

Thomas Michael Crenshaw

Thomas Michael "Tommy" Crenshaw, 67, of Saint Matthews, S.C. and formerly of Augusta Ga., passed away Thursday, May 24, 2018. A graveside service will be held 2 P.M. Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at the Old Stone Church Cemetery in Clemson S.C. The family will receive friends following the service. Dukes-Harley Funeral Home in Orangeburg, S.C. is handling arrangements. Tommy was born May 23, 1951, in Athens, Ga., to the late Walter J. Crenshaw and Ann Hill Crenshaw. He was a graduate of Daniel High School and Clemson University where he received a B.S. Degree in Horticulture. Tommy was Director of Horticulture at Augusta National Golf Club. He retired after 37 years with Augusta National. Survivors include his brother, John David Crenshaw and his wife Judy of Raleigh, N.C.; one niece, Traci Crenshaw of Charlotte; one nephew, Brent Crenshaw and his wife Karen of St Matthews; two great nephews Brodie and Clay Crenshaw also of St Matthews. He was predeceased by a brother Roger Crenshaw. The family suggest that memorials be sent to Children's Hospital of Georgia, 1446 Harper Street, Augusta, Ga. 30912.

Comments from Friends:

August 9, 2018

I just heard of my buddy's passing. Tommy Crenshaw "Red" was a very special friend. He was one of the hardest-working, most dedicated people I have ever known. We worked together at Augusta National, and our friendship continued for many years to follow. Tommy WAS Augusta National for so many years. He had his hands in all of the beauty that surrounded the golf course, and had so much to be proud of! We both loved the Clemson Tigers, great wine, and golf!! My heart is saddened and I deeply regret we lost contact in recent years. Tommy has been on my mind so much recently. I reached out to a common acquaintance yesterday which is when I heard the sad news. My prayers are for his family, whom he loved so dearly.

Butch Foust

May 29, 2018

I recently learned of Tommy's passing and I immediately reflected on my short time knowing him. I knew him in the late 70's through mid 80's. His nickname was Crunch as many of us knew him. Our time together centered around playing city softball and basketball. I remember the day he told me of his recently acquired horticultural position at the Augusta National Golf Club. He was so excited about his new job because of the prestigious golf tournament/club and his love of

golf.

His other love was with everything Clemson particular Clemson Tiger Football. He would frequently invite me and others to a Death Valley Pilgrimage to watch his beloved Tigers play ball. Each trip to Clemson was full of laughter and fun at its highest level. How appropriate with his final resting place at the Old Stone Church Cemetery in Clemson, S.C.

Needless to say Crunch was a good friend and all around good guy. He will be deeply missed. God Bless.

John Roth

May 27, 2018

Tommy and I (and my son Butch) have been close friends since he went to work at ANGC. We have lived within walking distance of each other for many years. As I pass his home every day I am reminded of the many good times we had together and with friends. The talks, the dinners, concerts, visits, agreements as well as disagreements. How could you know T, as I lovingly referred to him, and not disagree with him at times. He was a very dear friend to me and I loved him as such. I will continue to miss him. He was my buddy.

Tommy didn't have a lot of family but was blessed with a nephew and his wife that took the best of care of him until the end. He wanted for nothing because of them. His loving niece did not live as close but she also stood by his side. The three of them gave Tommy everything they could. They walked that long road home with him. For those of us that knew him and cared for him we owe them a debt of gratitude. Thank you Brent, Karen and Tracy. You did a great job for Tommy.

I would be leaving out a very important part of Tommy if I didn't remind everyone that he left his footprints all over the original 365 acres of ANGC but more importantly he truly left his, what I call, his "heart print" there. He loved that place with his whole heart and soul. We all know he loved Clemson and his sports but he loved his work at ANGC also. He left a huge part of his heart and soul at Augusta National Golf Club.

Rest In Peace my friend. You are missed.

Judy Dabney