



Oliver Head

April 24, 1943 - May 11, 2015

Oliver Ripley Head Jr.

Pawleys Island

Oliver Ripley Head Jr. "Rip", age 72, died on Monday, May 11, 2015 at MUSC.

Rip was a son of the late Oliver Ripley Head and Julia Kimbrough. He was born in Birmingham and grew up in Thomasville, Alabama. He attended Sewanee: The University of the South, and graduated from Auburn University in 1966. During the Vietnam War, he served in Thailand with the U.S. Army. He was a big fan of Auburn University football who also loved to travel, read, listen to music and play golf. He worked for ICI, Stuart Pharmaceuticals, and Astra-Zeneca and lived in Wilmington, Delaware and Chadds Ford, Pa., before retiring to South Carolina in 2002.

Rip is survived by his wife Maggie (Finklea) of Pawleys Island and his son Paul of Phoenix, AZ.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 11am at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Oliver's name

to the MUSC Foundation, 18 Bee St, MSC 450, Charleston, SC 29425.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Previous Events

Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Episcopal Church
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Dear Maggie,

I was saddened to hear of Rip's passing and extend to you and Paul my deepest sympathy. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

My love to you, Jo Roth

Jo Roth - May 20, 2015 at 07:35 PM

BB

“ Dear Maggie,

How well I remember when Emily and Paul were in preschool together. It's hard to believe that so many years have past since then. I read Rip's obituary in the News Journal and wanted to send my heartfelt sympathy to you and to Paul. I hope you had some special years in Pawleys Island after your husband's retirement. Life is much too short. May peace be with you.

*All best wishes,
Bonnie Beck*

Bonnie Beck - May 16, 2015 at 09:09 PM

LB

“ Maggie,
Anita and I were saddened to here of Rip's passing. I have many fond memories of the years we spent working together. He was a true gentleman, and a friend. Anita and I always enjoyed those occasions when we got together with you and Rip. Please take care and may God bless you and grant you peace.
Lee and Anita Bird

Lee Bird - May 16, 2015 at 09:08 PM

DM

“ It was with great sadness that I read the passing of my good friend Rip. We worked together for several years building the expansion of the Plant at Newark. We send our most heartfelt sympathy.
Dario Mas

Dario Mas - May 16, 2015 at 04:49 PM

ST

“ Rip was one of my first Managers at ICI when I got out of College. He was fair, honest and a good leader. He worked hard and taught me a lot.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family,

Steve Trader

Steve Trader - May 16, 2015 at 01:06 PM

RM

“ Maggie and Family, I was so saddened when I received Joe Polinski's e-mail about Rip's passing. Like many, I too worked with Rip. There are many memories, but the one I recall the most " Rip was always a gentleman". He and your family fought a hard fight. The last time I talked to Rip, I could hear the that in his voice, but also the faith and love to continue on. Words fail at a time like this, but the love and memories you share with Rip are precious always with you. Dorthy and I extend our deepest sympathies, along with our prayers for you and your family.

Ron & Dorthy Matthews

Ron Matthews - May 16, 2015 at 07:36 AM

CH

I know just how you feel, but you must take care of yourself. My love to you. Carol Haselden

Carol Haselden - May 22, 2015 at 10:52 AM

JL

“ Maggie, Audrey and I offer our condolences for your loss, having known Rip for several years we are sorry to lose such a wonderful friend. Pleas know that you are in our thoughts and if we can help in any way please do not hesitate to let us know
Love,
Jerry and Audrey Lee

Jerry and Audrey Lee - May 15, 2015 at 03:26 PM

AM

“ We are so sad to hear of Rip's passing. What a wonderful guy and he will be missed by many. Maggie, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Anne and Tony Moreland

Anne Moreland - May 15, 2015 at 11:43 AM

NY

“ Norma and I offer our sincere condolences to Maggie and family for the loss of your loved one. Rip was a true gentleman and will be missed. Rest In Peace Rip Head.

Jim and Norma York

Norma and Jim York - May 15, 2015 at 08:16 AM

AP

“ I worked with Rip at Newark and always enjoyed his company, his pleasant and positive attitude and his generally good nature. My heartfelt condolences.

Allan Pepper

allan Pepper - May 14, 2015 at 06:33 PM

IG

“ I also worked with Rip at AZ and I will always remember his laugh, sunny disposition and his readiness to work through whatever challenges we were facing. Most of all he was a man with ethics, integrity and a great sense of humor. May God provide comfort to his family during this difficult time. We all know Rip is in heaven smiling down at us. My sincerest condolences.

Izzy Gonzalez

Izzy Gonzalez - May 14, 2015 at 01:11 PM

BR

“ I worked with Rip for many years at Zeneca and always found that he had a way to balance the many facility request from some of our most demanding people. Meeting the needs of the diverse occupants we had at the HQ site, and still making sound economic decisions was very skillful. Rip was able to do this with an upbeat and positive outlook and gained the respect and trust of us who worked with him. His integrity was beyond reproach. I retired in 2002, and one of the things I missed the most in retirement was the people like Rip I didn't get to see or converse with.

I know he was looking forward to his retirement back down South, and am sure he enjoyed what time he had there even if it was cut short. I am sure he passed as he lived, with the of respect of everyone around him.

I sincere condolences for your lost

*Bob Rausch
VP Finance
Zeneca Pharmaceuticals*

Bob Rausch - May 14, 2015 at 09:02 AM

TT

“ Worked with Rip for about 10 years. He was a great guy. Died way to young. Wish I had the opportunity to visit with him in SC. He surely will be missed. Rest in Peace Rip.

Tony Teofilak - May 14, 2015 at 07:02 AM

AG

“ I worked for Rip right when our employer became Zeneca, from 1992 until I left Wilmington in 1997. In addition to his vast capabilities, he was respectful to everyone, always a true gentleman. I got to chat with Maggie once or twice, and upon seeing them together, remember feeling surprised and refreshed that a couple who had been married a few decades was still so clearly in love. That is what I will remember most easily about Rip.

My very deepest sympathies to Maggie and Paul.

Alison (Hull) Gill

Alison Gill - May 13, 2015 at 10:05 PM



“ Did not know Rip personally, but respect all fellow Stuart, ICI, and AZ people who helped build the company and make my career possible. Kent Kirberg, Sales and Marketing, retired.

Kent Kirberg - May 13, 2015 at 09:13 PM

SH

We were very sorry to hear of Rip's passing. He was a southern gentleman and always had kind words for those around him. He will be missed by many. So sorry Maggie and Paul, for your loss.

Su & Peter Horthy - May 15, 2015 at 11:34 AM

JF

Sending heartfelt sympathy to Maggie and Paul on Rip's death. I can remember his many visits to Thomasville during my childhood, youth and adulthood. All are fond memories. I know my parents will especially miss the close relationship they shared with Rip. I will pray for peace and comfort for all.

Jessica Kimbrough Fox - May 16, 2015 at 07:33 AM