



Clark Maxwell

August 21, 1934 - January 18, 2011

Obituary of Clark Maxwell

Clark Maxwell, Jr., born August 21, 1934 in St. Petersburg, Florida, passed away peacefully January 18, 2011, at his home in Palm Coast, Florida. He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Margo; his sister, Marie Morrison of Winder, GA; his son, Clark Maxwell, III of Melbourne; two daughters, Judy (John) Henderson and Marcia Maxwell, both of Tallahassee; two granddaughters, Christine Jeffreys of Tampa and Tiffany Maxwell of Melbourne; two grandsons, Chip and Maxwell Henderson of Tallahassee; twin great-granddaughters, Kayleigh and Taylor Jeffreys of Tampa; and many nieces and nephews. Clark's Bunnell family includes Robert and Michelle Zammit; daughter Kayla and two sons Bobby and Blake. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clark Maxwell, Sr. and Bernice.

Clark grew up in Winter Park and graduated from Florida Southern College in 1956 with a degree in Speech and English and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. After graduation, he served in the United States Army at Fort Benning and in Hawaii. He moved to Melbourne in 1959 and worked at Cape Canaveral for Pan Am during the beginning years of the space program. His political career began with his election to the Brevard County School Board in 1965, where he served as chairman for seven years. He was elected to the

Florida House of Representatives in 1974 and the Florida Senate in 1978. He also served as the Republican Leader for the Florida Senate from 1982-1984.

During his legislative tenure, he focused on his area of expertise including education and finance leaving a lasting legacy in Brevard County and throughout the state. He was appointed Executive Director of the State Community College System in 1984 and served until his retirement in 1997. In 1992 he received the prestigious Leroy Collins Award for recognition of his substantial contributions and enrichment within the college system. In addition to the Clark Maxwell, Jr. Lifelong Learning Center at Brevard Community College, numerous other facilities were named in his honor.

Upon retirement, he relocated to Palm Coast and enjoyed spending time with his family, and pursuing his love of golf, fishing, hunting and traveling. In honor of Clark's service to the state/community college system and the State of Florida, colleges will fly their flags at half mast from Jan. 24th through Jan. 28th.

Services

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, Jan. 27th at St. Catherine United Methodist Church in Bushnell, FL, with a graveside ceremony after the memorial.

Memorial Donations

Residents and Friends, the Florida College System Foundation has created a Clark Maxwell Memorial Scholarship Fund within the Foundation. The purpose for this fund is to collect donations in memory of Clark that will be used to help students attend on of our 28 colleges. Margo Maxwell has asked us to create this fund as an option for those who would like to commemorate Clark's life in a very constructive way. The collected funds will be matched, if possible, and distributed to students in our system. We will keep Margo informed on the donors to fund and provide an accounting to her of the students assisted by the scholarships. the scholarship will be for tuition, fees and books. Donors may contribute by making checks payable to: Clark Maxwell Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 10503, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

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“ *Sonny was my cousin. I haven't seen him since 1951 in Winter Park. I'm sorry to hear of his passing, but from what I read, he had a good and full life. May God bless his family.*

Tom Boggs - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM