Joseph Thomas Clements, Jr

Feb 7, 1939 - Nov 1st, 2020

Birth Date: Feb 7, 1939

Death Date: Nov 1, 2020

Funeral Date: Nov 4, 2020, 10:30 am

Location: Christ Episcopal Church

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Biography: Joseph Thomas Clements, Jr. was born February 7, 1939 to Joseph (Joe) and Dorothy (Dot) Clements in Memphis, TN. He died on November 1, 2020 in Little Rock, Arkansas after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jim, sister Doris and daughter-in-law Lisa Rayline. He is survived by his loving wife Julie Dell of 52 years; sons Tommy (Lori), Andy and Scott; and grandchildren Will, Grace, Chase and Kate Clements. He is also survived by his brother Mac (Clara) Clements and his sister Susan Steckol both of Memphis, TN, and a large extended family.

A Professional Engineer and Attorney, he retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1996 and later as Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors in 2007. After retiring, he was a Sergeant at Arms for the Arkansas Senate. He was a Fellow and Life Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the Arkansas Bar Association. A 59-year mason, his service to the fraternity was recognized by many honors, including the Grand Lodge Medal of Honor, the Fay Hempstead Award from the York Rite of Arkansas, the 33° (HON) of the Scottish Rite, and past Presiding Officer of the Grand York Rite bodies of Arkansas. His hobbies included family history, woodworking, fishing, and traveling with Julie and their friends.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ruebel Funeral Home on November 3, 2020. A private family funeral at Christ Episcopal Church will be live-streamed at 1030 a.m. on November 4, 2020. It can viewed on the Christ Church Little Rock Youtube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQaO1d7_H-p3xxHRoP0jaRg (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQaO1d7_H-p3xxHRoP0jaRg)  Interment with Masonic graveside service will follow in Mount Holly Cemetery.

Joe requested memorials be made to the Scottish Rite Foundation, 712 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR, 72201 to assist in the installation of an elevator in the north wing of the Albert Pike Masonic Temple. Arrangements are under the direction of Ruebel Funeral Home, RuebelFuneralHome.com

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Joi was among those Masons whom I consider to be the "old guard" of Arkansas Freemasonry. More than that he was a mentor and personal friend. A treasure of humanity has passed from our sight. But we know that "our temporary loss is for his eternal gain". On behalf of all of these bodies: Occidental Council No.1; Hugh de Payens Commandery No.1; St. Giles Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Holy Grail Tabernacle, Knight Templar Priests; & the Arkansas Order of High Priesthood, we extend our deepest sympathy to Julie and Joe's family and wish our friend and brother, Farewell. T.J. Henwood-Secretary/Recorder

Rex Morris  Nov 2nd, 2020 2:38 pm  #1
Joe was my most favorite person in this world. I worked with him professionally as an architect and in the Scottish Rite. My prayers and thoughts are with your family and only time will heal.

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