



## George Butterworth

April 2, 1935 - June 26, 2013

Surfside Beach

George "Herb" Butterworth

George Herbert Butterworth, age 78, of Surfside Beach passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2013 with his wife Barbara Nan at his side.

Born April 2, 1935 in Opelika, AL, he was a son of the late George Hurshal Butterworth and Janie Reaves Butterworth.

Herb was a retired military officer from the US Coast Guard with 28 years of combined military service, first with the Air Force, and then the US Coast Guard, serving in Puerto Rico, Alabama, Alaska, North Carolina, Florida, and at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. His military career gave him great pride, and his family will long recall his stories of those experiences.

After retiring from the Coast Guard, he worked for Lockheed Martin as a Missile Engineering Supervisor and retired from there in 1994. Herb was an avid fisherman, boater, hunter, computer whiz, vegetable gardener and quite knowledgeable of the U.S. Constitution. He absolutely loved the ocean, its beauty and tidal movement. He was a member of the Retired Military Officers Association, the Murrells Inlet VFW and Shriner's International.

In addition to his parents, Herb was predeceased by his stepfather, John Gravitt; his son, John Butterworth; a sister, Nancy Butterworth, and his previous wife, Evelyn Edwards Butterworth.

Herb is survived by his wife Barbara; 2 daughters: Jane Lewis of Acworth, GA,

Regenia (Larry) Pitts of Ocala, FL; a son, Claudius (Margaret) Blevins of Eubank, KY; 2 stepsons: Scott Swanson of West Point, NY and Greg Swanson of Madison, OH; a brother Benny (Dorothy) Gravitt of Ferandina Beach, FL; a sister Billie (Don) Cox of Acworth, GA and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held privately.

Memorial contributions may be made in Herb's name to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Butterworth family. May those precious memories of your dear loved one George be foremost in your hearts and minds along with this wonderful promise that Jesus made at John 5:28,29. Again, my sincere condolences.

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**M B** - June 29, 2013 at 10:19 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the outpouring of sympathy, the kind acts of friends and strangers, as well as your memories give you comfort to help you endure the days ahead. The Bible also offers comfort. “For God is near to those broken at heart. “ Ps 34:17,18. Our Creator promises that there will soon be a time when “death will be no more.” Revelation 21:4

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**J. Bell** - June 29, 2013 at 03:22 PM

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“ I met Herb a couple of years ago through the friendship of his wife Barbara with my wife Helen. Although low key, I don't think there is anyone who didn't take an instant like to him. He, several other men, and I often shared coffee and snacks at the Surfside Atlanta Bread in the morning. Of course we collectively tried to solve all the world's problems. Herb was one smart guy and I was always impressed with the reasoned insight he brought to the issues. On more than one occasion he helped me with computer problems; this considering I have the computer science background. And, He helped all of us with our electrical & wiring issues.

*It was such a pleasure to have known him. He is sorely missed!*  
*David Dean*

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**David Dean** - June 28, 2013 at 07:56 PM

HD

“ *Herb was such a sweet, special man and I am so thankful I had the opportunity to have known him even if it were for a short time. I know how special Herb and Barbara my friend were together. They were truly meant to share some of life together. I know Herb had to have one of the sweetest smiles and he will surely be missed.*  
*Friend, Helen Dean*

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**Helen Dean** - June 28, 2013 at 07:16 PM

JE

“ *Grandpa Butterworth was the true meaning of a gentlemen. On my second date with his grandson it was to his house to decorate for Christmas for Grandma E Butterworth. Every inch of the house was decorated inside and out for her love of Christmas. As I got to know Grandpa Butterworth it was easy to see to know him was to love him. He is one of the best men that I have ever met. His tender heart and gentle ways will hold in our family forever. We will miss him but know that he is rejoicing in Heaven. Love you forever Grandpa Butteworth- Jessica and Chris Blevins and family*



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**Jessica** - June 28, 2013 at 02:59 PM