



John DeBerry

December 31, 1930 - June 1, 2012

Myrtle Beach...John M. "Sonny" DeBerry (LCDR USN Retired), age 81, of Waterside Drive, promoted to Glory on June 1, 2012.

Mr. DeBerry was born in Kingstree, a son of the late Benjamin Joffrey DeBerry and Caroline Gowdy DeBerry. He enlisted in the US Navy on August 2, 1948 and retired on July 31, 1971 as a LCDR after 24 years of service. Mr. DeBerry was a veteran of the Korean War and participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis while serving aboard the USS Randolph. After retiring from the Navy, he graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor's in Math and taught at Socastee High School for ten years. He was a member of Forestbrook Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School. Mr. DeBerry was active in the community as a volunteer serving with Mobile Meals of Myrtle Beach, Associated Charities, American Legion Post #40, and a member of the 40/8. He never met a stranger.

Surviving are: his wife of 58 years, Syble Barwick DeBerry of Myrtle Beach; one daughter, Becky DeBerry Bryant and husband Dr. Kent Bryant of Fiji; three sons, John W. DeBerry and wife Alice Causey DeBerry of Sumter, Ron D. DeBerry and wife Heather Buff DeBerry of Dallas, TX, and David N. DeBerry and wife Beth Hagans DeBerry of Kings Mountain, NC; eight grandchildren, Chapele DeBerry, Sean DeBerry and wife Leah, Jeremy Bryant, Katelyn Bryant, Cooper DeBerry, Dylan DeBerry, and Benjamin DeBerry and Calla DeBerry; one great-granddaughter, Madison DeBerry; and two brothers, Benjamin Thomas DeBerry and wife Frances DeBerry of

Columbia and Robert David DeBerry and wife Georgia of Colorado;. Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Monday at Forestbrook Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Shriever. Burial will follow 4:30 PM Monday with full Military Honors in Evergreen Memorial Park in Sumter, SC with Dr. Kent Bryant officiating.

The family will receive from 3-5 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Associated Charities, PO Box 2012, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery

Sumter, SC

Previous Events

Service

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Forestbrook Baptist Church
2051 Forestbrook Rd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
(843) 236-2224

Tribute Wall

NM

“ Syble,,,,,so sorry about John..I am so glad to have seen him on Friday morn as he was so active and rar'in to go..God bless you and all your family.. Norma Madaras

Norma Madaras - June 04, 2012 at 04:52 PM

BD

I know from our military associations how dedicated John was to God and Country. His deep love, & concern for his family & his friends were always front & center. My heartfelt sorrow goes out to the family of John. He will be greatly missed by many. Rest in Peace, Sir... Brent Davidson, Past Commander A/Legion Post 178 Murrells Inlet, SC.

Brent Davidson - June 06, 2012 at 04:18 PM

SJ

“ Was sorry to hear of Mr. DeBerry's death. I was a driver for Mobile Meals in Myrtle Beach for a number of years and knew that John was in charge of keeping the van that made the daily trip " Up and Running ". I never had the opportunity to thank him for his volunteer work but it was a really important to the Mobile Meals program that he was there. I wish to extend sympathy to the family.

S.D. Seymore

Stephen D. Seymore Jr. - June 03, 2012 at 01:52 PM

BM

“ *Dear Syble,*

So sorry about John. I will really miss his smile. My prayers and love go out to you and your family.

Love, Barbara

Barbara MacKenzie - June 03, 2012 at 11:37 AM

FD

To the entire DeBerry family: My most heartfelt condolences on your loss. Take comfort knowing that Mr DeBerry is now in the loving arms of the Lord.

*Sincerely,
CMSgt Frank Dannals*

Frank W. Dannals - June 03, 2012 at 01:00 PM

CH

To the DeBerry family, I had the great honor of serving with John's son John during the Aghanistan and Iraq operations. I know much he cherished his father and I am greatly saddened by your family's loss.

*Sincerely,
John Hayes*

Col-ret John Hayes - June 04, 2012 at 01:06 PM