to Tampa in January. He will be Dearly missed by so many of us, he certainly has a Legion of Friends in Florida, as he did in Myrtle Beach and other locations.*

*I will Treasure his Memory and Friendship Forever. Rest in Peace, My Dear Friend Claude. You demanded excellence in all of us.....for the betterment of our Lives! May God Bless Us All...*

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**PAMELA SHEROCK** - December 12, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - December 12, 2018 at 11:42 AM