

Clyde Harvley White



Clyde Harvley White of Greensboro NC passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday May 28, 2015. Services were held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 607 North Greene Street Greensboro, NC, Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

Clyde was born in Greenville SC on August 26, 1932 to the late Helen Harvley White and Reginald Cooper White. He grew up a member of First Baptist Church in Greenville SC and graduated from Greenville High School in 1951. It was there he discovered his passion for football and playing the position of left tackle. He was named an All American High School Football Player in 1951. It was the first year the award was given and Clyde was one of twenty- four recipients in the country. That same year he was All State, All Southern Conference, and Captain of the Varsity Football team. **He was offered an Athletic Scholarship to play football for Clemson University. He was the first athlete at Clemson to be appointed All ACC and was co-captain in 1955. He played in the Gator Bowl and was one of two players selected to represent Clemson in the Blue Gray Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama. His most cherished memory of Clemson was having Frank Howard as his football coach who also served as his lifelong mentor and close friend.** In 1955 Clyde was to play for the Philadelphia Eagles but was drafted by the Army where he served one year.

After receiving his Bachelors of Science degree from Clemson he was a sales associate for Wisconsin Wires in Greenville, South Carolina where he was promoted to National Sales Manager a year later. He then decided to start his own business and became a very astute entrepreneur. Clyde owned many companies over the last 40 years in North and South Carolina. In addition to his businesses the last 10 years he had a very active role with Fellowship Hall in Greensboro, NC. He was a board member and Chairman of the Board from 2011 until 2014. He had a very strong work ethic and expected the same of those that worked for him. Clyde had a very engaging personality that made others want to be in his company. He was always a source of inspiration and has left behind an abundance of memories for his many friends to cherish. He lived and loved life wholeheartedly.

In addition to his parents Clyde was predeceased in death by his wife of 30 years Judith Gray White in 2009. Surviving are his children Jenny Whisnant, Amy Fritsche and husband Wesley, Dotty Clark, Gordon Snell and Virginia Page Barth. He is also survived by his brother Reginald Cooper White Jr and his sister in law June Loy White, as well as his grandchildren Ernest Whisnant, Taylor and Katie Clark, Amelia Fritsche, Emily Snell, John Morgan Barth and Denver Hobgood.

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