



Thomas Sawyer

August 28, 1949 - September 4, 2015

Myrtle Beach....Thomas "Tommy" P. Sawyer, age 66, of Crestwood Dr. died Friday, September 4, 2015 at Sentara Heart Hospital in Norfolk, VA following a long battle with heart disease.

Mr. Sawyer was born in Conway, a son of the late David F. Sawyer, Jr. and Lila Ruth Smith Sawyer. He was predeceased by a son Thomas Pinckney "Thom" Sawyer, Jr. He was a member of Forestbrook Baptist Church. Mr. Sawyer was a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Prior to retirement, he was employed by Eastern Sales in Conway for 35 years. He was very active in Ducks Unlimited where he received the Palmetto Service Award, the Jim Martin Service Award and was recognized for his unselfish dedication and significant contributions to waterfowl conservation. He was an avid sportsman, enjoying duck hunting, fishing, and boating. Mr. Sawyer was the founding member of AMF (Adios My Friends) Racing and was very active in the East Coast Drag Boat Association and the Outboard Drag Boat Association where he had many wins. He was a friend to many and had a kind and generous spirit.

Surviving are: his wife, Jamie Altman Sawyer of Myrtle Beach; stepson, Bryan David Moss of Wilmington, NC; stepdaughter, Sarah Frances Moss of Norfolk, VA; brother, David F. Sawyer, III and wife Sherry of Conway; special cousin, Westley Sawyer of Aynor; brother in law, James Roderick "Rod" Altman and wife Dana of Conway.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday from Forestbrook Baptist Church with Dr. Randall Helms, Rev. Cliff Mixon officiating. Burial will follow in Graham Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Tuesday.

The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Dr. Ron McKechnie, all the doctors, nurses and staff of Sentara Heart Hospital in Norfolk, VA. for the special care that was given to Mr. Sawyer during his illness over the past few months.

Memorials may be sent to the Tommy Sawyer Medical Fund c/o <http://Gofundme.com/4t3jeepc>. This fund was established by the Class of 2016 Dental Hygiene students at Horry Georgetown Technical College, Grand Strand Campus.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Graham Cemetery

2701 Wigley Road
Loris, SC 29569

Previous Events

Service

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Donald And Mary Rochester lit a candle in memory of Thomas Sawyer



Donald and Mary Rochester - September 11, 2015 at 02:19 PM

MH

“ Margaret Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Thomas Sawyer



Margaret Hewitt - September 09, 2015 at 08:09 PM

JT

“ Dear Jamie, Everything changes when our loving partner leaves us. We have to remember the good, even funny times and reflect on the love that was shared. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Jean

jean tyner - September 08, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Sawyer.



September 08, 2015 at 10:35 AM



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September 08, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Dear Jamie, Sarah, Bryan, David, Westley, and Friends & Family,*



No words can fill your sorrowed hearts as you long for things before, but in time God will heal your grieving hearts and life will be joyful once more.

So many hearts are hurting today thinking of a lost loved one...I pray God will help each and every one to find a way to keep the sweet memories of Tommy alive, to heal your broken hearts and keep them open to face another day because life will move on and the sun will shine again.

Our lives are blessed to have known you (Tommy), and though we held your heart in our hands, it is you, who has touched our hearts beyond measure. Farewell good friend...until we see you again in Heaven.

*Love,
Jenny & Jason Finck*

Jenny Finck - September 08, 2015 at 09:21 AM

TP

I couldn't have said that any more beautifully. Tommy you have touched more hearts and lives than you could ever imagine. See you on the other side my friend.

Sarah, Jamie, Bryan- know you are loved.

Tiffany Parker - September 10, 2015 at 07:33 AM

PB

Jamie, we were so sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. He was such a special friend to everyone. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers.

Pam and Reggie Burnett

Pam Burnett - September 11, 2015 at 10:21 PM

TH

“ *Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Sawyer*



Tammy Howell - September 08, 2015 at 09:01 AM

TH

I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you the strength you need to go through the long days ahead.

Tammy Howell - September 08, 2015 at 09:03 AM

PS

“ Mrs.. Sawyer, I didn't know you or your husband, but my heart goes out to you in your loss. I know how you feel and know the sadness you are enduring.



God knew best when he was ready for your husband to leave death and join him in Heaven.....Keep the faith and trust in God, as I have, He will see you through.

Peggy Singleton
Member of FBBChurch

Peggy Singleton - September 08, 2015 at 08:59 AM

JF

“ Jenny And Jason Finck lit a candle in memory of Thomas Sawyer



Jenny and Jason Finck - September 08, 2015 at 08:29 AM

DF

“ DAVID: SORRY TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF YOUR BROTHER. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU-ALL; BOULOY & DENNIS - CLASS' 66

DENNIS FULMER - September 07, 2015 at 01:13 PM

PC

“ Thinking of you all during this time of sorrow and pray God will strengthen and comfort you now and in the days ahead.
Pam Cody

Pam Cody - September 06, 2015 at 09:35 PM

CK

“ John and I send our love and condolences to you, Jamie. We enjoyed knowing Tommy and are so happy he brought so much love to you, Bryan and Sarah. He was a kind, good hearted man. We pray for you the coming weeks as you grieve his passing. We love you all!!



Claire Kilby - September 06, 2015 at 05:02 PM

SS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sandra and Billy Strickland

Sandra Strickland - September 06, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ David and Sherry and Wesley, so very sorry to hear of the passing of Tommy. I moved away from Horry County in 1990 and hadn't seen him in quite a few years. I had heard he had been very sick. I remember several conversations on many occasions with Tommy and valued his insights and unique sense of humor as well as his one-of-a-kind laugh. May the good lord keep you all in his good graces and comfort you with all of your memories of Tommy.

Patrick Oliver - September 06, 2015 at 01:01 PM

GM

Tommy will be remembered as a good Christian man, who was kind to everyone he met. He enjoyed life to the fullest! Tommy had a big heart and a tremendous amount of love for his family and friends. Jamie, Sarah, Bryan, and the rest of the family, my heart breaks for you! Please accept my deepest sympathies.

Gayle McCombs - September 07, 2015 at 12:54 PM

GM

Jamie, I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and remembering you in prayer during this difficult time for you and your family. Sending much love and hugs.

Gail Presnell Magee - September 07, 2015 at 05:24 PM

LB

I am so sad to hear you lost the love of your life. I am happy to hear your children loved him too. Life is amazing and I hope you can say I had that "Fairy Tale" romance. Tommy and my "Sam" are together in paradise. Moments away and we will be there too. Thanks be to Jesus for always being there for us no matter what. Many prayers for comfort being sent. Love you and your family. Lyndy Butler

Lyndy Butler - September 07, 2015 at 08:09 PM

LM

David, we are so sorry to hear of your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.. Johnny and Linda McDowell

linda mcdowell - September 08, 2015 at 06:25 AM

LS

Jamie, So very sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I will always remember, and treasure the good times we had @ the ECDBA races.

Lee Sanderson - September 09, 2015 at 12:07 AM