



## Mr. Claud Thomas Crowder

August 2, 1923 - December 11, 2016

Funeral services for Claud Thomas Crowder, 93, will be held at 3:00 o'clock on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at Hartsville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. David McIntosh will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2:00 until 3:00 pm on Wednesday at Hartsville Presbyterian Church.

Claud was born Claud Wallace Knowles in Greensboro, N.C. to Rufus and Nannie Crowder Knowles. At an early age, he and his two older brothers were adopted by his maternal grandparents and his name was changed to Crowder. Claud grew up in an area of Guilford County outside the city of Greensboro and loved the country life doing all the fun things that boys can dream up and had lots of stories to tell about those days. He attended the local grammar school and graduated from high school six months before the outbreak of World War II.

Two months after that event Claud joined the United States Navy and really saw the world. He was assigned, as a signalman, to a refrigerator ship-the U.S.S. Yukon. His ship traveled the globe delivering food to warships from Iceland to the Barents Sea above the Arctic Circle, to the Mediterranean, to Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand. After his discharge from the Navy, Claud returned to Greensboro and entered Guilford College becoming the first of his family to attend college. He graduated in 1951 with a degree in business

administration. He and his first wife, Ruth Park, were married that same summer. Claud's work eventually took them to Atlanta, Ga. where they raised their two children, Claudia and Alan. Ruth's death in 1974 was a tragic loss to the family.

In 1985 Claud was married again, to a Hartsville native, Susan Elliott. They worked together for the next twenty years building Claud's business, a distributorship division of Crest Industries. When Claud retired, he and Sue moved to Hartsville. Claud is survived by Sue; son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Cheryl Crowder; daughter, Claudia McClean; granddaughter, Jenna Crowder; brother-in-law, Bill Elliott.

The family would like to express their grateful appreciation to Ellen Dionne, an invaluable and much-loved friend, and caretaker who has been at their side quietly and competently keeping life together for them. Yvonne Brown, another dear friend, and caregiver has steadfastly stood by us in service and in prayer. We are so thankful for her. The staff of Embrace Hospice, and especially, Carol Goranson our nurse, Akamie Lucas, our nursing assistant, and Rev. Brad Griese, our chaplain, have been faithful friends to us, as well.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 383-3004

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hartsville Presbyterian Church  
961 Russell Rd.  
Hartsville, SC 29550

## Service

DEC 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Claud Thomas Crowder*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - December 13, 2016 at 04:13 PM



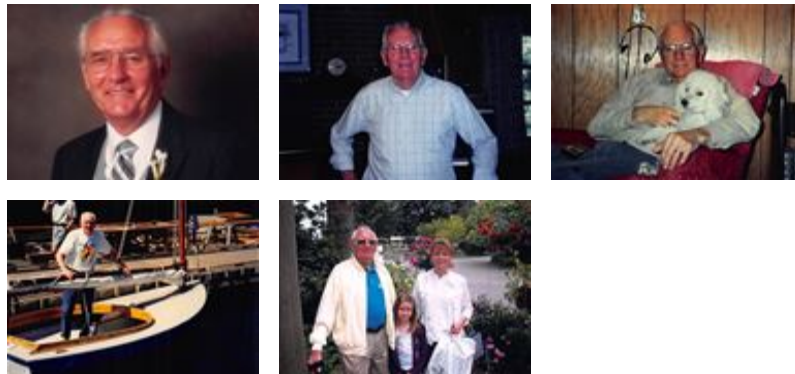
“ *Judy Stogner Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Claud Thomas Crowder*



**Judy Stogner Gainey** - December 19, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ *39 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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“ I am indeed saddened to learn that you are mourning the loss of your dear love one Claud, however God promise that soon death will be swallowed up forever along with the pain and sorrow it brings. ( Isaiah 25:8) As for the many that have fallen asleep in death, he promise that they will be ressurect to life, here on earth. ( John5; 28, 29; Psalms 37: 29) May this hope along with the wonderful memories you have of him help you to cope.

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