



Lawrence Ragsdale

September 9, 1928 - June 20, 2015

Marion "Rags" Ragsdale

Marion "Rags" Ragsdale, age 86, died on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Grand Strand Healthcare.

Mr. Ragsdale was born in Belton, South Carolina, to the late Francis Marion and Sallie (Taylor) Ragsdale. Marion was US Navy veteran, and a 1953 Clemson graduate. He was a member of the Garden City Baptist Church. He was a people person, loved Clemson football, and loved to eat. Marion was a Deacon and music minister. He is preceded in death by his wife, Juanita, and a brother Frank Ragsdale.

He is survived by his son Larry (Roxie) of Myrtle Beach; grandchildren, Jacob Ragsdale of Columbus, GA, Cody Ragsdale of Belmont, NC, Duncan Overby and Caroline Overby of Myrtle Beach, SC; great grandchildren, Sidnee Ragsdale and Connyr Ragsdale of Columbus, GA; 2 sisters, Joyce Gambrell of Anderson, SC and Jeane Taylor of Mauldin, SC; and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Garden City Baptist Church. Dr. Bob Teems and John Rea will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Marion Ragsdale's name to Grand Strand Healthcare, 4452 Socastee Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

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

Tribute Wall

OL

“ I had the honor of working with Marion (Rags) when he headed the Facilities Department of Greenville County Schools. He was excellent in that position, but more importantly, he brought joy to his work. I will always remember Marion for his quick wit and outgoing personality that made you feel like you had known Marion for years. He was greatly appreciated while he was with GCS and has been missed by those of us who knew him! Knowing Marion, he is looking down upon us with a huge smile and a twinkle in his eye!

Oby Lyles
Friend
Director of Communications
Greenville County Schools (SC)

Oby Lyles - June 24, 2015 at 10:45 AM

LC

“ When I went to work at J.E. Serrine in 1966, my aunt who went to church with Marion at Laurel Baptist, told me that I should look him up as he was a fine person. I did and she was right. He was a fine person in every respect. He was a friendly person who always had a smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as you mourn his passing.

Larry Candler (Serrine employee 1966-1996)

Larry Candler - June 24, 2015 at 10:44 AM

WU

“ RIP Sailor !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps

Wayne Williams - USMC - June 24, 2015 at 07:20 AM



Leanne Yarborough

“ I personally didn't know "pop" but I know his son Larry and daughter in law Roxie very well. If Mr Rags was as good of a person as them and I'm sure he was he was truly a fine man. I hate that I did not get to know him but am happy that I'm close to his family. Oh what a reunion in heaven!! Hugs and kisses...❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏❤️

Leanne Yarborough - June 23, 2015 at 08:06 PM



DT

“ My sincerest regrets to "Rags" family. He was a good associate at Serrine. DONALD TRASK, Serrine 1965 - 1981. Florence, S.C.

Don Trask - June 22, 2015 at 07:30 PM



CH

“ Rags was so sincere, honest and genuine. He was a man who loved his family and would do just about anything for anyone. I truly loved going to the beach and staying at the condos so we could have time with him and Nita. I am Blessed to have known and shared meals and great talks with him. He will be sorely missed.

Cheryl Hogan - June 22, 2015 at 12:12 PM



DA

“ Always a big smile and a warm handshake. It was a blessing and honor to know Mr. Rags, this world is a little more bright and nicer place because of Rags just being Rags. I know he is with Mrs. Rags wondering what all the fuss is about, he loved life and his family, made everyone feel like he had known them all his like. From where is stand this is a pretty good legacy to leave behind, he will be missed but will always live in our memory.
Danny & Ann Anderson

Danny Anderson - June 22, 2015 at 10:59 AM

JG

To the family:

I was sorry to learn of the passing of my good and longtime friend and associate. I'm not presently aware of just how long we were associated at J. E. Sirrinc and CRS, but it seems as if we always knew each other. I began work in 1955 and he must have come about the same time. For about six and a half years I was out on construction and we were not together then. While we were never assigned full time together, we consulted frequently and he was an excellent resource. We had occasion to travel together many times on business and had time to enjoy each others social company. On a few trips Nita and my Jo Ann were able to accompany us. Marion (RAGS) was a true friend and will be greatly missed.

*With kindest personal regards,
"Jake" Gressette*

John T. "Jake" Gressette - June 23, 2015 at 12:12 PM

WA

I always enjoyed speaking to "Tiger" Rags there in the upper section of FH stadium. He loved those tigers. I worked with Rags many years there at J. E. Sirrinc, back in the good ole days. Regards, Wayne Atkinson

Wayne Atkinson - June 23, 2015 at 09:50 PM

AL

Mr. Ragsdale hired me for Sirrinc right out of Clemson back in '74 and sent me off to many and varied field assignments. And before leaving to one particularly challenging assignment I expressed concern to "Rags" about my ability to handle some facets of that job that were new to me. And I remember him saying, "Your'e a Civil Engineer, aren't you? You can do anything!" That statement helped instill confidence and I remember it to this day.

Allan Crook

Allan - June 24, 2015 at 12:21 PM