



## Melvin Farnaby

December 12, 1944 - August 25, 2018

Melvin Farnaby, 73, of Myrtle Beach, SC passed away early Saturday morning August 25th, 2018, surrounded by close family and friends.

Melvin was born December 12, 1944 in Lossiemouth, Scotland to Vera and Robert Henry Farnaby where the family was stationed with The Royal Air Force. He then moved back to England to his hometown of Hurworth-On-Tees. After high school he served his apprenticeship as a toolmaker with Darlington Forge and then began his hard-working career as an Engineer at Cummins Engine Company in Darlington, England. Melvin married the love of his life Carol Hall (Farnaby) in 1966, from the town of Darlington. They immigrated to the United States in 1968 with their infant son, Grant, and Melvin was able to start an even better life with his new family and they later became American Citizens. Their family grew when their daughter Sarah arrived in 1976. Melvin then continued in building his career by working for Cummins Engine Company in various states across the US. In 1985 Melvin entered into his own business, Systems Technology, Inc. (STI) where he, with his hard working and dedicated team, became a stronghold in engineering design, development, and manufacturing and STI continues to this day. When Melvin was not working in the machine shops or behind the design screens he often found himself over the years adventuring in flying planes, boating, and most recently rebuilding classic cars from the ground up if he wasn't helping a friend or taking care of his family's needs. Melvin was a kind, generous, and loving family man who is loved by many.

Melvin is survived by his two children: Grant Farnaby, and his wife Barbara, and Sarah Farnaby; two grandchildren, Kirstie Farnaby and Madison Calder, his siblings Barbara Bell of Darlington, England and Christopher Farnaby of Essex, England, along with several wonderful and loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vera and Robert Henry Farnaby, and his brother-in-law Peter Bell.

Services will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel 11528 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet, SC with Chaplain Michael Romano officiating. The entombment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:30-2:00 PM prior to service at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel Celebration Center.

A special thank you to the Doctors and Staff of the 6th floor Ashley River Tower Unit of the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC for their loving care and support of Melvin and his family.

Family flowers only, memorials may be made to the following charities:

<http://www.hollingscancercenter.org/index.html>

<https://www.stjude.org/>

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Farnaby



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - August 29, 2018 at 11:16 AM

PT

*I reported to Mel briefly when we worked for Consolidated Diesel Co back in the eighties. A finer, fairer gentleman I have never met. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family. May he rest peacefully. Percy Taylor. Raleigh, NC*

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**Percy Taylor** - September 01, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ I too am saddened to learn about Mel's passing. I have fond memories of the time I spent working for him and the team at STI.

*I am reminded of the scripture in Isaiah 57:1*

*"Good people pass away;*

*the godly often die before their time.*

*But no one seems to care or wonder why.*

*No one seems to understand*

*that God is protecting them from the evil to come." NLT*



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**Michael Redwine** - September 10, 2018 at 03:28 PM

AM

“ I was saddened to learn of Mel's passing. I had the privilege of meeting with Mel and Grant for two days in mid July of this year. I was impressed with Mel's accomplishments after immigrating from Scotland and founding STI and growing it into a very successful business. Mel led the way and brought Grant into the business decades ago. Grant is a very capable leader and is taking the business into the future. I am praying for all of you.

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**Alan Melton** - September 09, 2018 at 11:28 AM

KM

“ Melvin was one of the finest people that we have ever met. Although we did not know him for a long time, he was the kind of person who made us feel as if we had known him all our lives. It's probably an old-fashioned word now, but Melvin was a true gentleman. We respected and admired him, and greatly valued his friendship. The world would be a much better place if there were more people in it like Melvin. Rest in peace, our friend.  
Ken & Sue Miller

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**Ken Miller** - August 31, 2018 at 03:50 PM

NJ

“ My family is devastated by this unexpected loss. Mel went above and beyond for my father. Words cannot express the grief I feel for the loss of such a lovely man. My sisters do father feel the same. RIP Mel. You are missed.

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**Nicola Jeffery** - August 29, 2018 at 11:09 PM

CA

“ Cynthia G. Alford lit a candle in memory of Melvin Farnaby



Cynthia G. Alford - August 29, 2018 at 10:22 PM

CA

Grant and Barbara you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you

Cynthia G. Alford - August 29, 2018 at 10:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Farnaby.



August 29, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of Melvin. My heart is with you.

Nikki Maples-Reynolds - August 29, 2018 at 01:45 PM

TT

“ My condolences to the Farnaby family, worked with Mel at CDC and was on my golf team on first (group) trip to Myrtle Beach.  
Tom Thurman

Tom Thurman - August 29, 2018 at 12:26 PM

DM

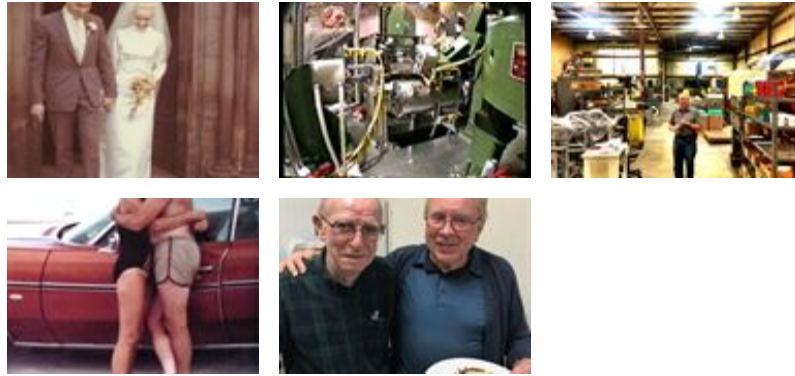
“ Sending my condolences to the Farnaby family. It shows in all their pictures how lovely Mr. Farnaby was by his family and people around him. Sending my love and prayers to the family. Dr. Rosana Marzullo-Dove



Dr. Rosana Marzullo-Dove - August 29, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 29, 2018 at 10:14 AM

EW

“ Praying for the family during this time of sorrow.... Ed and Anita Wilburn

Ed Wilburn - August 29, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ It is with sadness to hear of MeL's passing, our prayers are with the Farnaby Family... Larry & Kay Edwards

Larry Edwards - August 28, 2018 at 03:15 PM

BW

“ *Brooke & Walter Waskewich lit a candle in memory of Melvin Farnaby*



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**Brooke & Walter Waskewich** - August 28, 2018 at 10:22 AM

BW

“ *Our sincere condolences to Carol and the Farnaby family.*

*We were so saddened to learn of Mel's passing.*

*Mel is with the angels now. The newest star in the night sky.*

*You will not be forgotten, Mel. May your family find comfort in God.*

*R.I.P.*

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**Brooke & Walter Waskewich** - August 28, 2018 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ *Mel has been a close friend of mine and I am very sad for his passing. He was one of the good people on earth and I am honored that he called me his friend he will be missed. RIP my friend. Mike*

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**Mike White** - August 28, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Farnaby.*



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August 27, 2018 at 10:10 AM