



Stanley Clarke

December 24, 1929 - December 31, 2013

Obituary of Stanley Clarke

Stanley E. Clarke, Jr. 84, The Villages, FL died December 31, 2013. He was born December 24, 1929, at Ft. Benning, Ga. Before joining The Villages Golf Division in 2000, Stan was a golf course superintendent at La Gorce Country Club in Miami Beach, FL for 15 years. Then he invented and received a patent for the first golf course riding sand trap raking machine and went into manufacturing his new invention. A few years later, he and his wife, Dorothy, were granted dual permanent residency in the Bahamas by former President Jimmy Carter as he was a patron at their Pure Gold Bonefishing Lodge at South Andros Island. Stan was such a good fisherman that he could tell what kind of fish you had hooked by the action of your rod tip! Ken Creely of The Villages Golf Division nicknamed Stan, "The Golf Wizzard", for his superb agronomy skills in solving the trouble spots on the golf courses. Stan was a past director of The National Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Stan, the Man, as he was called by his friends and neighbors, served in the US. Navy between WWII and Korean Wars and a member of The Village of Faith Baptist Church. He even won a gold medal in pickle ball in the Senior Games at age 75! He also piloted his own single engine plane and was an active participant in The Villages Remote Control Airplane Club. Some

remember that he was skillful enough to land his plane right in his own hand. He played tennis, scuba-dived, hunted, fished, golfed and camped as well.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Clarke The Villages, FL, Daughters, Sara Godleski and Faye Blakely, Son, Sid Clarke, 3 Grandsons, 5 Granddaughters, and 3 Great Granddaughters.

Memorial service for Mr. Clarke will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 2:00 PM at The Village of Faith Baptist Church, Oxford, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Cornerstone Hospice or Village of Faith Benevolent Fund.

Services

Memorial service for Mr. Clarke will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 2:00 PM at The Village of Faith Baptist Church, Oxford, FL.

Tribute Wall



“ *I just restored one of his tractors that he made.
I wish I could have met this man.* ”

Kevin Beitz - June 08, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Stan. We will be praying for each of you.* ”

Buddy and Angie Trussell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stanley Clarke* ”

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