



John Clarke

September 12, 1924 - January 30, 2013

John Leonard Clarke, 88, died Wednesday, January 30 2013 after a brief illness.

Born in Bristol, England, he was the son of the late Reginald and Amy Louisa Clarke. He was a retired officer of the British Royal Air Force. His military career took him to the Middle East and Europe during World War II. He came to the United States after the war on a RAF exchange program and years later, left the RAF to start a new career in Commercial Insurance. He worked with leading insurance companies and agencies specializing in coverages for contractors and retired as an Executive Vice President of Willis Plc. Mr. Clarke loved golf, music, traveling and all things British. He was a devoted member of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island and an enthusiastic member of the choir.

Mr. Clarke was a past member of Charlotte Country Club, Quail Hollow Country Club and the Reserve Golf Club in Pawleys Island, SC.

He is survived by his beloved wife Dreema Clarke of Pawleys Island, his daughter Sharon Neely and her husband Alan of Greensboro, NC, son Matthew Lewis John Clarke of Wilmington, NC. as well as grandchildren Ryan Neely and wife Mackie, Kevin Neely, Jenna Neely and Cara Neely, all of Greensboro, NC, nieces and nephews and his treasured spaniels, Chelsea

and Winston.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 Saturday, February 2, 2013 at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, PO Box 990, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

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

Previous Events

Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Episcopal Church
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Tribute Wall

PW

“ Dreema

I just wanted to let you know that all of us here at SafeRack want to send our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our thought and prayers are with you. Patsy

Patsy Ward - February 07, 2013 at 01:21 PM

CP

“ *I will never forget that laugh when my ball started rollong backwards on a windswept green in Ireland as I tried to putt it. It was so warm so infectious and later in the wam by the fire with a glass of Irish I winkled some stories out of him about his experiences in bomber command in the war, I remember John telling me that they loved clouds, that they could hide in them. Wasnt it bumpy I asked. Yes a little and with a plane above you and one below, it was scary at times he replied. A brave man, British through and through, we are very proud of him. John is back in the clouds now, they know him and will take good care of him. Rest in peace John, you are a good man - Charlie x*

Charles Pearch - February 06, 2013 at 09:05 AM

SV

“ *John was one of my Dad's favorite people. Warm regards from the Vaughn family (Harrold & Buddy) of Charlotte.*

Steven Vaughn

Steven Vauhghn - February 05, 2013 at 02:35 PM

SB

“ *To the Clarke Family:*

*May the memories of a life well-lived help comfort you during this difficult time. And may the strength that God provides, sustain you.
(Psalm 46:1)*

*My condolences,
SJB.*

S.J. BROWN - February 04, 2013 at 07:06 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Metzger lit a candle in memory of
John Clarke*



Debbie Metzger - February 01, 2013 at 10:40 PM



“ *Dreema, Nancy and I send our love to you. We joined in the
celebration of Hunt Williams life today at Christ Church, Charlotte.
John was in our mind and heart during the Service. Dunbar Jewell*

E Jewell - February 01, 2013 at 06:43 PM

DM

“ *Dreema, I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. I know the last
months have been really hard for you and I want you to know that I
understand. I'm glad that your Mom is able to stay with you for a
while. Sending lots of love and prayers from your family back home.
Love, Debra Mace*

Debra Cornett Mace - February 01, 2013 at 01:40 PM

JJ

“ Dear Dreema, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. The golf group and I sorely missed him when you two moved to Murrells Inlet. He was very kind to me when I first joined the group and didn't know all the members.

I sincerely regret his passing.

John Stickley, Jr.

John Stickley, Jr. - February 01, 2013 at 12:09 PM

RS

“ Dick and I send our love to Dreema and the whole family. We are remembering the happy days in Charlotte when the golf group would get together to eat, toast, and laugh with one another. Our love and support to you all. Becky and Dick Stoever

Rebecca Petrea Stoever - February 01, 2013 at 10:54 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you, Dreema and the rest of the John Clarke family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Debbie Denault and Inlet Cardiopulmonary and Associates.

Debbie Denault - January 31, 2013 at 03:37 PM

MB

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

M B - January 31, 2013 at 08:44 AM

DM

“ *It was a privilege to know John. He was a lovely man and a real gentleman. May his family find comfort in their happy memories of him.*

*You have my sincere sympathy,
Doreen McDermott*

Doreen McDermott - January 31, 2013 at 08:28 AM