



Thomas Kay

September 29, 1929 - June 24, 2014

Pawleys Island

Thomas Oliver Kay of Litchfield Country Club died Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Waccamaw Community Hospital.

Born in Anderson, SC, he was the son of the late Thomas C. and Gertrude Kay. Tom was a 1950 graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary. Mr. Kay was the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Washington, GA until 1964. He then lived in Virginia until he retired in 1996 and moved to Pawleys Island. During his life in Virginia, he served as Administrative Assistant to a US Congressman and as Executive Assistant to a US Senator. Following that service he became Director of Congressional Relations for the US Department of Agriculture where he was promoted to Administrator of the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and following that assignment became Undersecretary of the US Department of Agriculture. Retiring from governmental service in 1989, he opened his own consulting firm in Washington, DC, Kay Associates where he represented several US commodity groups during the Uruguay Round of Trade Negotiation in Geneva, Switzerland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bette in 1991, his son Thomas Michael Kay in 1963 and his sister, Frances Morris in 2012.

Surviving are his son, Mitchell Kay and Sonja of Waxhaw, NC; stepsons, H.

Dallon Weathers and wife Carey of Columbia, SC and Bruce T. Weathers and wife Connie of Franklin, TN; sister, Eloise Harrison of Anderson, SC; nephew Tom and his wife Katrina Harrison; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren and friend and companion, Lynn Talmadge.

Services will be 2:00 PM, Friday, June 27, 2014 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Island Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Palmetto Chapter, 810 Dutch Square Blvd., Suite 114, Columbia, SC 29210 or KinderMourn, 1320 Harding Place, Charlotte, NC 28204.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel

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Pawley's Island, SC 29585

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I spent many an evening chatting with Tom at the bar at Franks, what a great guy, I'll miss him, rest in peace good buddy.
Joe Schroer

Joe Schroer - July 04, 2014 at 09:29 AM

HH

“ Rest in Peace Midnight Rambler, we will miss your sharp wit and laughter.

Hilde Hopkins - June 27, 2014 at 09:43 AM

LS

“ Lynn Tuck Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Kay



Lynn Tuck Sullivan - June 26, 2014 at 07:33 PM

LS

“ I was truly saddened this morning when I read the paper, and saw where Tom Kay had passed away. He was a regular at Franks restaurant. He was always very pleasant and friendly, and had a beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all there at Franks. He was part of that family, especially you Lynn, my heart aches. I am sure he will go on the wall of fame with Chico, Stublie, Dickie Craten, GOD Bless Love
Lynn Tuck Sullivan

Lynn Tuck Sullivan - June 26, 2014 at 07:30 PM

JR

“ *May the hinges of TOM'S SPIRIT and WIT never grow RUSTY. JR*

John Rosenbaum - June 26, 2014 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Kay.*



June 26, 2014 at 03:59 PM