



Gurdon Lucius Tarbox, Jr.

April 21, 2010

Gurdon Lucius Tarbox, Jr. \tGurdon Lucius Tarbox, Jr., 82, of Pawleys Island, President Emeritus of Brookgreen Gardens, died Wednesday evening, 21 April 2010, at Tidelands Hospice House at Georgetown, South Carolina. A Celebration of his Life will be at All Saints Church, Kings River Road, Pawleys Island, conducted by the Rt. Rev. Terrell L. Glenn, Jr., at 2:00 on Saturday afternoon, 24 April 2010, directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home/Pawleys Island. Private interment will be in the All Saints Cemetery prior to the service. \tMr. Tarbox was born in Plainfield, New Jersey on 25 December 1927, a son of Gurdon Lucius Tarbox and Lillie Hodgson Tarbox. He served in the Army of the United States as an enlisted volunteer in Japan, China and Korea, was a graduate of Michigan State College, received a Masters Degree from Purdue University and the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service from the University of South Carolina in 1993. He was employed as forester in 1954 by Archer Milton Huntington and Anna Hyatt Huntington, founders of Brookgreen Gardens, elected a Trustee and Assistant director in 1958, Director in 1963, President in 1990 and retired in 1994 following 40 years of dedicated service. Mr. Tarbox was a board member of the Bartlett Tree Expert Company of Stamford, CT and Charlotte, NC from 1995 to 2006. \tHe served his profession and community as a member and officer of the American Association of Museums, American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, Southeastern Museums Conference, South Carolina Federation of Museums, Georgetown County Accommodations Tax Commission,

Georgetown County Historical Society, Kaminski House Museum and Litchfield Country Club Property Owners Association. He was also a member of the National Sculpture Society, South Carolina Hall of Fame Board, South Carolina Heritage Trust Commission, Governor's Mansion Commission, Winyah Bay Focus Area Task Force and the Georgetown Hospital System Foundation. \tMr. Tarbox was the recipient of the Garden Club of America's Distinguished Service Award for Conservation in 1995, Award of Merit from the AABGA in 1994, the James Short Award for Service from the SEMC in 1989, the SCFM Professional Service Award in 1995 and Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce Individual Award for Public Service 1993-1994 and The Order of Palmetto, State of South Carolina from Governor David M. Beasley in 1998. \tHe was an active member of All Saints Church, elected to the vestry for several terms and served as Jr. Warden in 1996-97. \t\n\tSurviving are his wife, Milver Ann Johnson Tarbox and their four children, Paul Edward Tarbox (Anita) of Mechanicsville, VA., the Rev. Janet Ellen Tarbox (Talmadge LeGrand) of Edgefield, SC, Joyce Elaine Tarbox Schumacher (Ernest) of Marietta, GA and Lucia Ann Tarbox Raatma (Andres) of Wesley Chapel, FL , a brother, Robert Hodgson Tarbox (Sara) of Maryville, TN, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to, Brookgreen Gardens, PO Box 3368 Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or All Saints Church, 3560 Kings River Road, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Ann, We were so sorry to hear about Gurdon. Bobbie and I just heard about his passing today (Monday, 26th). I'm sorry to have missed his service. Our condolences to You, Paul, Janet, Joyce, Lucia and their families. Gurdon was a great man and I respected him very much and you also. Please take care of yourself and let me know if there is anything at all that I can do for you. I missed both of you alot after you left Brookgreen, it was just never the same place without you both. Larry##imported-begin##Larry Elliott##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 11:31 PM



“ We were saddened to here of your loss. Our sincere sympathy to you and Tal.##imported-begin##Matt and Sandy McGinnis##imported-end##

April 25, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ Ann, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult and sad time. Gurdon will be missed by everyone who ever had the pleasure of his presence and warm, considerate personality. He was a great contributor to the Hall of Fame as he was with everything he touched. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Bob and Ethel Hirsch##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the family of Mr Tarbox. When I came to Huntington Beach State Park in 1989 Mr Tarbox was at Brookgreen Gardens and was and still is well respected by all that knew him. Thank you Mr Tarbox for all you have done for your fellow man, and God Bless your Family and friends. On behalf of Huntington Beach State Park Staff###imported-begin##Chris Bowers###imported-end##

April 24, 2010 at 08:53 AM



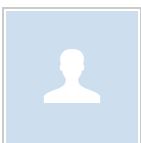
“ I am very sorry to read of Uncle Gurdon's death this past week. Please accept my condolences. I never pass Brookgreen Gardens that I don't think of how much a part of my family Brookgreen Gardens always was and will be.###imported-begin##Sara Helen Turner Burke###imported-end##

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“ I'm very sorry for your loss, and want you to know that hardly a day goes by in which I don't recall something I learned from Gurdon during my eleven years working with him at Brookgreen Gardens. I will always be grateful for that experience.###imported-begin##Bill McBee Jr###imported-end##

April 23, 2010 at 07:44 PM



“ We are saddened to learn of Gurdon's passing. His contributions to South Carolina museum's and to the preservation of our state's natural resources will be felt for many years to come. We always enjoyed our time visitng with Gurdon at historical functions around the state. He was a true gentleman who will be missed.###imported-begin##Rodger and Martha Stroup###imported-end##

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“ *Gurdon and Ann are my neighbors and for years seeing his azaleas bloom and seeing him in his yard signified spring for me. His contributions to our community will not be forgotten and his presence in our neighborhood will be greatly missed.*
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