



Robert W. Shirley

November 15, 1911 - January 10, 2008

Robert W. Shirley, 96, of Hartsville, SC, died in Charlotte, NC on January 10, 2008. Born in Lee County, SC to David Lee and Lannie Fields Shirley, he was the widower of Laura Sumner Shirley. He was also pre-deceased by his brothers, Tom and Yan; sister, Gwendolyn; stepmother, Vara Newsome Shirley. He is survived by his sons, Robert W. (Susan) Shirley of Charlotte, NC, E. Lee Shirley of Redlands, CA; four step grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was a long-time resident of Hartsville and was active in his church and youth baseball.

A proud member of "The Greatest Generation", he served his country in the U.S. Army in World War II in the Philippines as his unit prepared to invade Japan.

After his retirement from Sonoco Products Co., he began a "second career" announcing horse shows in the Pee Dee area. He took up golf in his mid-fifties and played into his early nineties, shooting his age on more than one occasion.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church Chapel on January 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Revs. Ryan Goodroe and Charles Roberts will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family. Burial will be in the church cemetery and the family will receive friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your favorite charity in Mr. Shirley's memory.

The professionalism of the staff at White Oak Manor in Charlotte is greatly appreciated. Their care and compassion for Mr. Shirley, especially during his last days, was a testament to their being angels of mercy!

The family is indebted to Gertrude Turnage for her years of love and devotion. He was a warm and charming man. He will be missed.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Chapel
104 E. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ You will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Susan Pattengill##imported-end##

January 22, 2008 at 10:23 AM



“ I just read cousin Bob's obit. I am saddened to know he is no longer with us. No matter where I saw him, he always had that big smile and a kind word. He was a true "Southern Gentleman", in every sense of the word. And yes, he will be missed.
Jill Lyles##imported-begin##Jill Lyles##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 12:43 PM



“ Shirley, I was so sad to hear of your dad's passing. You and your family were such a fine part of our growing-up days, both at church and at home. Your parent's good influence will be missed. Hart and I are holding you and your family close during this sad time. Love,
Sara##imported-begin##Sara Bennett Goodson##imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 02:26 PM



“ Bobby, I was sad to hear of your father's death. I remember the joy of playing baseball with you and your father's support. Wishing you and yours peace, Hal Littleton##imported-begin##Hal Littleton##imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 01:33 PM



“ Our first few years of marriage was spent in the house beside Mr. and Mrs. Shirley on College Ave. They were wonderful neighbors. All of our 4 children were born while we lived there. The children loved visiting the Shirleys. Once our children, Margaret and Tom cut down the corn between the driveways, of course the "corn" was the leaves to some beautiful lilies that didn't bloom that year. We have many fond memories of the days we were blessed by having Mr. Shirley in our lives.##imported-begin##Gay and Tommy Morrison##imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 10:27 AM



“ A wonderful friend. I worked with Bob for many years and value my time with him. He was always a gentleman.##imported-begin##Dick Turnage##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 04:54 PM



“ Lee, I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. What a great guy! He had such a positive impact on us growing up and helping us with baseball. We loved seeing him at the Golf Course over the years and he always seemed so happy to see us.

We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Allen Bur##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 12:30 PM



“ I've known Bob since my first haircut, I guess. He would come in whether he needed a haircut or not, just to say hello to his many friends. He could brighten the darkest day with his smile and humor. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones.##imported-begin##Lock McKinnon##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 12:20 PM



“ My prayers are with your entire family on the loss of such a special person. I will always have fond memories of Mr. Bob and the kindness that he showed me as a teenager who loved to ride her horse. I spent many weekends at the horse shows that he announced and he could always make me smile. I attended a local youth horse show to watch a few years ago & to my surprise there was Mr. Bob. He not only remembered me when I went to speak to him but knew my horse's name & my lucky number. Twenty-five years later & he was still making me smile. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Renee C. Douglas##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 11:27 AM



“ We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family on the loss of this loved one. We also appreciate what this Veteran did for his country
Warner DeHart
Tara Waddell
Georgia Ross##imported-begin##Darlington County Veterans Affairs Office##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 10:45 AM



“ I remember Mr. Shirley when I was growing up at First Baptist Church. I moved away in 1966, but still have memories of my days at First Baptist Church and the Shirley family.##imported-begin##Juanita Gibson Melton##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 07:48 AM



“ Bob,
Billie and I offer our condolence in the passing of your father. He had a very interesting and long life.
david##imported-begin##david sloan##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 07:47 AM



“ My friend Bob Shirley will be missed by all whose lives he touched in his beloved First Baptist Church, his community, and his co workers at Sonoco. Rveryone who knew Bob loved him. I worked with him for years at Sonoco and last saw him a couple of years ago at our anual gathering of retired "Chem Lab" vets. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Archie Biggs##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 06:52 AM



“ MR. SHIRLEY WAS A GOOD ,BLESSED MAN .HE WAS AN INSPRATION TO EVERY BODY IN BASEBALL ,AND A DEAR LOVING PERSON TO ALL. HE WILL BE MISSED. MAY HE BE WITH GOD.##imported-begin##WILLIAM MANUEL RILEY##imported-end##

January 10, 2008 at 11:04 PM