



Theodore Seawell

August 7, 1940 - May 14, 2019

THEODORE G. (TED) SEAWELL, age 78, went to meet his Lord and Savior on May 14, 2019. He was a member of Winter Park Baptist Church and the "Couples For Christ" class. He is survived by: his dear wife, Anne Belt Seawell; children- Robin Seawell Glover, Rebecca Scoggins, Alan W. Seawell and Stephen Wyant; five grandchildren - Crystal Flynn, Benjamin Seawell, Erin Bostic, William and Lillian Glover; 4 great grandchildren; and many special friends.

Ted graduated from Apex District School in 1958, where he lettered in football, basketball and band. He was selected as All-Conference tackle and a member of the All-State Band. He graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 1962, and worked with his father in the insurance business. He later worked in retail credit as well as the State Highway Commission where he was involved in billing the Federal Government for their share of numerous major highway projects.

In 1970, the Seawells brought their family to New Hanover County, and Ted was active in the motel and restaurant businesses. He was the Executive Director of Pleasure Island Tourist Bureau in Carolina Beach (1975-1980), acquiring State Tourism Grants for innovative projects. As Mayor of Carolina Beach (12/78-4/81), Ted worked tirelessly with Wrightsville Beach Mayor, Bob Sawyer, to restore State and Federal funding for beach nourishment to Carolina and Wrightsville Beaches (\$9 Million for Carolina Beach).

He moved to Wilmington to operate his Medical Oxygen business and

eventually several restaurants in the area. As a licensed Real Estate Broker, and General Contractor, he owned and operated Custom Construction Company - building condominiums, an office building and various homes, eventually moving into the growing modular home sector.

Ted had a deep love for his country which he exhibited during his 25 years as Chairman of the New Hanover Republican Precinct. He was appointed to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board of New Hanover County, participated in the Cape Fear Arts Council and Wilmington Kiwanis, and was an active member of the Board of Directors of New Hanover N.C. Farm Bureau since 1994. He served on: the Ports, Waterways and Beach Commission, Legislative Committee- NC League of Municipalities; NC Water Resources Congress; New Hanover Emergency Service Committee; Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Tourism Promotion Committee; and Congressional Active Committee; as well as the NC Manufactured Housing Institute Legislative Committee.

Ted was a devoted, loving husband to Anne for 50 years, and a caring father to all of their blended family. He naturally gave of himself, working hard for a living and solving problems. He seldom complained and was almost always joking and smiling - even in his years of bad health. Ted cared about helping others and leaving the world a little better by being there. HE DID!

Tribute Wall

PE

“ Robin, So so sorry for your loss. Your Daddy was a good and kinnd man one that will never be forgotten... Love to you , and Alanand Anne..

Pam Ellis - May 21, 2019 at 04:16 PM

PE

“ So sorry for the loss of a good kind man...He did a lot for many people..including me .He will never be forgotten. Love you Robin and family

Pam Ellis - May 21, 2019 at 01:54 PM

TR

“ Robin, I loved reading the beautiful tribute to your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you.

Tammy Robertson - May 20, 2019 at 10:39 PM

SC

“ Alan, So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Please let us know if you need anything or we can do anything to ease the sorrow. Sandy Cummings - TROSA, Inc.

Sandy Cummings - May 20, 2019 at 04:01 PM

AC

“ Anne I am sorry to hear of Ted's death and sorry cannot be there with you to grieve. I just got out of the hospital today, Sunday, Feeling lots better but have a long way to go. They say I have colitis and have lost a lot of weight. Ted was sick for a long time and we know we have to lose him but he is in a much better off. You take care of your self. Love.

Anne s. Callahan - May 19, 2019 at 09:29 PM

BH

“ My deepest sympathies. Psalms 94:19 reminds us "When anxieties overwhelmed me, you comforted and soothed me". Hoping this brings comfort during this.

Bonnie Hart - May 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM

CW

“ My heart goes out to Robin. I know you are missing your Dad. But know he loved you and was proud of you. You will meet him again. God bless and keep you.

Candace Weaver - May 17, 2019 at 06:06 PM

SO

“ Sending hugs and prayers to your family. Rest In Peace Ted.

Suzy Fortier Ott - May 17, 2019 at 05:56 PM

CO

“ Ted's gentle, amusing, way of looking at things always made me smile. He truly saw the best in people and was so much fun to be around. His contributions to his community and the organizations he belonged to are admirable and will certainly be missed. Even though we did not see each other very often, the family tie was always there and the interest in our genealogy ran deep. As his cousin, I know his spirit will remain strong in our Barnes family.

Carolyn B. Orr - May 17, 2019 at 05:34 PM

KW

“ Mr. Ted was a larger than life presence. His daughter, Robin, has been a part of my life for over 35 years and she shared her Daddy's grace and humor with me many times. Ted has joined the Heavenly band...well done. Love to the family.

Kim Anthony Williams - May 17, 2019 at 04:49 PM

DC

“ Dear Ann, Robin & family, I pray that you all will take comfort in knowing that Ted is with Jesus and no longer in pain. Most heartfelt condolences from our family to yours. Much Love...❤️

Donna Croom - May 17, 2019 at 04:45 PM