



# Claude Hubert Harwood Jr.

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Claude Hubert Harwood Jr., 92, of Albemarle passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 in Atrium Health Stanly. His funeral service will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 in the Stanly Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joel Lynn and Jim Sawyer officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle from 6 until 8 PM on Monday evening. At other times, the family will receive guests at the home. Claude selflessly requested that this time be a celebration for both he and his wife Catherine who died during the Covid Pandemic as a way for them both to say goodbye to their friends.

Born March 29, 1932 he was the son of the late Claude Hubert Harwood Sr. and Evelyn Moore Harwood. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Claude and his wife Cathryn were the owners and operators of Harwoods Florist for over 60 years. He received numerous awards throughout his lifetime for his achievements in floral design. Claude decorated the White House for Inaugurations or Christmases for 7 different presidents beginning with John F. Kennedy. He was honored to meet each of the First Ladies during this time. He won America's Number One Designer in floral competition. This honor allowed him to represent the United States in the Interfloral World Cup Competition in Australia in 1979 where he placed in the top 20 in the world. He attended more than 100 different floral programs throughout the country and became the namesake of the Harwood Cup, an award to honor floral achievement. Through Floral Transworld Delivery, FTD, he met and networked with florists throughout the country and the world

Mr. Harwood was preceded in death by his wife Cathryn Caulder Harwood in 2020 and a daughter Jody Oliver in 2001. He is survived by a son Claude Hubert "Andy" Harwood III and wife My Phoung of Thailand, daughter Cathryn "Beth" Harwood of Albemarle, two grandchildren Holly E. Brackins and Abigail P. Harwood, two great-



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grandchildren Cooper and Cathryn Grace, and step grandchild Jake Oliver and wife Christy Oliver and their son.



# Events

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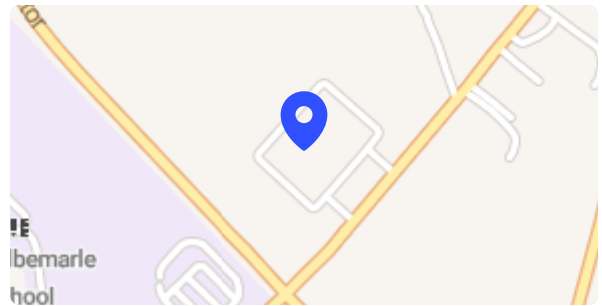
## Visitation

**Monday**, January 27, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care - Albemarle**

1835 Badin Rd, Albemarle NC 28001



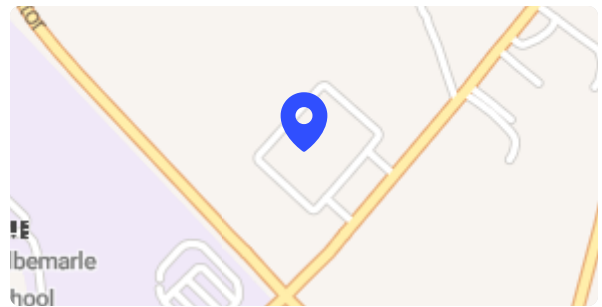
## Funeral Service

**Tuesday**, January 28, 2025

2:00 PM ET

**Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care**

1835 Badin Road, Albemarle NC 28001

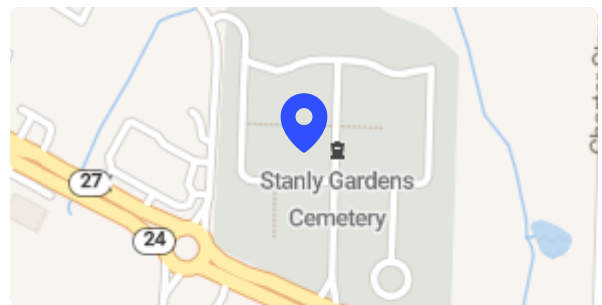


## Burial

**Tuesday**, January 28, 2025

**Fairview Memorial Park**

2001 E Main St, Albemarle NC 28001-9106

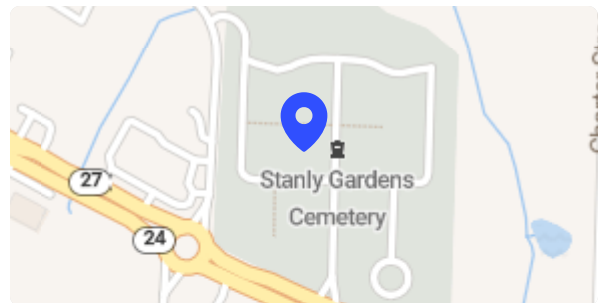


## Cemetery Details

**Fairview Memorial Park**

2001 E Main St, Albemarle NC 28001-9106

**(704) 983-2106**





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SA

**Scott Adams** posted:

To Beth and Andy and Family, So very sorry for the loss of your Dad. Claude and Catherine was such wonderful friends to my Dad and our family. They shared lots of memories and times together in the florist industry they all loved so dearly. They were all so talented, humble and worked so hard their whole lives. I am sure they are arranging the flowers in the gardens of heaven. Our thoughts are with you. Scott Adams and Family

January 29 at 7:58 PM

VS

**Veralyn Smith** January 31 at 7:41 AM

To Beth & family, Claude & Catherine were wonderful people! You were so blessed to have them as parents. They were both talented people as are you! I appreciate all of the things Claude did for my girl's weddings & many other things. His presence in Albemarle will be surely missed. Veralyn Smith

TW

**Tracy & Pastor Harold Whitley** lit a candle in honor of Claude.

Pastor Harold and Tracy Whitley

January 28 at 7:10 AM



TW

**Tracy & Pastor Harold Whitley** posted:

Beth and Family, so very sorry for your loss. Your mom and dad were such kind and talented people. When I was in high school, my then boyfriend got me Roses 🌹 at least twice a week every week from Hardwood's Florist. Needless to say that my now husband, developed a good relationship with your mom and dad. My name is Tracy Parnell Whitley and my husband's name is Pastor Harold Whitley. We pray our Great God will bring you and your family peace, love, comfort and strength to get you all through this difficult and sad time.

January 28 at 7:04 AM

PL

**Pat Leonard** posted:

Claude and Catherine were two of the most gracious people I have ever known. They were always willing to please anyone they met. Their laughs were infectious. Our prayers are with all the family. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY!

January 27 at 4:16 AM



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**Robin Barringer** posted:

I have loved this man from the first time I met him. He and Catherine both were some of the kindest people I know. How talented!! Andy & Beth, you have been longtime family friends and we have you in our prayers. Love you ❤️

January 26 at 11:36 AM



**Angela Taylor** posted:

From the first day I started working at Harwood's Florist I knew how special Claude and Catheryn were and I always knew of the beautiful arrangements Claude made from my wedding and many other designs. It was such an honor and privilege to work for an amazing man he truly was and had a heart of gold and was always there for me and my family. When my father passed he did an amazing job with the family flowers and the same for my mother . I will be forever grateful for him. Wonderful memories of Claude I'll cherish forever of this amazing man. I love him and I miss him so much. Teresa Turner ( Teesie )

January 25 at 5:13 PM



**Jeff Freeman** posted:

Our love and prayers to the family and friends. They were so vested in the floral industry thru the NC State Florist Association and Southern Retail Florist Association as well as many national affiliates as well as their own shop. Catherine signed my NCSFA certificate when I joined many years ago. There are precious memories and stories to be told and remembered. A thank you to florist, the unsung heroes who sometimes forsake family, holidays and vacations to take care of customers who have experienced loss or celebrating a union or special event. The late, late nights for holidays, let alone being exhausted to even celebrate your own, all to make others' lives special. Thank you, Claude and Catherine, for decades of love, care and compassion to your family, customers and floral industry - fond memories always and forever. Jeff & Angie Freeman

January 25 at 4:48 AM



**Charleen Huneycutt Lisk** lit a candle in honor of Claude.

Loved this man and his wonderful wife!

January 25 at 12:31 AM





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DB

**David Burris** lit a candle in honor of Claude.

January 24 at 9:25 PM



DF

**David Fisher** lit a candle in honor of Claude.

January 24 at 9:09 PM



PT

**Patricia Cornett Thompson** posted:

Claude and Cathryn were such kind, loving people. I was blessed to get to know them when I was a Hospice volunteer for Cathryn's Mom. Albemarle lost a great man. Love and prayers to the family.

January 24 at 5:24 PM

WB

**W Jack Blankenship Sr** lit a candle in honor of Claude.

January 24 at 3:17 PM



WB

**W Jack Blankenship Sr** posted:

Sending Prayers for God's Comfort during this sad time God Bless 🙏❤️

January 24 at 3:16 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Claude by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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