



Raymond Sowell

January 30, 1945 - June 12, 2007

Raymond Sowell, Jr. 62 died June 12, 2007 at his home in Garden City.

Ray was a native of Hartsville, SC, the son of Raymond C. and Katie Peele Sowell, Sr.

He graduated from Wofford College and the Medical College of Virginia and practiced dentistry for 30 years in Darlington, retiring in 2001.

Ray attended St. Luke United Methodist in Hartsville and Belin Methodist in Murrells Inlet.

Ray was an Eagle Scout, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity and a world traveler. He enjoyed gardening, antiques, and shopping.

Ray played clarinet in college and in the Hartsville High School Red Regime band. He dedicated countless hours as a drill/color-guard instructor with the Red Regime. Ray served as an adjudicator at band contests and assisted other high schools throughout the state as a drill/color-guard consultant.

Ray was preceded in death by his mother and father and is survived by his loving cats Zach and Coco, cousins and numerous friends throughout the state.

Memorial services will be held at 2 pm, June 14, 2007 at Brown, Pennington, and Atkins Funeral Home in Hartsville, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the South Carolina Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ The loss of this special man and our great friend saddens us deeply. Although miles separated us, Ray remained forever in our hearts. We have nothing but fond memories and kind thoughts and words for Ray. Bobbi Jo if you read this, our sincere sympathy. Diane Finley and Jude Harter###imported-begin###diane and judy###imported-end##

July 07, 2007 at 10:36 PM



“ I met Ray in the late 80's through the Hartsville High School Band Program. He was a dedicated professional that we all looked up to. Although I haven't seen Ray in several years I still have fond memories. Rest in peace.###imported-begin###Brian Rudick###imported-end##

June 19, 2007 at 02:20 PM



“ Ray and I went all the way through school together. I remember fondly the many fun years in band and the way Ray marched with a nice straight back and high step. He was a really fine clarinet player. I haven't seen him in many years but have a lot of fond memories of good times together. Carole Easterling Young###imported-begin###Carole Easterling Young###imported-end##

June 15, 2007 at 07:13 PM



“ Ray and I were introduced in 1st Grade at Carolina Elementary School in Mrs. Sadie Bennett's class, and that was the beginning of a happy and enduring friendship. We shared many fun times together throughout the years, in dancing classes and recitals, plays, birthday parties/dances, etc. Ray was always so loving, happy-go-lucky, fun to be with, very caring, and unselfish. He was adoring and devoted to his parents, Katie and Raymond, and they were always very proud of him. Ray continually placed others needs before his own. I will deeply miss Ray's humorous e-mails and cards, reminiscent phone conversations and fun parties at his lovely home on the South Carolina coast. Rest in peace, my dear friend.##imported-begin##Jacqueline Ludrick Chambers##imported-end##

June 15, 2007 at 12:16 PM



“ RAY WAS SUCH A BRIGHT LIGHT IN ALL OF OUR LIVES. Always smiling, laughing, and loving everyone. He will be missed. Margo##imported-begin##Margo and Stan Pruitt##imported-end##

June 14, 2007 at 09:12 PM



“ Had it not been for Ray Sowell, I probably would not have had the honor of being the band director at Hartsville High School from 1992-1996. Little did I know at that time that being the Hartsville band director would truly change my life because of the people I met and the relationships I forged that still last until today. It was a wonderful time in my life, and I have Ray to thank for that. I'll miss him dearly as will the entire Hartsville Red Regime family.##imported-begin##Rick Knight##imported-end##

June 14, 2007 at 05:58 PM



“ To the family and friends of Mr Ray

I was sad to learn of Mr.Ray's passing.He was a giving and caring person. I am honored to have known him.The Hartsville High Red Regime will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go with you all.

Patricia S. Hall

Rosemary Hall Fincher

Marylyn Hall Roscoe

Bobby M. Hall Jr.

Adam J Hall

Wendy Lyn Hall###imported-begin###Patricia S. Hall###imported-end##

June 14, 2007 at 03:26 PM



“ *Mr. Ray was a wonderful man. I remember him from when I was a member of the Hartsville High School Red Regime. He always smiled and had a positive attitude. He would go out of his way to make sure we all were taken care of. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin###Rebecca Waldsmith-Kelly###imported-end##*

June 14, 2007 at 07:50 AM



“ I remember Ray mostly from his years as a tap dance and acrobat student at the Sara McKnight School of Dance. He was the best acrobatic performer of all the students with his strong, flexible, and limber body. He continued his love for the arts with his work and career in the band. Planning had been started last year for a reunion of all former students of the Sara McKnight School of Dance to be held the weekend of the Lawhon-Watkins Dance World recital in April. Ray was looking forward to that event so much. Unfortunately, we postponed it until next year to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Lawhon-Watkins school. I feel sad now knowing he will not be with us, but believe he will be there in spirit, smiling at us and dancing and doing his amazing acrobatic stunts in heaven. I will miss his emails and regret that I did not get to see him this past year. May God comfort and strengthen his cousins and close friends in their time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jimmy Ballard##imported-end##

June 13, 2007 at 10:47 PM



“ Sowell Family, Ray was a dear friend. July 4th golf cart parade at Garden City Beach will not be the same without him watching it with our family. Our prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Wayne & Edna Sims##imported-end##

June 13, 2007 at 02:41 PM



“ ##imported-begin##john-michael huckaby##imported-end##

June 13, 2007 at 01:07 PM



“ Ray was my dentist and he was a great friend. I will miss getting his emails.

He will be sadly missed.

Love Betty Windham##imported-begin##Betty
Windham##imported-end##

June 13, 2007 at 10:04 AM



“ I was saddened to learn of Ray's passing. He was one of the first people I met when I came to Hartsville. His dedication to the students in the band and his contributions were remarkable. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Wayne Huckaby##imported-end##

June 13, 2007 at 10:02 AM



“ Dr. Sowell will be missed by all knew him. I first met him when I started taking my boys to the dentist. I know the band will miss his direction and insight. My son and his friends often mentiond how much they appreciated his presence. His outgoing personality and smiling face will be remembered by me and my family.##imported-begin##Bonnie Saleeby##imported-end##

June 13, 2007 at 08:50 AM