



## Raymond E Goforth

June 27, 2018 - June 27, 2018

Surfside Beach....Raymond E. Goforth

Raymond Earl Goforth, 84, of Surfside Beach, SC passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2018 surrounded by his family.

Ray affectionately known as "Whistle" was born in Kings Mountain, NC to Hall and Georgie Goforth on November 6, 1933. After graduating from Kings Mountain High School he went on to be an MP in the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Germany. After returning to North Carolina, Ray began working as an electrician, which gave him the opportunity to move to Surfside Beach, SC. Whistle met, fell in love, and married his best friend Winnie. Over the 34 years they were together they traveled to amazing places, learned to sail, met wonderful people and taught us all how to party. Along with the love of his life, his other passion was meeting and talking to people from all over the world that he met through his job as grounds manager at Ocean Lakes Campground. Whistle is preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Bob and Bud Goforth and a sister, Elaine Goforth Clack.

Surviving in addition to his wife Winnie; a daughter, Lori Goforth Hamby (Ronnie) of Summerville, SC; a son, Ray Goforth II (Michelle) of Shelby, NC; a daughter, Ansley Isenhour (Lance) of New London, NC; grandchildren, Tyler and Hunter Hamby, Haley, Harris and Abigail Isenhour.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, July 2, 2018 at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to: Belin Memorial United Methodist Church, 4182 Hwy.17 Business Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 or to Wounded Warriors, 1120 G Street NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 2005 or the Alzheimer's Association, 1105 48th Ave. N., Suite 109 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *"Whistle" and I were classmates at KMHS Class of 1951. I remember his bandaged face on the group picture. He was being himself playing with some lighter fluid with the container lighted. He was the class clown--loved by all classmates. My sincere sympathy to his family! Bob Edens, Sanford, NC*

Robert Edens - July 27, 2018 at 05:10 PM

LT

“ *Uncle Whistle I'm sure you're up there telling stories and joking around again with your brothers and sister. We will miss you here!*

laura tucker - June 30, 2018 at 01:48 PM

DG

“ *Winnie we are all so sorry to hear about the passing of Whistle. . .we are here for you and anything that you need! Sending love and prayers for you and your family! Love Donna and Sean at DeFalco's Automotive!*



Donna Gordon - June 29, 2018 at 03:48 PM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Winnie and your family. Love Jim & Midge Robbs*

Jim & Midge Ronnw - June 29, 2018 at 01:42 PM

WP

“ Sorry to hear about Whistle's death. I will never forget some of the good times we had together.

*Gene Patterson*

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**William Patterson** - June 29, 2018 at 09:17 AM

AH

“ Winnie, Randall, the boys and I will always have special memories of Whistle. He was truly a special man. We especially enjoyed the fun and laughter along with the great food at his cookouts. The boys loved the rides on the golf cart and his pranks. He will be truly missed. Sending you all our love and prayers. Love Amy, Randall, Adam, Dalton, and Cole Huie.



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**Amy Huie** - June 29, 2018 at 08:27 AM

AC

“ Winnie, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you and your family...

*sincerely,  
Chip Cox*

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**anne cox** - June 29, 2018 at 07:13 AM



“ Lori Hamby lit a candle in memory of Raymond E Goforth



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**Lori Hamby** - June 28, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ *My Daddy was the most loving, caring, amazing man. He cared so much for our family. Once you met him you would be a friend for life. Always loved sharing his memories and making people laugh. He especially loved his grandchildren. I am so going to miss you Daddy, but I know you will be our guardian angel. I love you to the moon and back.*

*Love forever, Your Daughter*

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**Lori Hamby** - June 28, 2018 at 10:03 PM

WU

“ *Thanks for your service Soldier !!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - June 28, 2018 at 01:25 PM

BB

*Ray Goforth was my friend. He had 100s, probably 1,000s. I do not. That is why he was so precious to me. I met him through his wife to be, Winnie. I have known them for 35+ years. I have never known a woman any better suited for a man than Winnie. She has lived her life for him. There can be no greater compliment than that.  
The last time I saw Ray, Winnie brought him by for a short visit. When Winnie told him my name he took my hand and held it with a remembrance of an old friend. That will be my lasting memory of Ray. When the great Stonewall Jackson passed, he rose in the bed and pointed out the window and said..We will cross the river here and rest in the shade on the other side. My Ole Pard is resting in the shade on the other side. I love you Ray, you are my friend. R.D. Neck from UCLA. ....BB*

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**Billy Beuron** - June 29, 2018 at 10:48 AM

GB

*I have known Ray and his family for over 20 years. He was a great friend and teammate at Ocean Lakes. Many good times and memories. He will be missed!*

*Greg Bender*

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**Greg bender** - June 30, 2018 at 10:36 AM