



Clive 'Joe' Ball Jr.

January 16, 1925 - July 29, 2018

A member of the “Greatest Generation” has passed. Clive “Joe” Ball, Jr., 93, entered into rest on Sunday, July 29, at the Westminster Health Center, after a brief illness. Joe leaves a loving family, including Jane, his wife of 67 years, a daughter Nan Hicks, a son, Ken, a daughter-in-law Kim, a sister, Dot Ivey, three loving grandchildren, Haley, Zak, and Skylar, and many nieces and nephews.

Joe's beginnings in Campbellton, Florida were humble. The son of a sharecropper, Joe did his share of hard work in the local fields. He served in the army during WWII, was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded the Purple Heart. After his Honorable Discharge, Joe settled in Tallahassee where he worked as a technician and, eventually, service manager at Mingledorff Motors. Later Joe worked as the service manager at Bob Drake Dodge and Capitol Plymouth.

In 1971 Joe bought the Havana Ford dealership and remained active in the business until recently. Joe was very proud of the fact that, with his son Ken now running the dealership, it has remained a family enterprise for 47 years. Joe was an avid fisherman for most of his life and passed that love on to both his son and daughter. Joe, Jane, and their family and friends spent many enjoyable weekends both at St. Marks and at Alligator Point. Joe was well-known for his expertise and ability to find and catch grouper in local waters. His “book of numbers” detailing fertile grouper habitats was the envy of many a Gulf fisherman.

To many of his friends and acquaintances, Joe Ball was larger than life. He happily served as a second Dad to more than a few younger people. This decent, humble, generous man will be greatly missed by his family and the many people lucky enough to call him a friend.

A memorial celebration of Joe's life is being planned. Donations in Joe's memory can be sent to the Special Olympics of Leon County, specialolympicsflorida.org/leon/ or The Organization of Artificial Reefs, oarreefs.org.

Scotti Barden is assisting the Ball family with their arrangements.