



Tommy Calhoun

December 4, 2008

Surfside Beach Thomas J. Calhoun Thomas "Tommy" J. Calhoun of Surfside Beach died Thursday, December 4, 2008 at his home. Tommy was a proud native of Conway, SC and son of the late Lonnie Lee, Sr. and Virginia Calhoun. He attended Conway schools and was a graduate of Conway High School where he Drum Major in the marching band. He attended the University of South Carolina for two years where he also played in the marching band. He was a US Air Force veteran serving during the Korean War. Tommy was a life member of the Conway Masonic Lodge. Tommy especially enjoyed working with people first in the family Conway grocery business. One of the true loves of his life was his florist business; Tommy lived in and with his flowers. He was the former owner of Calhoun's House of Flowers and his love of flowers was surpassed only by his love of people and their appreciation of his talent. He had an extraordinary eye for beauty and a desire for his customers and friends to enjoy flowers as much as he did. Tommy was blessed with a gift few people ever experience; he had many special friends many for over fifty years. Tommy was member of Surfside United Methodist Church. He was a loving father and will be fondly and lovingly remembered by his family and missed by all who knew him. He is survived by the real love of his life, his wife Betty, his companion, partner in the florist and his best friend; sons, Rev. Tony D. Calhoun and wife Leanne of Snowhill, NC and John C. Calhoun and wife Chris of Murrells Inlet, SC; daughter, Virginia Calhoun Socha and husband Steven of Socastee; brothers,

Lonnie Lee Calhoun, Jr. and Billy Joe Calhoun both of Conway; grandchildren, Jessica Alyssa Powlas, William Thomas Calhoun and Rebekah Anne Calhoun and his canine companion, Sassy. Services will be 2 PM Monday December 8, 2008 at Surfside United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Conway. The family will receive friends between the hours of 7PM and 9PM Sunday December 7, 2008 at the Funeral Home. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *The Stadium Club Staff has missed Tommy since the day Calhouns' flower shop closed and we are sorry for the family loss!##imported-begin##The Stadium Club##imported-end##*

December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I really miss seeing Tommy walk by my house and the times that he always stopped to talk and I will also miss those talks. Betty sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Mark Atkins##imported-end##*

December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mom called Sunday night and told me your father died. Tony, I'm sorry to hear this news. I'm praying that God will comfort you and your family. I see my parents getting older and more frail and i realize that I will someday lose them. I know that death is just a passing to eternity but when I think of losing my parents, it is tough to resist tears. I used to stop by and see your father and mother at the flower shop. Your father was always so kind and warm to me. My memories of your father is that he is a good, kind man. Sorry I can't make it to the beach for the funeral. Though I'm not physically present, I honor your father's life in spirit. I hope to get up and see you one day. When you were in Atlantic NC I thought about coming to see you all, but I never seem to get out that far east in NC. God bless you, your wife, your family and your ministry ! Douglas & Lais Zachary##imported-begin##Douglas & Lais Zachary##imported-end##*

December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about your Dad, Virginia and Mrs. Calhoun. Praying the Lord's peace and comfort will surround you.##imported-begin##Geri Storm##imported-end##

December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Betty, Tony, Sissy and John, I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Tommy's passing. Last year I had the pleasure of getting to see him again at our reunion and I'm glad that along with my younger memories, I had the pleasure of a nice chat with him. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Tina Sellers Goodrich and Family Irmo SC##imported-begin##Tina Goodrich##imported-end##

December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty, We have all of you in our thoughts and prayers. We just returned from visitig our children and grandchildren and found out about Tommy. We loved him and we will all miss him. Lib Calhoun and Bobby.##imported-begin##Lib and Bobby Lovvorn##imported-end##

December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Tommy. Since I was a little girl I have always had such fond memories of him, you and your family. We have always loved you all so much. You are in our hearts and prayers. Tricia and Family##imported-begin##Patricia Dew##imported-end##

December 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy was such a wonderful loving and unique person. He will truly be missed. I am so sorry I cannot be with your family at this difficult time, please know you are all in our prayers. We love you all very much. Cathy Cashion St John and family###imported-begin###Cathy Cashion St John###imported-end###

December 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty, we are so sorry for your loss of Tommy. He really meant a lot to all of us and we loved him very much. We love you and you have our sympathy.###imported-begin###Frances and Odell Dew###imported-end###

December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Tony and Leeanne, sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ray and Carol and the Rainbow UMC Church family###imported-begin###Ray and Carol Pridgen###imported-end###

December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Tony. Leanne, and Kids; Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the memories of your dad and granddad strengthen you and give you peace.###imported-begin###Martha & Alva Welch###imported-end###

December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM