



Rufus Clarence Little Sr

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Rufus Clarence Little, Sr, 80 years old of Perry, passed peacefully away on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The family will visit with friends at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home on Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, November 8, 2019, at Second Memorial Baptist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment with full Military Honors will immediately follow the funeral services at Perry Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks that memorial contributions be made in his memory to Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas, 66675-8516, or The Military Order of the Purple Heart, 5413 Backlick Road, Springfield, Virginia, 22151.

Clarence, was born in Hawkinsville, Georgia, to the late Clyde Dean and Sarah Williams Little. When he was finished with his education at Perry High School, Clarence signed up in June of 1957 to serve his country in the United States Navy. He spent three tours in Vietnam. As a flight engineer, he flew the P-3 Orion for the Naval Air Test Center in Pax River, Maryland. He served over twenty years in the service and finally retired in May of 1978 in Perry to be close to his family. Clarence spent over a year working as a Deputy Sheriff for the Houston County Sheriff's Department, prior to opening what would become an icon in Perry, Little's Bait, Tackle, and Pawn. He cherished the thirty-five years that he spent helping his customers and the many friends that he considered family. Clarence held his family the closest to his heart. He made certain that every year the Little Family Reunion was packed with every "Little" that he could find and there was no excuse for you not to attend. Clarence was an avid fisherman, hunter, and would make regular trips to the St. John River to spend time bonding with his family and friends. Clarence would want all family members to continue celebrating his treasured family reunion. Clarence will forever be missed by many. He is preceded in death by his brothers, W.C. Little, and Freddie Lee Little, Sr.



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Left to cherish the memories that they made with Clarence are his beloved wife of thirty-nine years, Mary Katherine Kovac Little; his children, Julie (Jim) Cawthon, Angel (Kenny) Logan, Greg (Kandy) Little, Rufe Little, Tim (Nikki) Little, John (Neyda) Britt, Bridgette Bennett, Kathy Todd; fourteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; his brother Bennie (Bonnie) Little; his in-laws, Caroline Little, Nell Little, Frances Davis, Joe (JoAnn) Kovac; and many other members of his family that he loved dearly.

Condolences for the family may be left in our online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com.
Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Events

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Visitation

Thursday, November 7, 2019

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Watson - Hunt Funeral Home
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069

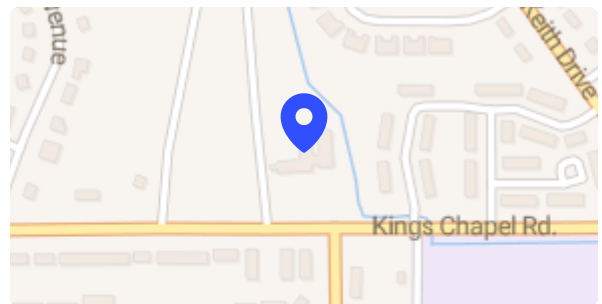


Funeral

Friday, November 8, 2019

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Second Memorial Baptist Church
1845 Kings Chapel Road, Perry GA 31069

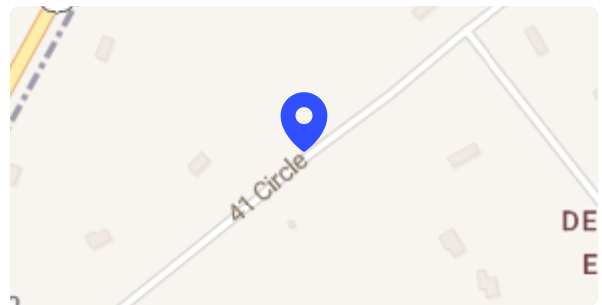


Interment

Friday, November 8, 2019

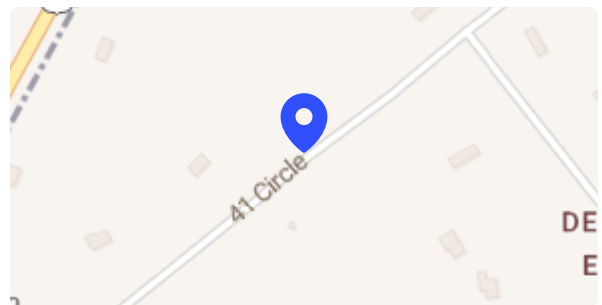
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

Perry Memorial Gardens
2106 Highway 41 North, Perry GA 31069



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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MS

Martin Saunders posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will always remember the rabbit hunting and great story telling.

December 26 at 6:37 AM

KN

Karen Noel posted:

I am so sorry to here about the passing of Rufus. He and my daddy Don Mason (Gator) served in the Navy together and became good friends. I remember Rufus and daddy were a force to be reckoned with in those days! I meet Ruf when he and daddy were stationed at Moffett Field in California. Then on to Pax River Maryland where they both retired. I remember how upset Rufus was when daddy passed away some 30 years ago and how much their friendship mean to both of them. With deepest sympathy, Karen Mason Noel

November 9 at 3:48 AM

SL

Shelia (Todd) Laws posted:

I am sorry for your loss. Praying for each of you.

November 8 at 11:49 AM

RW

Rena Whitfield Warren lit a candle in honor of Rufus.

You will truly be miss by the Whitfield Family

November 7 at 7:33 PM



SC

Stefanie Conley lit a candle in honor of Rufus.

November 7 at 6:50 PM





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Ray Whitney posted:

Clarence and I started our business about the same time , we were neighbors and became good friends. He loved his Navy and he shared many great stories about his military career. Clarence has left us but will be long remembered by many as a good friend. He loved his family and we offer our prayers for them during this difficult time.Ray Whitney and the Whitney Families

November 7 at 1:59 PM



Keith Howard posted:

My dad Raymond Howard was close friends with Mr.Little!My dad passed when I was 6 so I learned a lot about my dad from Mr.Little through our talks at the pawn shop when I would come buy bait,always loved the talks and the family,God Bless 🙏❤️🙏

November 7 at 1:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Little family.



November 7 at 10:00 AM



Watson-Hunt Funeral Home shared a video to the **Memorial Video** album.



November 7 at 8:24 AM



Pam Kirby November 9 at 5:06 PM

RIP MR. LITTLE



Rosemary Bell Hutson posted:

Our family will not forget what a great guy Clarence was and how much he did to help our brother, Jerry. I'm sure they are in heaven now planning something! He will be missed!May God comfort each of you.With Love, Rosemary Bell Hutson

November 7 at 7:58 AM



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KW

Konnie Lanier Webb posted:

My family loved Mr. Clarence. My Dad, Dr. George Lanier truly loved, admired and respected him. He loved going by the bait store and hanging out with him. My family has fond memories of Mr. Clarence, Mrs. Katherine and all the kids and our prayers and love are sent out to each one of you. Love you all 😞

November 7 at 5:39 AM

SD

Sue Drennan posted:

Kathy, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! sue Drennan

November 7 at 5:12 AM

LB

Loretta Belflower lit a candle in honor of Rufus.



November 7 at 4:49 AM

TW

Trish Willard posted:

I am so sorry.. you all are in my prayers.

November 7 at 3:20 AM

SS

Saralyn (Mcdowell) Smith lit a candle in honor of Rufus.

Kathy, Julie & Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet Daddy. Mr. Clarence was a sweet man & will be missed by many of us who were lucky enough to know him. Prayers for your comfort and may your many precious memories help you through the difficult days ahead. Love & Hugs ♥



November 7 at 3:13 AM

OB

Oliver Britt posted:

Sorry to hear about Clarence, he was a good man!

November 7 at 3:00 AM



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JM

James M. Marshall sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Little family.

November 7 at 2:58 AM



EW

Elaine Wright posted:

To the Family of Mr. Rufus Clarence Little, You were blessed with such a Great Fellow, lots of Tales He shared from his Service in the Military, plus, other places and things he had done. He was a very special person, loved his Family, and friends. Blessings and Prayers for ALL the Family and Friends, We will all miss him, Elaine and Ben Wright

November 6 at 6:02 PM

BH

Brenda Howard lit a candle in honor of Rufus.

So sorry for your loss. Clarence was a great guy. Always loved listening to his stories. Prayers for healing and peace during this difficult time. Martin & Brenda Howard Perry, ga

November 6 at 4:11 PM



MT

Marvin Trayler posted:

I am so sorry to hear this. I always enjoyed sitting with him at the shop and talking every time I could be home. I wish I could have came and seen him more after he closed at the house. Nancie and I will miss him. Our love and prayers are with the family.

November 6 at 3:24 PM

DW

Donna Watson posted:

Julie, I'm so sorry for your loss. May you and your family be comforted the memories that you shared all of your life. Hugs and prayers to you all. Donna Nation Watson

November 6 at 3:05 PM



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SM

Scott McLane posted:

Sorry for you loss to the Little Family. I grew up at pax river where Rufus and my Dad were in the navy together. He took me hunting, looked out for me when dad was gone. He loved his shine and like to share it. You will be missed Rufus

November 6 at 2:46 PM

DL

Donna Lambert posted:

Greg we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. The Francis family all know how much you loved him. Praying for you all. Mrs Barbara Debra and Donna

November 6 at 2:44 PM

MW

Marcy Wilson posted:

My daughter Traci Lee Little is one of pawpaw's "special" grandkids but she loved him like no other. He will truly be missed!! ❤️

November 6 at 2:11 PM

SG

Sidney Griffin posted:

Greg, so sorry to hear about your dad. I remember sitting and talking to your dad while getting my fish bait many years ago. Your family will be in our prayers

November 6 at 2:09 PM

LW

Laura Wright posted:

To Ms Katherine and ALL his family, our love and prayers are with you. Heaven gained another angel. We will forever remember him and forever Thank him for his service to this United States of America...

November 6 at 2:03 PM

RF

Richard Francis posted:

Mr. Clarence was one of the last of a dying breed of men that this world will probably never see again.

November 6 at 1:43 PM



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DS

Doug Stewart posted:

Clarence told me many stories He was a man of men I will never forget him my prayers go out to his family and every one that new him .

November 6 at 12:49 PM

EC

Evelyn Mcdowell Castleberry posted:

Julie, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and the rest of your family.

November 6 at 12:14 PM

YA

Your Friends From Quality Drive Away sent a Red, White & Blue Mixed Fireside Basket to the Little family.



November 6 at 11:59 AM

JW

Julie Wright lit a candle in honor of Rufus.

Mrs. Julie, Mr. Jim, Trey, Angie, Olivia, Lacey, Brynlea & Makynlea and family, we are so very sorry to hear about Mr. Clarence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Love, Bradley, Julie & Lanie Wright



November 6 at 11:55 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rufus by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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