



## O'Neil Hampton Cannon

November 16, 1932 - September 26, 2016

O'Neil Hampton Cannon, Jack of All Trades, Master of Everything, Butt-Kicker, Storyteller Extraordinaire, Prankster, Lover of Life, Horry County Ambassador, Decorated Veteran, Daddy, and most beloved Poppy passed September 26, 2016.

O'Neil was well known in the community as "the guy". He was the guy you called when you needed a laugh. He was the guy who could fix anything mechanical, and he was willing to accept whatever you could pay. He was the guy that would sell countless stacks of tickets for any charitable event (Shriners, Boosters, Kiwanis, VA, Trinity church) and then cook the food and do the work for the tickets he sold. He was a man's man who unabashedly allowed his three granddaughters to apply makeup on him, adorn his hair with ribbons and bows, paint his finger and toenails, then speak in a creative high-pitched British accent for their tea parties. He was the guy that made an unbelievable catch in a 1951 Shrine Bowl game. He was the guy that could make anything happen by using his will, his force, or his connections. O'Neil was the guy that lived every moment of his life as if it was a football game with only minutes left...he squeezed every single point out of it for his team.

He loved his ladies....particularly his wife Erma who preceded him in death, his daughter Nancy and his three granddaughters of whom he was most proud, Emily, Madison, and Alice. He also loved and honored the life of his

son Neil.

O'Neil loved football (assuming his team won), saying something just for shock value, laughing, dancing (even before he had both knees replaced), buying tools instead of finding the one he owned in his garage, and spending time with his friends (both the reprobates and the principled ones). One of his favorite activities was picking bushels of tomatoes and delivering them to anyone that had even the slightest affection for them. His ability to tell a story rivaled that of Jerry Clower; most of O'Neil's outlandish tales were only slightly embellished because his actions were almost always unbelievable.

There were only three things he truly hated: powdered eggs, pears and Isis.

Conway was more than just his hometown; he saw the bigger picture and devoted his life to improving the lives of the people in it. His accomplishments, awards, and involvements in the community are too vast to mention. We are most proud, not of the expansive organizations he joined or of the plaques bestowed upon him, but of who he was as a person, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend.

He is survived by his daughter Nancy, his granddaughters Emily, Madison, and Alice; his daughter-in-law, Kelley; and his brother Leonard and his wife Carol.

He was preceded in death by his wife Erma, his son Neil, and his sister Elizabeth.

Memorial services will be held at Trinity United Methodist church at 1:00 pm, Friday, September 30, 2016 officiated by Dr. William R. Childs.

The family will receive visitors Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 248-4211  
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
198 Long Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Nancy, I am so very sorry to learn of O'Neil's death. My consolation is that he is now with Erma Lee in heaven. You know how much both of them meant to me. I am so very sorry I couldn't come for the visitation and service, due to health problems, but my heart was with you and the girls. He absolutely worshipped your children, and I was there one night when he was being "decorated" with lipstick and fingernail polish by one of them. He was one of the most giving and thoughtful men I have ever known and such a Christian. He did enjoy his pranks (will have to tell you some of them) and had such a good and hearty laugh. My heart is with you and the girls during this time. Much love. Dolores

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**Dolores Booth** - October 12, 2016 at 10:59 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - September 29, 2016 at 09:28 AM

JO

“ I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my condolences at this painful time. Losing a loved one is distressing and as comfort is needed from family and friends, it is my hope your family will find comforting the promise at Isaiah 25:8 where we are assured that "death will be swallowed up forever." It is my hope your family will find strength to endure during the days ahead.

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**Jori** - September 29, 2016 at 08:33 AM

NG

“ Nancy - Sorry we won't be here to offer you more comfort, but you are in our prayers. We loved your dad as did everyone that knew him. He always made us feel special, as we're sure he did many others. Heaven's gain is definitely Conway's loss. He shall be missed.

Love,  
Mitch and Nadine Godwin

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**Nadine Godwin** - September 27, 2016 at 06:36 PM

BF

“ Bessie Mishoe & Family lit a candle in memory of O'Neil Hampton Cannon



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**Bessie Mishoe & Family** - September 27, 2016 at 12:54 PM

TE

“ *Tessa Esmondson lit a candle in memory of O'Neil Hampton Cannon*



Tessa Esmondson - September 27, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of O'Neil Hampton Cannon.*



September 27, 2016 at 09:32 AM

BB

“ *Button Benton Boyd lit a candle in memory of O'Neil Hampton Cannon*



Button Benton Boyd - September 27, 2016 at 07:18 AM

ER

“ *If you knew him, you had to love him. There was never a time that I was around O'Neil that he didn't have some form of laughter going on. I always looked forward to one of his jokes or stories. He was a good man and loved helping others. We worked together in Horry County Government in different offices and became friends back in the early 1980's. Thanks for being a good friend and petson, O'Neil. You will be missed. R.I.P.*

Eddie B. Richardson - September 26, 2016 at 10:34 PM

TA

“ He was one of a kind a real gem and will be greatly missed .



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**Tony Anderson** - September 26, 2016 at 10:19 PM

EG

“ Condolences to Nancy and daughters on the loss of a true gentleman . The passing of a dear friend is like losing a family member and O'Neil was one for sure . You will be missed my friend , R.I.P. <3

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**Eddie Gerosa** - September 26, 2016 at 07:55 PM

PJ

“ Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of O'Neil Hampton Cannon



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**peggy johnson** - September 26, 2016 at 07:06 PM

LD

“ He was a dear friend to my family. We all loved him very much. Praying for FAMILY.

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**Larry and Delores Dickerson** - September 26, 2016 at 05:30 PM

GA

“ *Oneil was quite a character. We always enjoyed sitting with him at Kiwanis Sweetheart Banquets, Booster Club raffles, Children's Mentoring Program Fundraisers, etc, and he always kept us entertained. we will miss that. Gail and Robert Anderson*

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**Gail Anderson** - September 26, 2016 at 03:16 PM

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“ *THOMAS HARRISON lit a candle in memory of O'Neil Hampton Cannon*



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**THOMAS HARRISON** - September 26, 2016 at 02:36 PM