



## Ragheb Esber

February 18, 1923 - February 24, 2015

Ragheb Jemil Esber

Ragheb (Roger) J. Esber (92) passed away February 24, 2015 at Tideland Hospice in Georgetown, SC. He was born February 18, 1923 in Tripoli, Lebanon, son of the late Jemil and Frossine Esber.

He was educated at The Tripoli Boys School and The American University of Beirut in Lebanon and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA.

Mr. Esber's career was spent in the medical field. He managed the clinical labs of The Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, IL, Leigh Memorial Hospital in Norfolk, VA, and Day Kimball Hospital Putnam, CT, where he retired in 1987. He served as a consultant to A&D Surgical Supply in Virginia and taught Economics, Clinical Laboratory Management, Hospital Budgeting and Finance at both Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA and Quinebaug Valley Community College in Dayville, CT.

Mr. Esber belonged to numerous professional societies and served as a member of the Laboratory Advisory Committee of the Connecticut Hospital Association. He was a popular speaker and published several articles in the field of Microbiology and chemistry in the Journal of Clinical Pathology and The Laboratory Digest.

Mr. Esber was quite an example for his family. He arrived in the United States in 1948, knowing no one, with \$200.00 in his pocket. Through his hard work and career, and while raising his own family, he was able to bring his family to the US from Lebanon. During the 1960's Mr. Esber was politically active and

served in a group of good will ambassadors that toured the Middle East.

Mr. Esber loved gardening and golf. In 1996 he achieved the golfer's dream a "Hole in One" on the Sea Gull Golf Course.

Mr. Esber is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of Pawleys Island; his three sons, : Dale (Nancy) of Virginia Beach, VA, Randy (Cheryl) of Byfield, MA, and David of Wilmington, NC and his brother, Henry of Worchester, MA. He leaves seven grandchildren: Michael, Ryan, Brent, Kristin, Brandi, Ethan, and Renee and four great grandchildren: Charlie, Cailin, Gabrielle, and Audrey. His is predeceased by his son, Michael of Virginia, his brother, Raymond of Nevada, and his sister, Mary of Massachusetts.

The family would like to thank the staff of the National Health Care in Garden, City, SC and Tideland's Hospice for their care and support while Mr. Esber was a patient there.

The funeral service will be held 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 65 Crooked Oak Dr., Pawleys Island with a reception immediately after in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or Tideland's Community Hospice House, 2591 N. Fraser St. Georgetown, SC 29440.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries) Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Services

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peters Lutheran Church  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

# Tribute Wall



“ *What a unique and wonderful man! Roger could tell a story like no other - while bringing smiles and good cheer to all who were in his presence. -And how he adored his beautiful Bonnie! We were so privileged to have known him!!*

*Condolences and much love to Bonnie.*

*Mary & Bob Kopchains*

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**Mary Kopchains** - March 06, 2015 at 07:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ragheb Esber.*



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March 01, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ *Laura And Jim Darden lit a candle in memory of Ragheb Esber*



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**Laura and Jim Darden** - March 01, 2015 at 09:29 AM



*Miss you Dad, Happy birthday in heaven, love you*

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**Pamela Esber** - February 06, 2020 at 09:35 PM

PR

“ Dale, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Penny Reynolds

Penny Reynolds - February 28, 2015 at 09:20 PM

JT

“ John,,alice Teller lit a candle in memory of Ragheb Esber



john,,alice teller - February 28, 2015 at 08:58 PM

JT

*His new life begins, life with no pain and suffering*

john,,alice teller - February 28, 2015 at 09:00 PM

JT

“ John, Alice Teller lit a candle in memory of Ragheb Esber



john, alice teller - February 28, 2015 at 08:55 PM

AB

“ Ann Bray lit a candle in memory of Ragheb Esber



Ann Bray - February 28, 2015 at 09:29 AM

AB

*Roger was an elegant gentleman with a bit of the Old World manners in him. Always cheerful and happy to be with people, he seemed much younger than his years. Many a night I enjoyed a glass of red wine served to me in a most dramatic manner by Roger. I always found him to be engaging and great company. Knowing Roger and Bonnie has added something wonderful to my life. Roger was a handsome guy right up until the end. I am honored to have known him.*

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**Ann Bray** - February 28, 2015 at 09:32 AM

MM

*When I visited with Roger & Bonny at their home, Roger loved to be included in the conversations and always had a smile on his face. We joked back and forth and the experience of visiting was always memorable. I am sure he will be missed not only by Bonnie and family, but for anyone who knew him.*

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**Marilyn Mumaw** - March 03, 2015 at 03:22 PM

PH

*“ Roger and my husband Bob were roommates at NHC. Someone decided they would be a good match ... and they were. Bonnie and I became best friends too. We loved Roger's humor, smile, silly grin and mostly his gentleness. Roger looked forward to Wednesdays and "hump day" with great anticipation. Everyone teased him about it. We spent many hours together and I will miss that time greatly. We shall all miss him and our prayers are with the family as they move forward without their leader. God bless you.  
Pat Hayes, Murrells Inlet, SC*

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**Pat Hayes** - February 26, 2015 at 09:17 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss. Brent spoke often of his grandfather and his remarkable accomplishments with great admiration. What a wonderful and rewarding life he must have had. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family.

*Bob and Wanda Coleman, Brent's future in-laws.*

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**Robert and Wanda Coleman** - February 26, 2015 at 01:40 AM

JJ

“ Dear Bonnie, the amount of love and compassion that you showed your husband was very moving. His obit mirrored my family coming from lebanon and achieving the american dream, mr Esbar was a wonderful man who was proud of his heritage and family. He always spoke of his love for you. He will be missed. He was a good man

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**john a joseph jr** - February 25, 2015 at 08:38 PM