ROY J. CLIFTON

Roy J. Clifton peacefully went to be with the Lord on May 28, 2012, surrounded by his family at New Hanover Regional Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, on July 11, 1942, to William and Agnes (Hinchcliff) Clifton. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, William and Robert. He was a hard-working man of integrity who provided for his family and led them and others in the way of the Lord.

Roy lived his entire life serving others. He has been an active parishioner of St. Mary Catholic Church as a member of the church council, finance committee, religious education teacher, and Eucharist minister, to name a few. In addition, he was active in his community having served on numerous boards and committees, was instrumental in the revitalization of downtown Wilmington, and an advocate for the arts community. One of his favorite ministries is the Cape Fear Clinic, Inc., where the less fortunate are able to receive health care services.

As a restauranteur for thirty-four years, he owned and operated three restaurants in downtown Wilmington: The Sandwich Factory, Roy’s Riverboat Landing, and most recently, The Caffe Pheonix. His wife has worked with him in building the businesses and has stood beside him every step of the way. He was loved by everyone who knew him and he will be missed by the many lives he has touched in his years of service to his church and community.