



Franklin Champion

February 27, 1934 - January 25, 2013

Murrells Inlet

Franklin D. Champion

Franklin D. Champion age 78 died Friday, January 25, 2013 at his residence.

Born in McRoberts, KY, "Del" was a son of the late William and Jessie Champion. "Del" loved cruising, fishing, his church but most of all he loved his family.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy Champion of Murrells Inlet; children Belinda Alfred and her husband Mike of Cinnaminson, NJ; Delano Champion and his wife Donna of Delanco, NJ; Trina Tsolometes and her husband Pete of Springboro, OH; Matt Champion of Centerville, OH; 13 grandchildren Danielle, Whitney (Brian), Jessica, Shaina, Del III, George, Annie, Elum, Dorothy, Jeremy, Mike, Nicole, Chelsea; 3 great-grandchildren Ava, Zach, Isaiah; a brother Ronald Champion; a sister Helen Addington, numerous nephews and nieces and a host of family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Monday, January 28, 2013 at Garden City Baptist Church. Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 pm Sunday, January 20, 2013 at

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Garden City Baptist Church, 501 Pine Ave, Garden City, SC 29576 or to Regency Hospice, 11943 Grandhaven Drive, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
(843) 651-3295
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Garden City Baptist Church
501 Pine Avenue
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-8431

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. My grandfather was his 1st cousin and tried to stay in contact with the family during his lifetime, even though he lived in Utah. I have a few photos of the family that I would be happy to share. I have continued to work on the family tree and have added many Champion cousins to my family tree over the years. Please contact me at Mina.Robbins@gmail.com and I will share the photos and family tree with you. Mina Benton Robbins*

Mina Benton Robbins - March 30, 2014 at 11:11 AM

GD

“ *So sorry to hear of Del's passing. My thought and prayers are with Dot and the family.*

Greg Deck - January 29, 2013 at 06:48 PM

CH

“ *My condolences go out to Belinda, her Mom and family on their loss. I never met Mr Champion, but the many stories that Belinda has shared with me...makes me feel like I have known him for years. Please know that many prayers are being sent your way. Carol Hayner*

Carol Hayner - January 29, 2013 at 05:45 PM

TW

“ *Most of my youth is filled with fond memories of Mr. Champion. He always treated my family with love and respect. Because of his love for the Lord he led my father to the Lord which in turn had led many many others, including myself. I will never forget his witty personality and the way he rocked back and forth on the his feet with his hands in his pockets singing a hymn:.) My heart goes out to Dot, Matt, Trina, Belinda and Delano and all the family. He was a remakable man who changed anyones life for the better just knowing him. Love, comfort and prayers. Tracey (McCoy)Woodward*

Tracey (McCoy) Woodward - January 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

TD

“ *thoughts and prayers go out to the entire champion family at this time,*

tom dietz - January 28, 2013 at 10:42 AM

CS

“ *Del was, truly, one of my favorite people. He always saw the good. To this day, I still tell my children Dot and Del stories from the youth group :) I can only imagine what it was like when he saw Jesus. Our prayers are with you <3*

Cindy (Abbott) Shaw - January 28, 2013 at 01:13 AM

AW

“ *So many precious memories from attending Meadowdale Baptist Church with him. He was such a nice and compassionate person. He definitely had a love for his family. Thinking and praying for all the Champion family members during this time. He left a footprint on my heart.*

Annita Davis Wylie

Annita Davis Wylie - January 27, 2013 at 10:18 PM



“ *Our sympathy to the Family. All of you were especially precious to us in the years we shared at Meadowdale. May God give you the comfort that only He can.*

Jim & Catherine Ellard

James Ellard - January 27, 2013 at 08:57 PM

BK

“ *So sorry for your loss looks like Heaven is filling up with meadowdale people may God wrap His loving arms around you and the family and comfort you in this time of sadness my love and prayers are with you Betty Kincer*

Betty Kincer - January 27, 2013 at 08:18 PM

BK

“ *Betty Kincer lit a candle in memory of Franklin Champion*



Betty Kincer - January 27, 2013 at 08:08 PM

AS

“ *I want to express my deepest sympathies to Matt and his family. I pray that God keeps you all in his loving arms and for His Holy Spirit to bring you comfort and peace during this time of great sadness.*

-Andrea Grice Schmitt

Andrea Grice Schmitt - January 27, 2013 at 03:09 PM

SJ

“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of my
Beloved Uncle Del. Aunt Dot, may God give
you peace and comfort at this very difficult time.
Much love,
Sharon and Jeff Jones/Stanley Letasz



Sharon and Jeff Jones - January 26, 2013 at 02:56 PM