



## Randall Chestnut

September 15, 1947 - June 3, 2026

Ernest Randall "Randall" Chestnut, distinguished business leader, devoted family man, and former Chief Executive Officer of Crown Crafts, Inc. passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones.

He leaves behind a legacy of integrity, vision, and service that touched countless lives throughout his career and community. Randall dedicated much of his professional life to the textile and consumer products industries. His leadership journey brought him to Crown Crafts, Inc. in 1995, where he would ultimately serve as Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer. During one of the most challenging periods in the Company's history, Randall guided Crown Crafts through a remarkable transformation, helping reposition the organization into a successful and respected leader in infant and juvenile products.

Known for his steady leadership, financial discipline, and unwavering commitment to excellence, Randall earned the respect of colleagues, employees, shareholders, and industry peers alike. Under his guidance, Crown Crafts emerged stronger, more focused, and financially secure, creating lasting value for generations to come.

While his professional accomplishments were significant, those who knew Randall best will remember him for qualities that could not be measured on a

balance sheet. He was a man of character, humility, and kindness who believed in treating others with respect and dignity. He was a mentor to many, offering wisdom, encouragement, and support throughout his life. Randall found great joy in his family, friendships, and communities he served. He understood that true success was not defined solely by business achievements, but by the relationships built and lives impacted along the way. Upon retirement his time was spent with best friends on the Blind River in Louisiana, and with new friends on Lake Murray in South Carolina. Saturdays in the fall were for cheering on his LSU Tigers.

His legacy endures throughout the company he helped shape, the people he mentored, and the family he loved so deeply. He will be remembered as a visionary leader, a trusted friend, and a devoted family man whose life was marked by purpose, perseverance, and grace. . Randall's memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. "Well done, good and faithful servant."- Matthew 25:23.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ruby Suggs Chestnut and William Parker Chestnut; his second wife, Lee W. Chestnut; his sister, Opaline Hucks; and his son William Richard Chestnut.

Randall is survived by his first wife, and best friend, Monteen Lewis Chestnut; his daughter, Kimberly Chestnut Beerman and husband Curt; and his three grandchildren, Nolan, Bryce and Drew Beerman, who he loved watching play football and baseball; and his sister, Emma Lee Williams.

Graveside services will be held at 2 PM Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the Hillcrest Mausoleum Chapel, officiated by Pastor Brandon Blair. The family will receive friends after the committal service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude

Childrens' Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or via their website, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Mausoleum

1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Mausoleum Chapel  
1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

## Entombment

JUN 11. 2:45 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Mausoleum  
1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May ‘the God of all comfort’ be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:13

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**Kathryn** - June 22 at 04:01 PM

LI

“ *"In memory of a remarkable leader and an extraordinary mentor.*

*Randall's visionary leadership and dedication to excellence inspired us every single day. He visited our factory and provided us many constructive suggestions for our better grown. His legacy will continue to guide and inspire us as we move forward.*

*Please accept our most sincere condolences for this immense loss."*

*— Deepest sympathies, Rick, Peggy, and Lilian of Peak & Lead*

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**Lilian** - June 15 at 04:26 AM

HL

“ *Deepest condolences from Shanghai, China. Mr Chestnut has been remembered for his wisdom in business leadship and great personality. May him rest in pease.*

*Hongliang Liu*

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**Hongliang Liu** - June 11 at 01:21 AM

LT

“ *Leo Thea planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall Chestnut.*

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**Leo Thea** - June 10 at 06:24 PM

XG

“ Profound condolences to Randall's bereaved family. I am deeply sorry to know about his passing.

*I have been in the periphery of Randall's presence at work for the past 20 something years. Although I didn't work closely with him because I worked in the Design Dept. He was really good to me. He had my back when it was really important in my career to have someone behind me. Providence gave me a formidable warrior.*

*I used to have bright pink hair around 2012. He loved how unusual that was (at the time) and he'd always pick me out to introduce to whoever was visiting the building. It was always done in pride. He would always beam at me when he did that. When he retired, I was genuinely sad but I told him I was happy he gets to enjoy more of life. He thanked me in his Jack Nicholson grin and gave me a big byebye hug...but I didn't realize it was going to be the last.*

*Thank you, Randall for your kindness to me, for doting on me. All those years made me feel really special at work. I will always remember you.*

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**Xiomara Glindmeyer** - June 10 at 02:59 PM

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*As large holders of the stock of Crown Crafts we often failed to see eye to eye but I had enormous respect for the man*

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**nelson obus** - June 18 at 09:59 AM

XG

“ *Xiomara G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall Chestnut.*

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**Xiomara G.** - June 10 at 02:48 PM

VA

“ I’m so very sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Randall. I worked for Crown Craft for 20 years and had the opportunity to talk to Randall in person and by phone many times. Randall was a very honorable man and I will remember him fondly for many years. Praying for peace and strength for your family.

Vicky August - June 10 at 12:53 PM

BN

“ Bonnie, Chris, Carole, Lynn from NoJo purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Randall Chestnut.



Bonnie, Chris, Carole, Lynn from NoJo - June 09 at 07:43 PM

BN

“ Bonnie, Chris, Carole, Lynn from NoJo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall Chestnut.

Bonnie, Chris, Carole, Lynn from NoJo - June 09 at 07:43 PM

DH

“ To Kim and family—I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Randall since 1991, and worked with him until about the year 2000, and then later on a contractual basis. I always liked Randall, and I never knew of an instance where his decisions were anything less than ethical. He was a one-of-a-kind—always larger than life, always impactful, smart and energetic. He was quick to ask for what he wanted, he was quick to propose solutions, and he was quick to agree or disagree. He did those things with energy and enthusiasm, and if he disagreed with you, he would explain why he disagreed, opening the door for a rebuttal. I always respected Randall and I always liked working with him. He did a lot of good for a lot of people and he always thought about his customers’ success. He was fearless and bold, and always likeable. Randall made a difference in everything he did, and I am happy to have known him. He will be missed. Dave Harman

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David Harman - June 09 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Randall’s passing. In my 31 years with CCIP, I first met Randall during the merger of NoJo and Red Calliope, and from that very first moment, his authenticity stood out. He was genuine, sincere, and respectful to everyone, no matter their role within the company. What I will remember most is how he made the effort to truly know the people who worked for him — asking questions, listening, and showing real interest in our lives. I will always have fond memories of the industry trade shows our teams attended over the years; those moments now feel even more meaningful. Randall was a wonderful person, and I am grateful and honored to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.  
Jacqui Cantillon

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Jacqui Cantillon - June 09 at 12:53 PM

SH

“ Thanks to the guidance and assistance from Randall Chestnut ,we truly understand the American market thoroughly. With his continuous support, our factory has grown and progressed steadily step by step.

He was far more than a business partner to us, but a lifelong mentor of our factory. We still clearly remember every moment when he visited our company. Those precious memories remain fresh in our minds, and we are overwhelmed with sorrow every time we recall them.

We will always cherish his kindness, wisdom and precious friendship. May his soul rest in peace.

Our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

Spring Hu of Tilltex

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Spring Hu - June 09 at 04:29 AM

FT

“ From Spring Hu of Tilltex purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Randall Chestnut.



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From Spring Hu of Tilltex - June 09 at 04:21 AM

SL

“ Sincerely, Rick, Peggy, and Lilian purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Randall Chestnut.



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Sincerely, Rick, Peggy, and Lilian - June 09 at 04:02 AM

SL

“ Sincerely, Rick, Peggy, and Lilian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall Chestnut.

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Sincerely, Rick, Peggy, and Lilian - June 09 at 04:02 AM

JZ

“ Josh Zhu purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Randall Chestnut.



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Josh Zhu - June 08 at 09:39 PM

JZ

“ Josh Zhu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall Chestnut.

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Josh Zhu - June 08 at 09:39 PM

JZ

“ Randall usually says that I am the smartest kid he has ever worked with. Yes, at that time I was in my early twenties, just graduated from college, knew nothing at all. I was truly a kid. He and STEVE have been teaching me how to understand the American market and business, as well as how to understand the cooperative relationships within organizations. He is a strict teacher, setting requirements for me, but at the same time he is also a kind elder, always caring about my growth. I really want to say thank you again, and I also look forward to the safety, health and happiness of Randall's family.

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Josh zhu - June 08 at 09:37 PM

JT

“ I had the honor of working for Randall for well over 20 years. I knew him not only as an exceptional leader, but also as a person of great character and integrity.

Over those many years, he had such an impact on my career. I will always be grateful for the support, guidance and opportunities Randall provided. We often laugh when we do something a certain way, because we were “Raised by Randall”.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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Janet Talbot - June 08 at 07:50 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Randall Chestnut.



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June 08 at 02:56 PM



“ *Randall touched my life in so many ways. He was a mentor, leader and friend, who guided my career and helped my family thru difficult times that only he could understand first hand. He is so missed.*

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**Louisa Stone** - June 07 at 12:35 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Randall Chestnut.*



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June 06 at 06:33 PM



“ *Prayers for peace and comfort for all of Randall's family and loved ones. Randall's grandmother, Bessie Parker Chestnut, and my grandmother, Emma Jane Parker Collins, were sisters. My mother, Elsie Collins Vaught, would take me with her, along with Grandmama, to visit Aunt Bessie, at Cousin Park and Ruby's home in Conway. I have fond memories of those visits in their home. I only saw Randall in passing, as he was 8 years older than me, and our visits didn't often coincide with him being home.*

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**Paula Vaught Adams** - June 06 at 04:11 PM

KC

“ Randall hired me in 2007 and gave me an opportunity I will always be grateful for. He was a tough but fair leader. When he needed to be 80 grit sandpaper with me, he was. When he needed to be 1000 grit, he was. He always seemed to know what the situation called for. He was well respected within our company and provided the guidance and leadership that helped us survive some difficult times. Thanks to what he instilled in us early on, we are continuing the legacy he left behind.

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**Kenny Cowart** - June 05 at 04:57 PM

JB

“ Kim, your father was a huge part of my life and he helped me through some of the best and worst times of my life. He will be remembered as a wonderful mentor who helped form me into the business woman I am today. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Julie Breaux*

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**Julie Breaux** - June 05 at 04:47 PM