



## Robert G. Clawson

August 9, 1915 - March 31, 2009

Robert G. Clawson, age 93, died on March 31, 2009, in Mt Pleasant, SC. He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie King Clawson, and a son, John King Clawson. He is survived by his son, Robert G. Clawson, Jr. of Charleston, SC (his wife, Helen Ehrhardt Clawson, and their children, Robert G. Clawson, III, Margaret Livingston Clawson, Helen Clawson Martinez), Kelly Clawson Ford of Lexington, NC and Frances Elizabeth Clawson of Orlando, FL (the children of John King Clawson), his son, Samuel R. Clawson of Mt Pleasant, SC (his wife, Elizabeth Mapp Clawson, and their children, Samuel R. Clawson, Jr. and Elizabeth Carter Clawson), a brother, Kelly Lee Clawson of Scottsdale, AR, and 6 great grand children.

Originally from Cooleme, North Carolina, Bob Clawson lived in Hartsville, SC for 53 years from 1947 until 2000, when he and his wife moved to Mt. Pleasant, SC to be closer to their sons.

Mr. Clawson had a distinguished career in banking. He began his banking career in North Carolina at the Bank of Yanceyville. He would always fondly recall Samuel Murphy Bason, President of the Bank of Yanceyville, who was a mentor and role model. In 1947, he was named the Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Hartsville and, in 1961, was named President. He was a past President of the South Carolina Bankers Association and served on numerous committees of the American Bankers Association. He later served on the Board of Directors for Republic National Bank in Columbia and First Community Bank.

Mr. Clawson was active in civic affairs, having served a numerous boards and authorities: the State Ports Authority, the State Development Board, the State Board of Financial Institutions, and the State Jobs-Economic Development Authority. Known for his efforts in business development for this State, Governor Carroll A. Campbell honored him as the Industrial Ambassador for the State of South Carolina in 1988. He was also a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto in recognition of his long years of service to the State of South Carolina.

Above all, he is remembered by his sons as a healthy and out-going man, who saw that his children were raised in a loving, Christian home; was committed to the education of his children; took great pride in his banking career; and also took great pride in his prowess on the tennis courts. "With three sons, he always had a doubles match," his son, Bob said.

The family will receive friends at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home in Hartsville, SC at 11am on Saturday, April 4, 2009. A graveside service will follow at 12 Noon. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Hartsville, 104 E. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550 or a charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob and Sam: I am sorry to hear about your loss of a great father and family man. I remember seeing him waving at me in the bank, always smiling. Bob, I remember those rides to the games with you and Blanding. You always talked fondly about your Dad and his tennis playing. His name was mentioned not too long ago in my "A Look Back" column in the Messenger when he played on the Lions tennis team in the civic challenge tournament...50 years ago. This is just one of many great memories you and the family have to cherish about him. Now he is in a better place, free of pain or suffering. Sorry I could not attend the funeral or visitation but my thoughts and prayers were with you.##imported-begin##Jimmy Ballard##imported-end##*

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April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sam and Bob, I was saddened to learn of your Dad's passing. My Dad thought very highly of him, as many in Hartsville did. He was such a fine man, and your Mother was such a fine lady. They have truly been missed. My sincere sympathy and prayers to you and your families. Dell Gandy##imported-begin##Dell Gandy##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2009 at 10:39 PM



“ Sam and Bob

*Your father gave me my first job in banking almost 38 years ago. Bob Clawson was a fine teacher and a man of CHARACTER. His sound banking principles have served me well over the years. South Carolina has lost a true SOUTHERN GENTLEMEN. Trust in the Lord and he will mend your broken hearts. I feel privileged to have known and trained under Bob Clawson.##imported-begin##Ron J. Wall##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2009 at 05:46 PM



“ Big Bob, I've always remebered the day we were out at Lake Robinson under the boat dock doing repairs and asked about snakes and you responded that "I should not worry as much about the snakes, rather I should worry more about the dock fallen in on us. It helped me to focus more the task at hand. I'll will always remember the great thing you accomplished and the good you did for your community, your state, your friends and neighbors, and your family, but most of all I'll remember how you and Annie King made me fill like family. with great love, Tim##imported-begin##T.H. Ford##imported-end##

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April 05, 2009 at 06:58 PM



“ Robert and family. I was very sorry to hear that your father had died. May God's comfort be ever with you. Cynthia Watson Smith.##imported-begin##cynthia watson smith##imported-end##

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April 04, 2009 at 03:35 PM



“ Sam & family, Bob was a good friend to us and we will surely miss him. Hold on to the good memories. God bless you and your family. We will be praying for you.##imported-begin##David & Beverly (Mathis) Byrd##imported-end##

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April 03, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ To Bob and Sam: Many people have asked me if I knew where your father was living and all I knew was in the Charleston area. Before he left for Mt Pleasant, I told him we had a son in Salisbury, NC and only then did he say that he was born in that area so we reminiscenced about what we knew about Salisbury and its people. He did business with my late father and myself and I always found him to be a very honorable person. Our deepest sympathy to you both and your families.

Tim and Penny Anthony##imported-begin##Tim H Anthony##imported-end##

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April 03, 2009 at 11:03 AM



“ To the Clawson Family, I am sorry for your Loss Bob was a remarkable gentleman in and around the Hartsville Comminuty. I know that he will be missed by his family and host of friends whom he came in contact with. It is my prayers that God will send His loving Angels to wrap their arns around you and give you the comfort you need in the days ahead. God Bless, Grady##imported-begin##Grady O'Neal##imported-end##

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April 03, 2009 at 10:52 AM



“ Sam and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We have had many wonderful times together. Your Mother and Dad were an important part of Hartsville.

*I hope that the memories that you all have will help sustain you during this difficult time.*

*Pam###imported-begin##Pam Parrott Sansbury##imported-end##*

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April 03, 2009 at 10:45 AM



“ Clawson Family...Mr.Bob was a very special person who was always willing to help. Before he moved away from Hartsville, we spent many mornings drinking coffee and solving the problems of our world. He was so knowledgeable and his advice and concerns were certainly welcomed. God Bless each of you and treasure the memories you have of him.##imported-begin##Wayne and Edna Sims##imported-end##

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April 02, 2009 at 11:47 PM



“ Bob & Sam, so sorry to hear of Mr. Bob's passing. We will always remember as a good friend and one of the last of the small town bankers. If I needed to borrow money I just went to see Mr.Clawson and there was no problem. I have so many good memories of him. Just the other day I was telling a friend that back in the 70's when we went through a tough stock market time Bob called to tell me that I needed to bring in additional stock to cover a loan. He told me when I went to his office to "not feel bad because he had to make the same call to a big executive at Sonoco!" I know that you will miss him.##imported-begin##Archie & Rae Biggs##imported-end##

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April 02, 2009 at 10:54 PM



“ Oh Mr. Clawson was my friend (as well as most of Hartsville). What a great man, that had lots to do with what Hartsville is today. He has been missed around town and will continue to be missed. My thoughts and prayer are with you his precious family.  
Dianne Wall###imported-begin##Dianne Wall###imported-end##

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April 02, 2009 at 09:02 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's death. Our folks thought a lot of your folks, and your Dad was a big supporter of Daddy and the Boy Scouts. I fondly remember times in church and visiting, and extend our greatest sympathy. God bless.###imported-begin##Sally Cooke Christian###imported-end##

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April 02, 2009 at 06:45 PM



“ SAM AND BOB,I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR DAD.HE WAS A NICE GUY. DO YOU REMEMBER OUR FIRST VENTURE IN POLITICS? DOWN AT SONOCO HANDING OUT FLYERS FOR FRITZ HOLLINGS. GROWING UP IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD I LEARNED A LOT FROM YOUR DAD. I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO MISS HIM. HE WAS A FINE PERSON  
MILLER MARSHALL###imported-begin##Miller Marshall###imported-end##

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April 02, 2009 at 11:42 AM