



## James Robert Chapman

June 3, 2009

Myrtle Beach: James Robert Chapman died Tuesday, June 3, 2009 at MUSC Hospital in Charleston, SC. Bob was born in Wadesboro, NC on October 29th, 1935, a son of Steven Craig Chapman and Flora Belle Rivers Chapman. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother. He spent his early childhood years in Chesterfield, and then moved to Myrtle Beach, SC with his parents. He attended and graduated from Randolph Macon Military Academy, and later graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. He served in the Army where he was an Honor Graduate of the Quarter Master School. He opened the Sea Captain's House Restaurant in 1963, and successfully operated this Myrtle Beach institution for nearly twenty years. Afterwards, he experimented in various entrepreneurial endeavors and adventures both here and abroad. Lastly, he operated the Chesterfield Inn for several years before retiring. Mr. Chapman believed very strongly in helping those less fortunate & served others in many ways: He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach since 1947, and his activities there included participating in the United Methodist Men's group, the Walk to Emmaus, and a long & devoted history of missionary work, both in the United States and abroad. Bob was a faithful member of the Men's Wednesday Prayer Group and rarely missed a meeting. He was a volunteer at the Community Kitchen and an active volunteer for many years with the local Habitat for Humanity team. These are only a few of the countless ways that he helped others. Bob was known for his wonderful smile, his sense of humor, and for his calming,

peaceful presence, especially in a crisis. He loved simple pleasures like fishing, sailing, good food, and the companionship of animals. He loved to laugh, and never met a stranger. Bob was a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and friend. His survivors include his wife, Robin Able Chapman, six children, Julia Chapman Singleton and husband Earl, Steven Craig Chapman III and wife Shelley, Gray Chapman Hayes, William Donald Wright III Billy, James Travis Wright and wife Elizabeth, John Able Wright, seven grandchildren, Albert Earl Singleton III, Hannah Raine Singleton, William Donald Wright IV, Charles Rivers Singleton, Steven Craig Chapman IV, James Gray Singleton and Christopher Gray Chapman, many loved cousins and friends, and his faithful pet Poco. He will be sorely missed by all. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, June 6, 2009 at First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday, June 5, 2009 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. An online guest book is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach Missions. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Chapman Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tonya###imported-begin###Tonya Taylor###imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Julia, Steve & family, I am truly sorry for your loss of Mr. Bob. In time, God will help heal things. With God all things are possible. Take 1 day at a time as I have done. Love, Judy & Molly###imported-begin###Judy Davis###imported-end##

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June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Heartfelt Sympathy to your family. John and Gini Ingram###imported-begin###John and Gini Ingram###imported-end##

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June 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Robin, We were so sorry to hear of Bob's death. We have fond memories of the wonderful Myrtle Beach holiday for Ada Lee's birthday, when we, along with Ellen and Cyndee and Jim, stayed with Ada Lee in one of your condo units and spent a lot of time with both you and Bob. There had been three boys of three sisters in Chesterfield, and with Bob's passing, Tom is the only one left. Because Ada Lee and Florabelle were very close, as children Tom and Bob were very close, so Tom was very happy to have spent that recent time with Bob at Myrtle Beach, when Bob drove him around in his Checker cab. Thinking of you at this difficult time, Tom and Ann Hinkle##imported-begin##Ann and Tom Hinkle##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Robin Tommy and I are in your your prayers. We love you and hope as each day passes it will get easier for you and your family.##imported-begin##Maggie Ruffin##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Prayers are being sent up for you and your family, Robin. Bob will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Chester, Gini and Matt Abee##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers for all of you during this difficult time. May God's hands be upon you now and always. God Bless, BB & David & John David Gooden##imported-begin##BB & David Gooden##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob was a great friend for sixty years. His death will leave an enormous absence in many lives. Robin, you and all of your family will be in our prayers in the days and weeks ahead. No one's loss is as great as yours, but I have lost a brother whose friendship was a treasure in my life. Tim###imported-begin##Tim and Barbara Dixon###imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Julia and Earl, our thoughts are with you today. So sorry to hear about your dad. Dianne,pete, Stephanie, and Dorothy Clark###imported-begin##DIANNE SINGLETON###imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Rita and I are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend, Bob. Our sincere condolences to Robin and the family.###imported-begin##David Kesterson###imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I have been blessed to know Bob for 17 years. I always enjoyed our conversations and his genuine interest in my latest endeavor. His love for his family and desire for them to be make the most out of themselves will always be remembered.###imported-begin##Michael Ladd###imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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“ Jack and Bob bought their first car together and shared so many wonderful memories,we all enjoyed the stories and photos. He was a wonderful man and will be missed. May God's loving arms surround you and give you his peace which passes all understanding. Our love and prayers always, Sylvia and Jack##imported-begin##Sylvia and Jack Divine##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Robin & family- I am so, so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love- Emily & Phil##imported-begin##Emily Davidson-Begosh##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Chapman Family, I am so glad that I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Chapman. He always had a smile and kind words to share. His peaceful demeanor always made you feel better just seeing him. He is now in the arms of angels and will remain in our hearts and memories. Bob you were a ray of sunshine on earth as I know you are in heaven. We will miss you.##imported-begin##Sheila Suhrer##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Linda Buffkin Hopkins##imported-end##

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June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Chapman Family, We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed seeing Bob when He was in Chesterfield. As you know our Funeral Home is in Bob's grandparents Bob and Flora Rivers home. He and I would always talk of all the good times he had in their home. May the Peace and Comfort of our Heavenly Father be with you during this time . In Christ Love, Phillip and Yetive Caulder.Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home. Chesterfield, SC##imported-begin##Phillip Caulder, Jr.##imported-end##

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June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Robin and Family, When I retired from the service after nearly 25 years, we made the decision to move back to South Carolina to reconnect with family. Bob was the first to help us get settled. He drove us all over Myrtle Beach and Conway giving us the grand tour. Things have sure changed since our wedding at the old Sea Island and since our last family reunion at the Chesterfield Inn. We went through some rough times getting settled here and Bob was always there to help and give advice. Bob called me frequently since we moved here and invited me to several things. Before I went back to work, Bob took me to his Wednesday Men’s Prayer Group, an awards luncheon at the Chamber, to the community kitchen, a couple of business presentations including one on making Bio-Diesel, and the list goes on. He would occasionally call me to have coffee or breakfast with him and just talk. He was very special to me and I already miss him so much. Bob was one of the most thoughtful and generous souls that I have ever known and I am a better person for knowing him. I will have nothing but wonderful memories of him. Family is one of the most important things we have on this earth and I have been blessed to be a part of this great family. Bob is not suffering anymore and he is smiling down on us from a better place. We have all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Robin, if there is anything we can do for you or any of the family, please don’t hesitate to call. Love, Keith, Tyra, Jessica, Rachel, and Jacob Moore##imported-begin##Keith Moore##imported-end##

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June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM