



## John Clyde Tarbell

March 13, 1946 - December 31, 2020

John Clyde Tarbell, 74, of Mooresville, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

He was born on March 13, 1946 in Waterville, Maine to the late Vinal John and Doris Eva Savage Tarbell. John was a veteran having served in the U.S. Army. He was a Vietnam veteran, Army artillery surveyor 1967 – 1969. He attended Lawrence High School, Fairfield ME, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Northeastern University, Boston, MA. He was a board member of Scarborough Sanitary District and a member of the Portland Lions Club. He was an Engineering and Environmental Consultant. His career consisted of E. C. Jordan; Devine & Tarbell; Northrop Devine & Tarbell; Duke Engineering and Services; Framatome; Devine Tarbell and Associates; and HDR.

He is survived by his loving wife, Edith “Edie” Allen Tarbell; children, Susan and husband Chris Aldrich, Steven and wife Nicole Tarbell; stepson, Sean and wife Lynsie Duricko; sisters, Dolores and husband Ted Vail, Priscilla and husband Richard Hobart; brother, Richard and wife Joanne Tarbell; four grandsons, Brady, Andrew, Cole and Colby; several nieces and nephews.

John loved gardening; was a New England Patriots season ticket holder since the late 80’s; he enjoyed golfing when the golf ball went where he wanted it to go. Getting a hole-in-one was one of the highlights of all the golf he played. He adored spending time with his four grandsons. He enjoyed research and planning cross-country trips that he took with his wife. Researching his family tree was a passion of his and he spent a lot of his retirement with the research. John was recognized in November 2020 as an official Mayflower Descendent.

The family will have a service in the summer in Maine celebrating his life. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10306 or Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Tarbell family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive

Mooresville, NC, 28115

# Comments

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I had the honor of working with John as part of the DTA transition into HDR. He clearly operated with complete integrity while looking out for the interests of everyone in the firm. Developing technical skills is one journey but how you get it done says so much about the person. John was a great steward of the gifts he was given and left a lasting impact. On behalf of HDR, our heartfelt condolences to Edie and family.

Darryl Shoemaker

Darryl Shoemaker - January 06 at 04:47 PM



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Thank you Darryl.

Edie - January 07 at 01:07 PM

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Edie and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. JT was a mentor and friend who was instrumental in forming my career going back to NDT days. I will cherish all the time I was privileged to spend with him and you. He is deeply missed, but to me, he'll always live-on in my fond memories of golfing, conversation, his wisdom on any topic, generosity, and of course "Pats-talk"!

Dave Culligan  
Syracuse, NY

Dave Culligan - January 04 at 03:56 PM



“ Edie, I'm sorry to hear of John's passing. It was a privilege to work with him at ND&T and I have many fond memories of adventures in the field, challenging meetings at which he brought calm and clarity, and heart-to-heart conversations over so many topics. I would not be where I am today in my career, or life, without the skills and wisdom I gained from John.

Michael Thompson  
Camden, Maine

**Michael Thompson** - January 03 at 08:56 AM

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“ Arlene McIver lit a candle in memory of John Clyde Tarbell



**Arlene McIver** - January 02 at 10:16 PM

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“ John was a unique and focused person. Keenly analytical and immensely practical. He was able to see alternative outcomes from an action and select a correct path. I've valued his friendship, guidance, sense of humor, and loyalty for almost 4 decades. Rest In Peace, John. May your memory be eternal.

**Charles Andreson** - January 02 at 05:48 PM

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“We don't meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason.” So goes the saying. As one of many, my paths crossed with John in 1993 when my wife Ann and I moved to Portland Maine to take a job as a scientist for ND&T. John of course was one of the first people I met and throughout the years of working with him was one of the people that provided the leadership, knowledge, wisdom, grace, and mentorship that myself and numerous others needed in their life and careers. We are all where we are in life because of the influence the John Tarbells have had on us. Your legacy, Mr. Tarbell, lives on in the people you touched and influenced. Rest In Peace and Godspeed to you, Edie, and your family.

Scott T. Fletcher

Scott T. Fletcher - January 02 at 04:45 PM

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“My brother in law was the most generous man I knew. He opened his home and heart to family and friends and those times in his home on my many vacations to Hilton Head or Bluffton were among some of my favorites memories. Putting up that massive Christmas tree one year, fluffing it and trying to get the lights to work - well, a glass of wine always makes things work better. I never could get his love of golf but hockey and the Patriots were easier to appreciate. We went to a Bruins game once- it was so cool to be behind the scenes and seeing players and their families. Once , my husband and I got to go to a Pats game with John on the coldest day in December history. I was even wearing electric socks, fifty layers of clothes and the topper of the evening was the rowdy guy behind me dumping his beer all over me! John- I salute you. Thank you for opening my eyes to the bigger picture and being part of your world for awhile!

Roxanne "Rocky" Montgomery - January 02 at 04:29 PM

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“A chance encounter at a meeting in Washington, DC in 1988 was when I first met John. Twelve months later, I was working for him at ND&T and continued to work with him until his retirement decades later. John has my eternal gratitude for giving me the opportunity to live in Maine, raise a family, and grow with one of the most amazing consulting practices in the Hydro industry. John's dedication and loyalty to his employees was demonstrated daily during that time. I will always treasure John's support and friendship. John - until we once again enjoy a chance encounter in the next life..... Steve

Steve Arnold - January 02 at 04:00 PM

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“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of John Clyde Tarbell.



January 02 at 02:52 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this sad news. I was working at E.C. Jordan Co. when John joined the firm. We quickly became friends when he discovered my graphic capabilities. He was always present at the Friday night attitude adjustment celebrations with comical stories and a hearty laugh. Little did I know that he would be my future boss. I joined Northrop, Devine & Tarbell in 1988 where he taught me the ways of water quality analysis. He was not demanding and always asked me what my schedule was like when he had a major project requiring my services. Always accommodating. One of the best bosses I ever worked for.  
My deepest condolences to Edie and the Tarbell family.

**Dick Boothby** - January 02 at 01:35 PM

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“ JT - not only my Boss and Mentor, but always a great Friend . I remember walking (more like storming) into his office, closing his door and looking at him and saying, “what the heck” and he would look at me for a moment, smile and then just laugh. I would turn around, open the door, and leave laughing. Always there for me. A truly special person.  
Till we meet again my friend, Rest In Peace.....  
Linda Holmes

**Linda Holmes** - January 02 at 12:55 PM

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“ My Dad - Hard working, passionate about Boston sports teams, family, history and life. A true Patriot in more ways than one. He spoke his mind, took educated risks that most of us wouldn't be willing to take and gave me opportunities in life that he didn't have as a kid. During family trips growing up we drove everywhere and he was always behind the wheel navigating us across this great country. He sprinkled in a few moments of road rage, lol, but always got us to our destination. Many of the destinations were “boring” as a kid but looking back I'm so thankful for those trips. Boston, Plymouth, Gettysburg and many other historical war memorial sites, Caverns, Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, 4 corners, Cooperstown, Basketball hall of fame, Whistler B.C, Bethel Inn, ME, Hilton Head and many more. I miss and love my Dad more than words can describe and I'm forever grateful for our time together.

**Steven Tarbell** - January 02 at 09:09 AM



“ Steve, I heard about some of those trips, and I know he enjoyed them immensely. He was so proud of you and commented many times on what a wonderful and good man you have turned out to be. I could hear the love he had for you every time he talked about you.

**Eddie** - January 02 at 10:04 AM

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“ Kindred spirits brother. A friend and business partner for over 40 years. So many memories. The big house and Moosehead Lake to name a few. We won't talk about our Moosehead debaucheries! Managed to break even in more ways than one. You'll be missed by many

**Pedro** - January 02 at 07:05 AM

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“ John Devine — there are literally hundreds of memories parked away in my brain. I share this one in short form with the long version to share in the summer or when I see you, Edie, next summer. Here goes: 1984 — Idaho — Boise Cascade — Horseshoe Bend — South Fork Payette River — The Chart House — Yukon Jack(s) — Escaped Convict Killed by State Police in our presence — lucky to have survived it all! I'll fill in the details when I see you all. Mr. T was my friend and partner for 40 years. Saying he was like a brother to me does not do it justice — he was my brother.

**John Devine** - January 01 at 06:29 PM



“ Thank you John. I look forward to hearing the whole story.

**Edie** - January 01 at 11:17 PM



“ John, your friendship with my Dad meant a lot to him. I look forward to hearing more stories about him this summer.

**Steven Tarbell** - January 02 at 08:56 AM



“ Lots of fun memories of “Summer olympics” with the Tarbell family and ours at Cobbesseecontee lake!!

**lisa arsenault** - January 02 at 12:28 PM