



Catherine Rybolt

September 19, 1925 - January 1, 2014

Pawleys Island

Catherine "Tinker" Watson Rybolt, wife of the late Major Henry C. Rybolt (US Army Ret) entered into eternal rest at her home on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

Born in Columbia, SC in 1925, she was employed as a nurse for 24 years at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Hospital. After retirement, she volunteered for over 25 years at Smith Medical Clinic. Tinker was a Member of Christ the King, Waccamaw Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island, the Huguenot Society, National Society of Colonial Dames, and Daughters of the King.

She is survived by her children, Ann R. Knight, (Mike) and Henry S. "Shorter" Rybolt of Pawleys Island and Capt. Richard C. Rybolt, (Melody Bailey) of Edisto Island, SC. Granddaughters: Elizabeth R. Schroeder and Erika N. Hilliard. Sisters: Helen "Pookie" Oates and Pauline B. Imlay. Niece, Cathy Oates. Nephew, Tom Oates and Great nephew, Paul Mosley.

Services will be held at Christ the King, Waccamaw Episcopal Church at 1 PM on Friday January 10, 2014 with a Celebration of Life after the service at The Live Oaks Center 9630 Ocean Hwy 17.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Baskervill Smith Medical Clinic, 116 Baskervill Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or Christ the King, Waccamaw Episcopal Church Land fund, 10172 Ocean Hwy 17, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM.

Christ the King Waccamaw Episcopal Church

Tribute Wall

FL

“ *Friend Of Mothers Lost lit a candle in memory of Catherine Rybolt*



Friend of Mothers lost - July 22, 2015 at 07:01 PM

CS

“ *It is ironic how our lives intersect in such a remarkable way that leaves imprints. Such was the case with "Tinker" Rybolt. Some people you just never forget and although time escapes us, there is always that memory of someone that makes you smile. I was stationed in Myrtle Beach AFB/Med-Surg Ward and we often spoke about Nursing and care, but our conversations were more about life, living, and making impressions. I'm glad that I was privileged to have met Tinker at such a young impressionable age. Her life truly exemplified one of service and helping others. May her legacy always be remembered.*

Charles Shackelford - March 05, 2014 at 09:24 PM

MK

“ *This lady was one special lady! She always put a smile on my face.?? She was a go getter and at her age could out work me any day. I will always hold a special place in my heart for my good ole' tinker! I will miss her phone calls and visits to the office. I hope to impact just a quarter of the people she has impacted in her life. I love you Tinker and will truly miss you!?? Love always, Misty King, RN*

Misty King - January 09, 2014 at 07:10 PM

FM

“ *Our Dear Tinker... you will be so missed by Sybil and I for all the wonderful ways you touched both our and so many other lives.*

We were soul mates and kindred spirits from the time we met, and we were so fortunate for all your kindness, and for you, Ann, and Mike making us feel like part of the family while we rented the Marsh House during the building of our home.

We will always cherish the endearment of me being called your "Boyfriend" and you keeping me supplied with your wonderful collard greens

To us, you are, and always will be the embodiment of the grace and charm of a True Southern Lady.

Our loss is surely Heaven's gain...you will live in our hearts always...we think you know how much we loved you.

Ann, Mike, Shorter, & Richard our hearts are with you.

Mack & Sybil McLaurin

Frank McLaurin - January 09, 2014 at 06:51 PM

MW

“ *Tinker was one special lady that always made me feel the world was a better place just because I knew her. We will miss her dearly, but rejoice in the knowledge that she is with our God in heaven. It's our pray that God grants your family comfort and your many friends give each of you the loving support needed now. She set the example high for what a good Christian person should do during this time. Now we must honor her memory. Love and God Bless Margaret and Lowell Writt*

Margaret & Lowell Writt - January 07, 2014 at 09:05 PM

SB

“Tinker was a very special person to myself, and my parents, George & Sharon. She was like the grandmother I never had the chance to have. From the times she came to "babysit" my brother and me as children, to the times I went to stay with her on my fishing adventures...I can recall myself as always having been a better person by having wonderful conversations with her. She was a strong lady who wasn't afraid to "tell it like it was".

Tinker, you will be missed greatly. I cherish every memory I had the pleasure to share with you; how I only wish there could have been more. Ann, Shorter, & Richard -- I am so very sorry for your loss.



Sterling Babic - January 07, 2014 at 08:13 PM

SR

“When I first came to Pawleys, from the Yankee north, I was looking for something or some place to volunteer my nursing skills. I found Smith clinic and the dearest lady. She was relentless for perfection to the benefit of us all and I became a better person just working along side of her. The clinic has become a great model for the free clinic world and Tinker has been the biggest supporter. Because of her we all will carry on hopefully with her love, spirit and devotion. My heart felt thanks to her..

Sally Russell

sally russell - January 07, 2014 at 09:53 AM

BZ

“ After being away from nursing for 35 years I came to Smith Clinic in fear and trepidation. Tinker was not only supportive and skillful as she guided me with procedures but she became my mentor, someone I aspired to be. So kind and encouraging yet tough on her principles, I admired her greatly. Ann, your mother IS truly unique, she is still alive in her spirit and she will forever be in our hearts.

Bunny Zilling, RN

Bunny Zilling,RN - January 07, 2014 at 04:49 AM

DM

“ As an Air Force physician at Myrtle Beach AFB in 1969, Tinker probably didn't know what to expect as I had just finished my tour at Tuy Hoa Vietnam and returned home with my wife who had only been with me 4 months before I left for that assignment. Medicine was practiced a little differently and with rough edges over there as we had no women to modify our male behavior. I spent 6 months in the clinic with her before leaving the service and starting my orthopedic surgery residency . After 35 years away from the beach my wife and I moved back in 2001 to a home we had purchased in Debordieu. when I began volunteering at the Smith Clinic in between my "rent-a-doc" assignments all aver the U S, I was astonished to see my old friend was still using her considerable skills as a volunteer as well. Needless to say the two of us had a lot of laughs recalling the various characters who worked at the base clinic. I was sure shocked and saddened to learn she had left us but her wonderful sense of humor will always remain with me , especially when I work at Smith Clinic. Dr. Curtiss Mull

Dr. Curtiss Mull - January 06, 2014 at 12:31 PM

CA

“ I was so sorry to learn of your mother's death. Every time I saw her I was so amazed at how young she looked and in what great shape she was. I feel sad that we have lost another family member. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Caroline Alday

Caroline Alday - January 06, 2014 at 12:13 PM



“ Ann and Shorter: Tinker was a one of a kind person. 'She will be missed greatly. You are all in my prayers.

Patricia Byrd - January 06, 2014 at 10:27 AM

CT

“ Tinker was such a great nurse and teacher. As a brand-new USAF 2 Lt nurse ... Tinker gave me some of the best training I could have ever asked for at the Myrtle Beach AFB Hospital. She knew how to have fun at work, give compassionate care and support her co-workers. Heartfelt condolences to her family.

Charlie Tupper - January 06, 2014 at 09:53 AM

BF

“ Ann & Mike, I am so sorry for your loss. Tinker was a beautiful person, full of life and spirit. If more people were like her the world would be a much better place. She will be missed by many. May god bless her and your family.

Bernard (Red) Fiorentino - January 06, 2014 at 05:48 AM

JA

“ Ann and family, sorry to be contacting you at this time, but I do remember your Mom when she was visiting in Tn several years ago. We made a visit to the zoo and had a good time together. Am sure you will miss her dearly, she was a very person. Take care. Jane Mc Henry

jane - January 05, 2014 at 07:16 PM

AJ

“ Dearest Ann, Shorter, and Richard,
Tinker was 'One-of-a-kind' ! Truly a unique and very special lady. I can hear Jane Lachicotte now-welcoming Tinker.

Very Sincerely,
Anne-Marie Johnson

Anne-Marie Johnson - January 05, 2014 at 04:29 PM

LO

“ You will be missed. You were always a lady, even around us less refined. Thanks for the kindness you shared.
Linda

Linda Ott - January 05, 2014 at 04:01 PM

TA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tiffany Andrews - January 04, 2014 at 12:14 PM



“ To my other Mother, That is what you said & that was very much true. You were very special to me & I loved you dearly, i will miss you till i see you again. Words cannot express how much i am going to miss you. You would say don't worry about me ' better worry about yourself. You were the most Amazing Woman i ever knew. RIP my dearest Miss Tinker!!!!

Lynn Ward - January 04, 2014 at 10:52 AM



“ Lynn Ward lit a candle in memory of Catherine Rybolt



Lynn Ward - January 04, 2014 at 10:42 AM



“ Ann, so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother Tinker. Keeping you and your family in pray.

Christy Inscore

Christy Inscore - January 03, 2014 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Mother Tinker,
You were a light of genuine love and honor in the lives of Tiffany,
Peggy, and myself. Being able to come down to "Serene Acres"
these past decades where we sat by you side listening to the music
of your voice was a privilege that we'll cherish forever.*

*Whenever we look out over the beautiful expanse of your Island
marsh, framed by the clear blue heavens above, we'll always know
you're looking down with your warm, southern smile. We'll always
love and miss you Tink.*

Your "Virginia Son",

- Wen

Wen M. Andrews, Citadel Class of 1971 - January 03, 2014 at 02:01 PM

JK

“ *Dear Ann and family,*

*We are so very sorry for your loss of "Tinker".
Words mean so very little at a time like this,
but please know you are loved, and that you
are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sally and Jo Nell King

Jo Nell King - January 02, 2014 at 03:43 PM



PC

*Ann, Shorter, and Richard,
Our prayers and thoughts with you at this difficult time.*

Phillip and Peggy Cusick

Phillip Cusick - January 03, 2014 at 01:46 PM