

Clarence "Babe" Sawyer, Jr.

January 1, 1933 - May 17, 2022

Hampton, NH – Clarence Foster “Babe” Sawyer, Jr., 89, of Hampton, formerly of Lynn, MA, passed peacefully Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at Cornerstone. He was born in Lynn, MA January 1, 1933, son of the late Clarence F. and Hazel (Clark) Sawyer.

Babe was raised in Saugus, MA and graduated from Saugus High School and later graduated from Wentworth Institute. He served proudly with the US Navy during the Korean War. Babe was employed as a machinist first at the United Shoe in Beverly and then later for General Electric Corporation in Lynn for over 35 years before retiring in 1994.

Babe was predeceased by his second wife Mary (Casey) Sawyer in 2019 and his first wife Mary B. (Hennessy) Sawyer in 1975.

He leaves four children, Susan Conboy and husband John of Alton Bay, Patricia Corso and husband Jude of Hampton, John Sawyer and wife Joanne of Salem, MA, Scott Sawyer of Mansfield, MA, four grandchildren, Michael, Christopher, Jacqueline, John, five great grandchildren, Jacob, Devin and Henry Langer, Jacob and Joshua Morin, his brother Ronald Sawyer and wife Joan and nieces Carol, Lisa and Robin.

Babe truly loved life and had a zest for living. He attended many functions like

dances at the Irish club and other get togethers. He also loved the trips he took to Ireland. The last three years of his life at Cornerstone at Hampton had been some of his happiest times. He found a supportive community of friends and caregivers and looked forward to what each day would bring. His favorite activities were Happy Hour and the Sunday Poker Games. He was also an avid cribbage player. Babe was able to continue this passion with his close friend Jim. They've been playing at least twice a week for the past three years and had a friendly rivalry which they both enjoyed.

On behalf of our father we would like to express how grateful we are for the incredible staff and caregivers of Cornerstone over the past three years and of Beacon Hospice in recent weeks. You have no idea what a remarkable difference you made in his life and we are eternally thankful for all you have done.

A visiting hour will be held from 11 A.M. to 12 Noon Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will immediately follow at 12 Noon in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Private interment will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, MA. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to National Kidney Foundation (<https://www.kidney.org>)

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

145 Boston Street
Lynn, MA 01904

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home
811 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH 03842
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<http://www.RemickGendron.com>

Service

MAY 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Clarence "Babe" Sawyer, Jr.

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



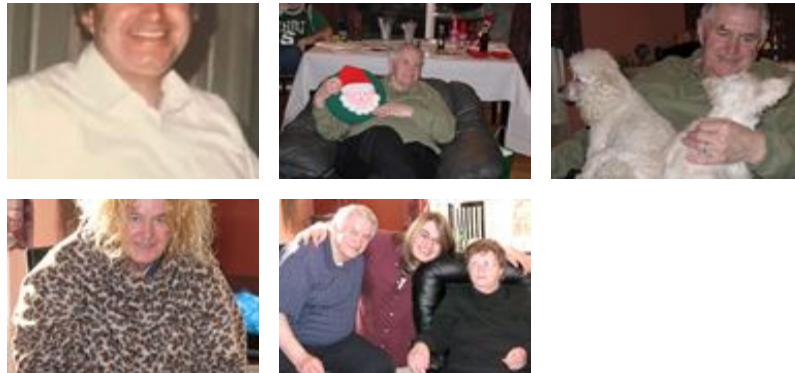
“ We are so grateful for all of the wonderful moments we've shared with Grandpa Clarence. His warmth, love and compassion will never be forgotten. We send our love and many hugs to all of his beautiful family. You're in our hearts. With Much Love, Maureen, Hans, Ravi and Vinayak



Maureen B - May 23, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - May 19, 2022 at 01:58 PM

KA

“ Katrina lit a candle in memory of Clarence
"Babe" Sawyer, Jr.



Katrina - May 18, 2022 at 12:14 PM

KA

May you get through this difficult time through prayers and comfort and friends! Rest easy Clarence

Katrina - May 18, 2022 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ Jim Misserville lit a candle in memory of
Clarence "Babe" Sawyer, Jr.



Jim Misserville - May 18, 2022 at 09:05 AM

JM

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James Misserville - May 18, 2022 at 08:58 AM

JM

Cribbage buddies forever

Jim Misserville - May 18, 2022 at 09:06 AM

JC

His cribbage games with you were among his favorite times the last few years. You were a great friend to him Jim.

Jude Corso - May 18, 2022 at 11:12 AM

PC

A beautiful friendship

Patricia Corso - May 19, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *Rhiannon Corso lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Babe" Sawyer, Jr.*



Rhiannon Corso - May 17, 2022 at 06:29 PM

PC

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my dad. It’s hard to choose. My favorite memories are the funny ones, especially those that involved my cooking. He even warned my husband, Jude, when he FIRST met him, “Just in case you’re wondering, she’s a lousy cook”, but I’m getting ahead of myself.



So my first real chance to show off my cooking skills was a few months after he married my stepmom, Mary. I was fifteen at that time. They had a big argument and she stormed out of the house. I said to my dad, let her go, I can cook our meals! Then I proceeded to cook roast chicken for dinner. How was I to know a chicken needs more than 20 minutes to cook at 500 degrees, or that they stick a plastic bag with icky parts inside? I saw it, but had no idea it needed to come out. I’ll never forget his face when he cut into the chicken and it was completely raw inside (though it was golden brown on the outside!), then he noticed the singed plastic. Needless to say, he chased after my stepmom and they resolved their differences. How was I to know how to cook a chicken or anything else? The closest I’d been to cooking was my toaster and even then I burned my cinnamon toast.

My dad’s culinary adventures didn’t end there. He enjoyed other mouthwatering delights along the way, such as beet greens cooked in muddy water, courtesy of my sister, Sue, hacked up turkey and other strange creations. He also didn’t trust my dishwashing skills, and for many years brought along his own dinnerware and utensils to dine.

Somewhere along the way I learned to cook and he learned to trust me. I looked forward to making our holiday meals each year and loved watching him eat.....he always asked for seconds :-)

Patricia Corso - May 17, 2022 at 06:12 PM

JC

Love this story. Dad told me a few of these cooking stories, chuckling the whole time! I'm so glad I was daring and stuck around anyway :-)

Jude Corso - May 18, 2022 at 11:20 AM

PC

“ *Patricia Corso lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Babe" Sawyer, Jr.*



Patricia Corso - May 17, 2022 at 03:40 PM

JC

“ *Jude Corso lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Babe" Sawyer, Jr.*



Jude Corso - May 17, 2022 at 03:37 PM

JC

Love you Dad. You will live on forever in all of us.....

Jude Corso - May 17, 2022 at 03:39 PM