



John Helms

September 10, 1945 - January 1, 2014

Myrtle Beach

John Reese Helms, Jr. age 68, died Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at his residence.

Born in Fayetteville, NC, he was a son of the late John Reese and Sarah Helms.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Atkins Helms of Myrtle Beach; a son, John Reese Helms, III of Myrtle Beach; a grandson, Anthony Reese Helms of Myrtle Beach; a brother, Kenneth Wilson Helms of Raleigh, NC and sisters, Sarah Delane Helms of Four Oaks, NC and Penny Elizabeth Willis of Elizabeth City, NC.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, January 3, 2014 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with Dr. J. Kirk Lawton, Jr. officiating. An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries Memorial contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of America, 3101 Oak St. Myrtle Beach, SC 2957

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Helms*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Hi, my name is Mark Fletcher from New Zealand. I have been doing my family tree research and I am trying to locate Brenda. She is my 1st cousin, one time removed. It would be appreciated if someone can put me in touch with one of the immediate family so that I can make a connection to that side of my family.*

Brenda, my condolences for the loss of John. It is now two years ago that he past away and I am finding that with other relatives, time is of the essence. It would have been great to have made contact with you all.

I can be contacted at mr Fletcher68@gmail.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mfletcher

Thank you.

Mark Fletcher - February 19, 2016 at 08:00 PM

AM

“ Brenda,
I am just now finding out about Reese. I can't believe it. It seems like just yesterday you were at our house having oysters for a Christmas/New Year's party and I was announcing that I was pregnant!! I am so sorry for your loss. You are forever in my prayers and my heart. Dave and I miss you so!!
Allison, David, and Dougie McKee

Allison McKee - January 08, 2014 at 04:54 PM

BM

“ Brenda, *Sorry to hear about Reese death - May God bless you and family. Will surely miss him at Ocean Lakes. Bill McDavid and Cheryl*

Bill Mcdavid - January 06, 2014 at 10:24 AM

TJ

“ *Was saddened to hear of Reese's passing. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Thomas Jones - January 04, 2014 at 03:53 AM

HW

“ *HOLLIE WICKER lit a candle in memory of John Helms*



HOLLIE WICKER - January 04, 2014 at 12:57 AM

KE

Thanks hollie. hope you are well.

ken - January 04, 2014 at 07:21 PM

BW

“ *Brenda and John, Penny and family-*

I was so sorry to read of Reese's passing in the Daily Advance tonight. I have many fond memories of him at the Boys Club as well as Reese coaching John at the Parks and Recreation Department. We have all laughed many times together! I often think about Reese and "Dandy Don" going toe to toe talking about some crazy athletic event and us all busting out laughing because they both KNEW they were right about whatever had happened. The Helms men were all larger than life and lived life to the fullest. You are all in my thoughts and prayers! My love to you all! Bobbi Veon White

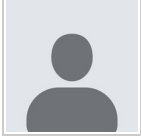
Bobbi Veon White - January 03, 2014 at 10:29 PM

EC

“ *Brenda and John Reese,
Brenda and John, Norma and I were both saddened to hear about the passing of Reese today, Reese was always a person who was full of life and had a big heart for other people. We will always remember the good times we had here in EC! Thinking of you guys during this most difficult time.*

*Love,
Ed and Norma Comstock*

Ed Comstock - January 03, 2014 at 04:04 PM



“ *Helms family,*

It truly saddened me today to learn of Reese's passing. As young kids we were briefly neighbors and I remember him well as a football player at Asheboro High School. Reading about his full, rich, and commendable life leaves me with comfort and a sense of pride in having known him. May God's peace and comfort be with you during this time of loss. Brenda Craven, class of '64

Brenda Craven - January 03, 2014 at 03:23 PM

KE

thanks brenda. reese loved the blue comets and his days in asheboro.
k

ken - January 04, 2014 at 07:23 PM

TM

“ *Brenda,*

Glenda and me send our condolences to you and all of the family. Ocean Lakes will not be the same without Reese stopping by to visit with us as he made his rounds thru Ocean Lakes. We will always remember the good times we had with the both of you in Ocean Lakes. May God bless you and the family in this time of grief. Rest in peace, our friend Reese.

Sincerely, Tony and Glenda Moore

Tony Moore - January 03, 2014 at 12:07 PM

JE

“ Ms. Brenda, sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Reese. I can still remember 1976-1978 playing baseball at the Boys Club like it was yesterday. What a nice man Mr. Reese was to all of us boys. He was well respected by many and my family enjoyed the times we spent off the field with your family. We will keep your family in our prayers, may our Lord & Savior bless each of you in the coming days & weeks.....Joe Etheridge

joe etheridge - January 03, 2014 at 11:27 AM

BB

“ Buddy And Betty lit a candle in memory of John Helms



Buddy and Betty - January 03, 2014 at 11:27 AM

BB

Ocean Lakes will not be the same without that smile and those big hugs. We know the family's loss is huge and we will say a prayer for you. Rest in Peace with the angels Reese.

Buddy and Betty - January 03, 2014 at 11:29 AM

DB

“ Remembering you from OL. thoughts and prayers to your family.
Dave Burcaw

dave burcaw - January 03, 2014 at 10:40 AM

CH

“ In my short time of knowing Reese, he was a man that lived life to the fullest. Got to know him best went he would come over to OLRV and talk with me & Mike and sit under the big tree. Reese had some one the funniest stories I have ever heard. He loved his wife Brenda & Loved his family, as well as his GA Bulldogs. Everyone who knew Reese feels a great loss.

Chuck Hackett

chuck - January 03, 2014 at 10:36 AM

SH

“ Brenda, we are so sorry for your loss. Reese was a gentle giant and I know it will be hard to go on without him. We enjoyed having you both around when you were here with "Coach" and when you first moved here. We love you and if you need anything please call. Thoughts and prayers to everyone. Rick and Sharon

sharon - January 03, 2014 at 10:06 AM

JB

Brenda & John Reese, Jim and I are thinking of you all with love. Reese was "bigger than life" and so much fun to be around. I cherish the memories of you and our times together. Holler if you need me. Julie B.

Julie P. Bridges - January 03, 2014 at 12:22 PM

TC

“ Brenda & family. From all of the folks at T & C, you have our deepest sympathies. I will personally remember the good times we shared when you & Reese lived in OL. We will miss him greatly. May God bless & give you comfort in this time of need. Tony Caviness

Tony Caviness - January 03, 2014 at 09:46 AM

NH

“ Brenda & Family, Tuffy & I are just heartbroken for each of you. Reese will be remembered and our memories will be cherished. God bless each of you. Love, Nancy Ward Henderson

Nancy Ward Henderson - January 03, 2014 at 08:53 AM

JF

“ My sincerest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of John (Reese). Losing a loved one is such a difficult thing to deal with. As time goes by, you will begin to realize that as you think of his smiles, his love of his family, his laughter, the pain will have diminished a bit and you'll find yourself smiling again. I didn't know him personally but, having lost someone dear to me, I can empathize with the pain you are experiencing. What comfort such scriptures as John 5:28,29 brought me! You will read there about the promise Jesus gave of resurrecting our loved ones back to life. When he resurrected His friend Lazarus back to life (John 11:38-44) He showed his ability and desire to fulfill that promise. Can you just imagine the joy Lazarus' sisters felt when they held him in their arms once again? This joy we too will feel in the very near future. Until that day comes, we have the promise that God will draw close to those whose hearts have been broken (Psalms 34:18) I truly hope these few scriptures have helped lessen the pain you feel as they had mine.

Joni Florida - January 03, 2014 at 08:47 AM

AB

“ Amanda Bobak lit a candle in memory of John Helms



Amanda Bobak - January 03, 2014 at 08:47 AM

KZ

“ Rest in Peace Reese. Your jokes, hugs, and laughter will be missed by all who knew you. My deepest sympathy to Brenda and the family.

kris ziegler - January 03, 2014 at 08:35 AM

RB

“ Words will never do justice to describe you Reese! Your large voice, laugh and even bigger heart will forever be missed. You were one of the nicest, kind hearted men I have ever met! Work will truly not be the same without you and my daily hug! Brenda, John and Anthony: My prayers and thoughts are with you all!

Rachel Beckerman - January 03, 2014 at 08:35 AM

BK

“ Barb Krumm lit a candle in memory of John Helms



Barb Krumm - January 03, 2014 at 08:28 AM

MB

“ *I am so sad to hear the news about Reese. It has been such a pleasure working with him. He was such a wonderful person, always a joy to be around him and he was so kindhearted. Reese was the one that found me a place to stay for a few weeks when I first came to Ocean Lakes. Reese, I will miss you dearly and even though I am miles and miles away, I will keep Brenda and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Thinking of you!*

*Much love,
MIKI (MIHAELA) BUNEA*

MIKI BUNEA - January 03, 2014 at 02:32 AM

KH

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Ken Helms - January 02, 2014 at 11:49 PM

KH

“ Reese, You were always there for me whenever I needed guidance and support. It was always cool to come up to the river city and come down to the club and see my big brother touching so many young lives. You were a loving father, husband, and grandfather. You were a leader in the community and a great coach who loved the game for the intrinsic values that could be learned. You espoused the values of the coaches who you respected like Dean, Bobby, and Coach K in your everyday life. You realized that those values such as hard work, dedication, and perserverance, were ones that those young people could carry forward with them long after they were through playing the game. I cant believe you have gone. Please watch over me and my family as we go forward. Joan and the boys loved you so much. I know Papa and Mama are glad to have their first born home. You leave a strong legacy my brother and big shoes to fill. We will miss you. I was always so proud to call you my brother. k

Ken Helms - January 02, 2014 at 11:46 PM

JG

“ Janice & Cash Galloway lit a candle in memory of John Helms



Janice & Cash Galloway - January 02, 2014 at 10:43 PM

JA

Brenda, I'm sure you know how very much Cash and I love you and Reese! We will never forget our cruise together! It would be impossible not to love Reese; he was 'out there' and although we will miss him dearly, his memory we'll enjoy FOREVER! God Bless You and Your Family Always

Janice - January 02, 2014 at 10:55 PM

BG

“ *Brenda and Family, So sorry to read of Reece's death. My love and prayers will be with each of you in the coming days. We know heaven just opened its gates for another special angel.*

Betty Ghent - January 02, 2014 at 09:46 PM

TC

“ *Reese you will always be remembered by your big bear hugs and laughter. Life was way too short for you, but you lived and enjoyed life to its fullest. Buddie and I will always cherish the trips and fun on the pontoon boat. You will be greatly missed by not only us but your many, many friends and co-workers. Your family will be in our prayers, and Brenda will remain in our social circles reminiscing and missing you. RIP*

Teresa Camp - January 02, 2014 at 09:25 PM

TC

“ *Teresa Camp lit a candle in memory of John Helms*



Teresa Camp - January 02, 2014 at 09:04 PM

TS

“ *WE ARE VERY SAD TO HEAR OF REESES PASSING:(OUR FAMILY WILL PRAY FOR STRENGTH AND THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST TO GUIDE THE FAMILY THROUGH THE DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD.*

THE SEAYS

The Seays - January 02, 2014 at 08:54 PM

BH

“ We were so sorry to hear the news about Reese. He was truly one of a kind and a great guy, Ocean Lakes will not be the same without him. My condolences to Brenda and the rest of the family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers and I hope that you have comfort in knowing that he is in Gods loving care.

*God bless you and your family.
Barry Humphries and family*

Barry humphries - January 02, 2014 at 08:39 PM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss. Reese was such a fine person, we will miss him. Praying for your family. Dr. Poston and staff of Coastal Vision.

Melinda Poston - January 02, 2014 at 07:15 PM

JL

“ It truly was meant to be Tuesday when I went to the Compliance Office in search of a Notary---I had such a good visit with Reese--we talked about Grandchildren---and you can guess who talked the most!!!He had a picture of Anthony in an elf hat and was sooo proud of him.

*Brenda, I will miss his exuberant personality and bear hugs.
May God give comfort and understanding to you and the family.
Most sincerely
Janet Lemley*

Janet Lemley - January 02, 2014 at 05:56 PM

TF

“ Reese, It has been all my pleasure working with you all the years. Tammy & I will surely miss you especially at the Ocean Lakes Christmas party. We will always think of you when the time comes to auction off golf packages. Brenda & your entire family will always be in our prayers. Love and miss you "buddy"!



Ty & Tammy Fox - January 02, 2014 at 05:07 PM

BB

“ It is hard to believe that Reese has passed away. Harlon and I were just talking with him in his office about 2 PM Tuesday. Harlon will miss playing golf with him. Reese was so much fun to be around. Brenda, our love and prayers to you and your family. Betty & Harlon Banks Meadows of Dan VA and Ocean Lakes Family Campground

Betty Banks - January 02, 2014 at 04:47 PM

DB

“ REESE I SURE AM GOING TO MISS WORKING WITH YOU IN THE COMPLIANCE OFFICE AT OCEAN LAKES. WE WERE A GOOD TEAM. BRENDA, JOHN & ANTHONY YOU ALL ARE IN MY PRAYERS. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. RIP MY FRIEND....



Debbie Bolynn - January 02, 2014 at 04:01 PM

GB

“ Captain Reese, It has been a true pleasure working with you at Ocean Lakes for all these years but most of all, All the memories and laughs outside of OL that we shared will never be forgotten. Yo will be greatly missed by Carrie and I. Brenda and Family you will be in our thoughts and prayers through these difficult times. Reese until we meet again in a better place, this is for you. Go Dawgs!

Greg Bender - January 02, 2014 at 02:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Helms.



January 02, 2014 at 02:00 PM

CP

“ Cameron Pickett purchased the Exotic Grace for the family of John Helms.



Cameron Pickett - January 02, 2014 at 01:32 PM

GJ

“ Mrs. Helms and Family, I was sorry to hear of your loss. I have known Reece a lot of years because of O/L. He was tough as a bear but really he was a teddy bear. Everyone will miss him. He and I liked to talk about the Tarheels. God bless all of you and know that he will be greatly missed. Gail Jenkins

Gail Jenkins - January 02, 2014 at 12:43 PM

SS

“ Reese, I was so sad when I heard of your passing. You were such a great guy and you will be dearly missed. Know that everyone here will make sure Brenda is fine and our prayers and thoughts go out to your whole family. XOXOXO



Sandie Smith - January 02, 2014 at 12:41 PM

JH

“ Where does one begin, my friend..with the stories you shared, with the love of your family and friends, with your ability to look on the bright side no matter what, with your caring and concern for everyone, with your love of golf or any sport..with the laughter you shared, your enjoyment of food and living your life to the fullest. You were larger than life itself. I will miss you dearly. Brenda, John and Anthony you were loved deeply and are in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy Hudson - January 02, 2014 at 12:24 PM

HM

“ Reese you will be missed by all. You were a big guy but deep down you was a little kid. Always kept everybody laughing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Brenda and the family. Going to miss you brother. Hammer and Penny Moore

Hammer Moore - January 02, 2014 at 12:22 PM

AO

“ YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED.
SHIRLEY & ANSEL OWEN

ANSEL OWEN - January 02, 2014 at 12:05 PM

MO

“ MY FRIEND YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BOTH PERSONALLY AS WELL AS PROFESSIONALLY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY DURING THE COMING DAYS. REST ASSURED HE IS WITH THE LORD.

MICHAEL O'DEA

MICHAEL ODEA - January 02, 2014 at 11:21 AM

SD

“ My dear friend you will be so missed! I will forever long for those big hugs. Your laughter brought joy to us all and will never be forgotten. Brenda, I am thinking of you and praying for comfort during this tremendous time of loss. We love you and are here for you anytime. Love & Sympathies,
Shannon Detzler

Shannon Detzler - January 02, 2014 at 10:48 AM

MM

“ Rest peacefully Reese as we remember your smile and the laughter and life you brought into the room every time we were together. It truly was a pleasure and privilege to know Reese and the stories he had to tell. I'm selfishly glad it didn't work out for he and Brenda to go work on that yacht with Sinatra (or whichever celebrity that was who made the offer, I'm not sure I remember correctly), otherwise we at Ocean Lakes may not have been blessed with their moving here into our lives! Brenda, I know the heartache must be so heavy, I hope you find comfort in holding Anthony and John close. You remain in our constant thoughts and prayers.

Much love,
Melissa McGinnis

Melissa McGinnis - January 02, 2014 at 10:42 AM

NR

Brenda,

Carl and I are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. We remember Reese fondly from the days you two lived next to us at Ocean Lakes. What good times they were and what good neighbors you were. Reese grilled some of the best fish we ever ate. And ate we did! I will miss his hugs, too. He was always so happy to see us and always made us laugh. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Norma and Carl

norma robasky - January 03, 2014 at 03:51 PM