



Ogden Rankin

April 10, 1927 - April 16, 2014

Conway...O. A. "Rock" Rankin, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at Brightwater Memory Care.

Rock was born in Loris, a son of the late Harry Wilson and Martha Allsbrook Rankin. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Following a tour in the U.S. Navy, he attended USC law school, graduating in 1951. In 1952 he moved to Conway where he began practicing law, in a solo practice, then as Rankin and Johnson, in partnership with W.T. "Tim" Johnson. In 1975 he became Horry County Judge, then as Special Circuit Court Judge serving until 1979, when he returned to private practice. In 1991, his son Luke joined the practice, forming Rankin and Rankin, where he served 'Of Counsel' until his full retirement. Rock was a member of First Baptist Conway, a former Mason, former member and Past President of the Conway Rotary Club and the Elk's Club. Rock was Chairman of the Horry County Democratic Party from 1960 until 1971. He enjoyed his family, grandchildren, traveling, and playing bridge. He was described by a local writer as a "Collector of People" who truly enjoyed meeting people, bringing them together and introducing strangers to each other. As a Trial Judge he was well known to encourage juror participation by inviting them to bring in homemade baked goods for the jury pool and court to share. Rock was predeceased by four brothers, John, Joe, Wilson and Watson Rankin, a son-in-law, Micah LaRoche.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated staff of Brightwater Memory Care and Heartland Hospice for their love and

care.

Rock is survived by his beautiful and loving wife of 60 1/2 years, Dorothy Sadler Rankin, four children, Lela Schoeck (Joachim), Harriet LaRoche, Mark Rankin (Beth) and Luke Rankin (Lindsey). He also leaves behind 6 grandchildren, Anna Schoeck, Brook LaRoche, Sadler, Martha, Luke and Hollings Rankin and two great grandchildren, Sophie and Chloe and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Guffey officiating. Private graveside services will be held at Lakeside Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM Saturday at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be sent to First Baptist Church, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
Conway, SC

Service

APR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
Conway, SC

Tribute Wall

HB

“ Luke and Lindsey, My prayers are with you and your family. I pray that God's peace will sustain you and encourage you. -- Henry Barton

Henry Barton - April 25, 2014 at 02:07 PM

DC

“ Luke, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My parents greatly admired your Dad, and he was a lovely man who will long be remembered.
Darra Cothran

Darra Cothran - April 23, 2014 at 09:15 AM

JJ

“ LUKE, YOU DAD WAS SO NICE TO ME WHEN I MOVED TO MYRTLE BEACH, I SHALL NEVER FORGET HOW HE TOOK ME UNDER HIS "WING" AND MADE ME FEEL BAS IF I WAS NOT A "NEWCOMER"!!! TRULY A GREAT MAN!!! JIM IRVIN JR

JIM IRVIN JR - April 22, 2014 at 11:23 PM

GG

“ Luke, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I lost my father in 1995 and my mother in 2010. It's never easy, but your faith, family and friends will get you through the tough times. I pray the grief will be replaced by wonderful memories as soon as possible.

Glenn Goodwin
USC Law, '87
McKinney, TX

Glenn Goodwin - April 22, 2014 at 05:02 PM

RS

“ Luke and Mark, , thinking about you and you family at this very emotional time. Your father was a great man and my mom thought a lot of him. Robin Sasser

Robin Sasserkeyfield - April 20, 2014 at 07:58 PM

TA

“ Luke, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of your father. We had the privilege of meeting you and Lindsey and your dad at Brightwater.

Terry & Ursula Ashby

Terry Ashby - April 19, 2014 at 05:22 PM

AA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a special person.

Ann Allsbrook

Ann Allsbrook - April 19, 2014 at 04:17 PM

TE

“ Ditto to what my sister, Donna Sanders Wallin, remarked earlier. Rock Rankin always made us laugh and was a joy to be around!

Terry Espy - April 19, 2014 at 03:30 PM

WU

“ *RIP Sailor !!!!*



Wayne Williams - USMC - April 19, 2014 at 02:34 PM

DW

“ *What a great man. Always had a nickname for every one of us kids to feel special. Never will forget his cheerful attitude that made us want to be near him. "RockandDot" was one word. Hugs to all of you!*

Donna Sanders Wallin - April 19, 2014 at 01:24 PM

PB

“ *Luke. Thinking of you and your family with deepest sympathy. Perry Bonds and Grady L. Kiker*

Perry Bonds - April 18, 2014 at 02:28 PM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you are mourning the loss of such a great man. We pray that God will comfort your family at this time and serve as your refuge.*

*Love, The Coopers
Wade, Jerri, and Jade*

Jade Cooper - April 18, 2014 at 02:02 PM

DJ

“ I send my love and prayers to the family of Rock Rankin. He was an incredible man with a great mind and a " a love for people". I will never forget the words of wisdom that he has shared with me in years past. Your family has and always will be special to me as each one of you holds a special place in my heart. I hope that you will be together and remember all the special times that you' ve shared. If there is a way for Mr. Rankin to be laughing, talking, and sharing some knowledge with someone now be assured that he is doing just that and loving every minute of it. He is now free from all the earthly pain and is enjoying all the wonders that heaven has to offer us. When I get to heaven he is one that I'll seek out for he will want to make me (and any others who want to hear)aware of all the glory that we have in store for us to behold. I love you all, each and everyone of you. Debbie



Debbie Johnson - April 18, 2014 at 02:00 PM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,
Evelyn Hammond



Evelyn Hammond - April 18, 2014 at 12:54 PM

SC

To the Rankin Family,
Steve, Shelley, Christopher and Craig want to express our deepest sympathies during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. What a great legacy he has left.
Love the Chapmans

Shelley Chapman - April 19, 2014 at 02:43 PM