



Johnny "John" Mack Clark

September 21, 1935 - May 9, 2023

Mr. Johnny "John" Mack Clark was born September 21, 1935 in Douglas, GA to Minnie Belle and Theo Cottle Clark. John attended Florida State University on a music Scholarship where he played in the "Big 8" drum line for the Marching Chiefs. He later transferred to Georgia State University where he met his bride, Lucy. After college John began his career as an Independent Manufacturer's Rep for musical instrument companies. He traveled the southeast representing Slingerland Drums, Guild Guitars, Zildjian Cymbals, Gemeinhardt Flutes and LaBlanc Band instruments to name a few. He enjoyed this career for over 30 years and made many lifetime friends in the process. As a lifelong percussionist, John enjoyed privately instructing local high school students. Many were selected for All-State Band and Orchestras while under his instruction. He took a great deal of pride in each student and their accomplishments. John was a member of First Baptist Jonesboro. He enjoyed playing on the church baseball team and served on the Parking Team before worship services. After he became physically unable to attend church he enjoyed watching worship services online and watching and supporting the 700 Club. John recently said "I'm so tired and I'm very ready to go". He has been physically challenged for years and he is finally healthy and whole again. Johnny was preceded in death by his parents; Theo Cottle and Minnie Belle Clark, brothers; Thomas Cottle Clark, Edward Hall Clark and Theo Griffin Clark. He is survived by his loving wife; Lucy, children: Jan Clark, Julie (John) Cook, Ted (Anita) Clark, four grandchildren; Abby Cook (Whit)

Whitfield, Robby Cook, Cate Clark and Christian Clark and two great grandchildren; Parks Whitfield and Shep Whitfield. A Funeral Service will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, May 13, 2023 in the Chapel of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. He will lie in state from 1:00-2:00 PM prior to the service. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 12, 2023 from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM at the funeral home. Flowers are welcome or contributions may be made in his name to First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Music Ministry, PO Box 773, Jonesboro, GA 30237. The Clark family wishes to thank Sacred Journey Hospice and Olive Branch Hospice for their special care during his life. Ford-Stewart Funeral Home, Inc., Jonesboro/Stockbridge 770-210-2700. www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com