



## Duncan A. Clark, Jr.

November 2, 1941 - June 12, 2021

Duncan A. Clark, Jr., born November 2, 1941 in Clinton, S.C., died Saturday June 12, 2021 in the care of hospice while a resident of The Springs at South Biscayne in North Port, Florida.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Louise Clark.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Susan (Patterson) Clark, sons Nicholas of Orlando, Christopher of North Port, Steven of Connecticut, sister Eloise Barlow of Jacksonville, several nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

He grew up in a golf-rich tradition family in Fayetteville, NC, where his dad was the club professional at Highland Country Club, and his uncle was a long-time PGA club professional at the Officer's Club at Fort Bragg, who played in the first Masters. Duncan had a brief stint on the PGA tour then spent the rest of his golf career as a PGA club professional ending with the honor of half-century status with the PGA of America. He was most-notably recognized as the director of golf at Heron Creek Country Club in North Port, Florida from its inception until his retirement in 2010. He was strongly dedicated to the enrichment of junior golf programs at each club where he was employed. In his several decades of tenure with the sport, he instructed players of all ages; teaching the novice beginner the fundamentals of the game, helping to hone the skills of advanced players and even tweaking the swings of fellow

professionals. Over the many years he met many wonderful people through golf and developed long-lasting friendships.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Duncan's name to the Joe Turnesa Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, 2635 Fruitville Rd. Sarasota, FL 34237 or to the Humane Society of Sarasota County, 2331 15th Street Sarasota, FL 34237.

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ I stumbled across this obit today and am so saddened to see Coach Bubba passed. He was my very first golf coach, handed me my first club at 5 years old, and I still have the little trophy he had made for me all these years later from Sarasota Golf Club with the name he always called me. He had such a hand in sparking my love for the game, which I still enjoy today. I remember bumping into him at a high school golf event in 2001 or 2002 at a club in North Port and it was such a delight to see him all those years later. I spend almost every day on a golf course now as I watch my son grow to love the game and it's all because of Bubba. He was a great coach and pivotal in teaching me the game and how to love it, even when it doesn't love you back which I share with my son. Thank you Bubba! You will always be remembered!

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**Laura Adams** - May 15, 2023 at 02:40 PM

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“ Although meeting Duncan for the first time later in life while a resident at The Springs when visiting my husband (also a resident) almost daily for lunch, I came to appreciate his usual smile and cheerful greeting. The pleasant conversations at such times were helpful for my husband to have with reflections of common memories of Canton, NY. Duncan was a nice person. I'm glad I came to know him even for a short time.  
Marge Bates

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**Marge Bates** - August 07, 2021 at 02:31 PM

MT

“ I was very sorry to see the passing of Duncan. I started working in this area as a golf professional in 1977. I'm sure it was around that time that I met Bubba (we area old timers know Duncan as Bubba). He was probably Head Golf Professional at North Port Country Club. He was a happy, nice man and boy, he could pound the golf ball. His sense of humor will be missed. RIP Bubba.

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**mike toale** - July 04, 2021 at 01:43 PM