



Robert Earl Austin

September 15, 1942 - May 15, 2014

Myrtle Beach

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Robert Earl Austin, age 71, of Myrtle Beach, passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2014 surrounded by his family and embraced in love.

Robert Earl Austin was born September 15, 1942 in Frisco, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Melvin S. Austin and Thelma Virginia Austin, and was preceded in death by his brother Melvin S. Austin Jr.

He was a graduate of Cape Hatteras High School where he went on to join the Air Force and retire as a Technical Sergeant. It was during this time while stationed at Hunter Air Force Base in Savannah Georgia he began dating Mary Lorraine Sims who he would then marry on July 3, 1963. He would live the next 51 years of his life with her faithfully by his side.

Upon retirement from the Air Force he continued to complete 2 Associates Degrees from Horry Georgetown Technical College. He worked locally the next 20 years as a Food and Beverage Director which included 12 years at the Sea Mist Resort.

He is survived by his faithful wife, Mary Lorraine, his sisters Alice Austin Chadwick, and Rosa Austin Sale. His 2 devoted children Robert Michael Austin, and Danielle Shelise Austin Simpson along with his 5 loving grandchildren, Michael Alexander Austin, Payton Nicole Austin, Savannah Raine Simpson, Kaleb Scott Simpson, and Irie Elise Simpson.

His abundant humor, wit and optimism was contagious. He will be greatly

missed but never forgotten.

A funeral service will be held 3:00 PM, Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Saturday, May 17, 2014 and 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Sunday, May 18, 2014. Interment, with military honors, will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery following the service.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

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

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
(843) 651-3295
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAY 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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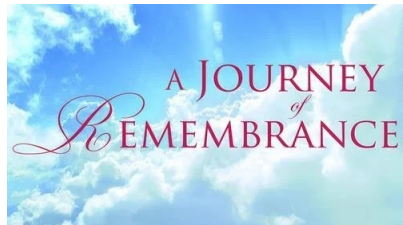
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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Earl Austin



Goldfinch Funeral Home - May 16, 2014 at 03:25 PM

BS

“ I just found out that Bob passed 8 years ago. I served with Bob for the first three years of his Air Force career at Hunter AFB in Savannah and also at Anderson AFB in Guam. We were very close friends and I lost contact with him when we returned from Guam in 1963. I didn't think he would be a career Air Force man when we left Guam because we talked about the future. Neither one of use thought we would re-enlist but apparently Bob did and made a very good military career and a very impressive life after retirement. I tried several times over the years to contact him to make a connection but was never successful. I kept focusing on Cape Hatteras where I knew he was born & lived but I could never make a connection. I would have loved to spend a few days with Bob when we were adults. I've never seen nor heard from him after 1963 but thought of him many, many times over the years. He and I shared the same type of free spirit. May his soul rest in eternal peace. He was a wonderful friend and overall great person.

Barry R. Smith - May 09, 2022 at 10:41 PM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - May 28, 2014 at 12:54 PM

WU

“ RIP Airman !!!!



Wayne Williams - USMC - May 20, 2014 at 09:15 AM

JS

“ Dear Lorraine and family,
I worked with Bob for 12 years at Sea Mist Resort. I recently retired and was unaware of his passing until today when a mutual friend let me know. He was a wonderful friend and always had a smile for everyone he came in contact with. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jean Shadron

Jean Shadron - May 19, 2014 at 12:19 PM

TK

“ Miss Lorraine. ..i am so sorry for your loss. I hope wonderful memories can ease your grief. My prayers are with you and your family.

Tracy kujawa - May 17, 2014 at 07:47 PM

LT

“ Lorraine we are so saddened by your loss, Bob was a good man and he will be missed. Prayers for your beautiful family.

Leslie Thomas - May 17, 2014 at 07:22 PM

JC

“ Lorraine, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family have my deepest condolences and will be in my thoughts and prayers.

- Joshua Cline

Joshua Cline - May 17, 2014 at 07:18 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Austin.



May 17, 2014 at 10:18 AM

GS

“ Lorraine, I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. I am here if you every need anything. Warm, positive, loving thought go out to you and your family.

Greg Stegall
Time Warner Cable Corporate

Greg Stegall - May 17, 2014 at 08:28 AM

DW

“ Lorraine,

I am keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Doris Walker

Doris Walker - May 16, 2014 at 07:34 PM

JP

“ Lorraine,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jan Palmer

Jan Palmer - May 16, 2014 at 05:16 PM