



James Forest Eley

April 28, 1936 - November 19, 2020

Myrtle Beach.....

James Forest Eley, 84, of Myrtle Beach, husband of 64 years to Kate Moore Eley, passed away on Thursday, November 19th, 2020.

Forest, son of the late Woodrow Wilson and Emma Eley, was born in Petersburg, Virginia on April 28th 1936.

Forest was a graduate of Fork Union Military Academy, attended the Citadel, and graduated from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management.

In 1976, Forest and family moved to Walterboro, South Carolina, where he served as City Executive for First National Bank of Orangeburg/South State Bank until his retirement in 1998.

In addition to his banking career, he was long time member of the South Carolina Bankers Association and also a member of the Rotary Club in Walterboro.

Through his son's time in high school, he devoted numerous hours serving on the Board of Directors for John C. Calhoun Academy/Colleton Prep.

During his retirement, Forest enjoyed countless rounds of golf on the coast of S.C., however, he harbored a love from his years of organizing The Grand

Lizard Golf Tournament held annually at the Smokey Mountain Country Club in the mountains of North Carolina.

Beyond his love of golf was more importantly the love for his family. In addition to the love of his life, Kay, he is also survived by his two sons, Greg Eley (Linda) of Myrtle Beach, Mark Eley (Jennifer) of Greenville, S.C.; four grandchildren, Jamie Eley (Stephanie), Christopher Eley (Elenia), Jonathan Eley, and Carrington Eley. He is also survived by four great grandchildren, Elijah, Christian, Luke, and Kasen.

He was a long time member of First Baptist Church of Walterboro where he served as a deacon and until his passing, he was a member of Socastee Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach. In light of covid and out of respect for all of Forest's loved ones, only the immediate family will attend the graveside service at Hillcrest Cemetery on Wednesday November 25th. A celebration of Forest's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, any donations or contributions in honor of Forest may be made to Fork Union Military Academy Scholarship Fund Class of 1954 4744 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, Virginia 23055 at www.forkunion.com (make a gift) or Socastee United Methodist Church 5575 Dick Pond Rd. Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588, www.socasteeumc.org . Arrangements entrusted to Goldfinch Funeral Home.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 25 (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery

Tribute Wall

HF

“ Dear Kay & Family,
You are in our Thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow and loss.

Forest was a dear friend. He was like a brother to me. We played together, we laughed, we competed, we argued and we fussed, but at the end of the day, we were Buddies and the best of friends. I will miss him very much and will always cherish our many happy memories. He was a great guy.

With Love.
Hinson

Hinson Floyd - November 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM

DB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Forest for the past 13 years. He was a founding member of our golf group. We always had a dollar bet on which one of us would have the lowest score.

Forest called me Donating Dave.
I will always cherish our time together.
Rest In Peace.
David Bayne

David Bayne - November 22, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Forest Eley.



November 22, 2020 at 02:32 PM

GE

“ *It is so selfish of me for wanting you to stay with me.
I want to go and pointing to heaven is what you did.
I know you are there and someday I want to be there with you.
You are not only my Dad but you are my best friend.
I will treasure ever moment we spent together and I hope I can be
1/2
the Man that you have been to me, family and friends.
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!!!
MY BEST FRIEND
I LOVE YOU
DAD
Your Son, Greg*

Greg Eley - November 22, 2020 at 11:17 AM

GP

*Forest was the first golfer I met in Myrtle Beach 13 years ago and welcomed me to be part of his golf group at that time.
Through the years, we've played over a thousand rounds of golf and he mostly had the better score. I also enjoyed the many mountain golf trips he organized thru the years.
In addition, we always had a friendly wager when his Atlanta Braves or Washington Redskins played against my Philly teams!
You will be remembered always!
Your pal,
Glenn Pellicott*

Glenn Pellicott - November 22, 2020 at 02:20 PM



*This man was a dear friend and mentor for fifty years. He led by example and offered support in his quiet and wise manner. He will be missed. Rest well.
We offer prayers and love for his family.
Louis Griffith*

Louis Griffith - November 22, 2020 at 07:38 PM

DH

To The Loving Family & Friends of Forest, He Was a Friend, Fellow Member of The Angular SS Class & Golf Guru of Our Annual Golfing Trips To The Mountains.

*He Will Be Loved and Missed By Family & Friends,
Don & Betsy Helms*

Don Helms - November 22, 2020 at 09:21 PM

DJ

Forest was a very friend and pal/buddy of mine. I look forward every year for our golf trips to the mountains. I'll miss him on our future trips but they will not be the same without. I promise to, as you told me many times, should something happen to me, you and Greg need to keep this golf outing going. Greg and I will keep your wishes and this golf outing will continue. I love you my friend, rest in peace

David "DJ" Johnson - November 23, 2020 at 07:58 PM

LR

Thanks for all memories of playing golf with you in the mountains I will keep the spirit of the LIZZARD going.. RIP my friend

Leonard Rodwell - November 23, 2020 at 08:38 PM