



## Paul Timothy Coffey

March 13, 1939 - February 10, 2025

Paul Timothy Coffey (of North Myrtle Beach) passed away Monday, February 10, 2025. Tim was born March 13, 1939 in Zanesville, Ohio to parents Paul & Dorthea Coffey.

Funeral services will be held at St Stephen's Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach on Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm.

Tim is survived by his wife Ruth Ellen Coffey; Sister-in-law Susan Brigham (Mark); sister-in-law Mary Miller (Kip); Nieces Courtney Hobart West, Heather Miller Touzel (Kris), & Jennifer Anne Decker (Bryan); Great Nieces and nephews Olivia West, Wyatt Decker, Jackson West, Bailey Anderson, Max Anderson & Scarlett Decker.

Tim was active for many years with The Rotary Club, Lab Rescue, Tennis (USTA League), St Stephen's Episcopal Church & loved watching sports. Tim graduated from The Ohio State University & received his MBA from Xavier University. Tim served as State Supervisor of Marketing Education and DECA advisor for South Carolina Department of Education for more than 12 years, during which time he was elected to the national DECA Board of Directors. He retired from DECA's National Office as Director of Corporate Development. Upon retirement, Tim was awarded Honorary Life Membership, DECA's highest award, and he was the first former DECA student to be so honored.

He was preceded in death by his parents Paul & Dortha Coffey; his brother Pat Coffey and many beloved Lab dogs.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the DECA Scholarship Foundation in Memory of Tim Coffey. Address: DECA Inc., 1908 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

Please sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com). Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St Stephen's Episcopal Church  
801 11th Ave N  
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582-2644  
(843) 249-1169

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tim was a valued friend, a favorite teacher and a close family friend for many years. Tim's family lived on Echo Avenue in Zanesville, the same street as my parents. In 1968-69, Tim was my Distributive Ed. teacher at Madeira and also worked at my fathers shoe store with me. Tim was a great inspiration and helped me a lot over the years. Several years ago, we met for dinner in Mt. Orab Ohio for dinner. We had to call each other since we had changed so much neither one of us recognized the other. We had a lot of fun reminiscing about my high school years. I am so sorry to hear of Tim's passing.*

Keith Maxwell - March 30, 2025 at 07:47 PM

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“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Cynthia Jane Coffey-Rush - March 13, 2025 at 10:48 AM

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“ Tim was my late husband's older brother. Such a kind guy! He stayed in touch with me long after my husband's passing, writing me cards on holidays and sending me Christmas presents. He had called my husband "Little Brother" and signed his notes "Brother Tim". In recent months, I kept trying to contact him (I'm several states away), but my notes and phone messages went unanswered and I had no contact person - just Tim. Imagine my disappointment when I tried to leave him a happy birthday voicemail today (cell phone no longer in use, home phone just voice mail) then finally did a Google search for an obit on him! Tim and RuthEllen loved to cheer others with their therapy dogs. I hope Tim finds those dogs waiting for him in Heaven! Kind guy!

Cynthia J Coffey-Rush - March 13, 2025 at 09:37 AM

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“ Mitchell Merritt lit a candle in memory of Paul Timothy Coffey



Mitchell Merritt - February 19, 2025 at 09:02 PM

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“ Tim and Ruth Ellen were our neighbors for years and years in Herndon Virginia. They were the kind of neighbors you dream about--kind, giving, supportive, fun, always there when we needed them. Our kids adored them, our dog Jessie went to their house for sleepovers, we shared joys and sorrows together. My heart goes out to you Ruth Ellen as you adjust to life without Tim. What a legacy he leaves behind. Love, Kit and Matt O'Connor.

Matt and Kit O'Connor - February 16, 2025 at 03:21 PM

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*Ruth Ellen I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Remember you from our DSS days.*

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**Norma Jean Barfield** - February 20, 2025 at 01:51 PM

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“ *Ruth Ellen you are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**Patsy Deal** - February 14, 2025 at 12:52 PM