



Dr. Robert S. Avery

December 26, 1929 - November 30, 2021

Entered into eternal rest on November 30, 2021, Robert S. Avery of Murrells Inlet, formerly of Hamden, CT, passed quietly at his home after a long illness. Bob is survived by his wife, Jerrie Avery, her children, and grandchildren, and his children, Stephen (Kathy), Richard (Mark) and Maureen Avery Carroll (Bob). Bob was predeceased by his first wife, Jeanne B. Avery, and his sons, James Robert and R. Kevin Avery. He is also predeceased by his parents, his sister, Berniece Eckels, and brothers George and Edward Avery. He is survived by his brother, golf partner and dear friend, Raymond Avery (Bunny), his beloved grandchildren Corey Arnao (Danny), Elizabeth Carroll, Megan Carroll, Matthew Carroll, Patrick Avery, Connor Avery, many cherished nieces and nephews, and his new great grandson, Mac James Arnao.

Born on December 26, 1929, Bob was a lifelong resident of Hamden, CT prior to relocating to Myrtle Beach, where he met his current wife, Jerrie. The youngest of five children born to George D. Avery and Veronica Boland Avery, Bob was born and raised in Hamden, CT, where he dedicated his life to public and community service. Bob first attended college at Brown University before transferring to the New Haven State Teachers College to pursue his passion for history and education. While student teaching, he met his first wife, Jeanne. Together they created a family of five children who shared fond memories of family vacations on Cape Cod and of summers at Indian Cove in Guilford, CT. Bob earned his Master's in

Education from Fairfield University, and his Ph.D from the University of Connecticut. He served on various state, national and international commissions focused on developing and implementing programs for Talented and Gifted children. Throughout his life, Bob served the Hamden community with a deep sense of commitment. Over the course of his career he worked as an elementary and junior high school teacher, school administrator, and finally served as Executive Director of the Hamden-New Haven Cooperative Education Center until his retirement in 1984, developing innovative programs to support migrant student education, talented and gifted education, ethnic arts education and a variety of pilot programs to meet current educational trends and needs. Bob's spirit of community involvement included many years of affiliation with the Civitan Club, serving as its first president, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, where he served as Exalted Ruler, the Knights of St. Patrick and the American Legion. An avid sports enthusiast, Bob was a lifelong, diehard Red Sox fan. Trips to Fenway Park were special events. Bob was a good athlete, played hockey in high school and college, coached hockey for Hamden youth and was a regular fixture at local golf courses throughout his life. Upon his retirement from public education, Bob and his brother

Ray assumed management of the Meadowbrook Golf Course, a course he and his brothers played as a foursome from childhood to adulthood. Later in life Bob developed an interest in genealogy, tirelessly researching the history of the Avery and Boland family lines. His passion took him on many trips to historical societies, halls of records, and several trips to Ireland where he was able to locate and connect with distant relatives still living in Ireland. He was proud of his heritage and loved learning about his family history.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Parkinson's research, St. Jude's Hospital, or Hospice Care. The Avery family extends deepest thanks to his care providers, his wife Jerrie, and the Loomis family for their care of and devotion to our father.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Mr. Avery was a guy who I always admired. He will be missed. We send our condolences to you all.*

Joan Robinson - December 11, 2021 at 12:08 PM

RR

“ *Dear Steve, Richard & Maureen - Bill & I have such wonderful memories of your father and mother and the many happy times we spent with them & the McNabolas - especially at Saratoga in August or Saturday nights at the Elks in New Haven. Bob & Bill worked very hard together for the children of Hamden which your father always put first. We will never forget how he always showed up at our back door on Santa Fe Ave on Christmas Eve dressed as Santa Claus for our youngest/Christopher until Chris informed us all one year that he knew that Santa was Dr. Avery. We send our hearts & prayers to you all & we will miss him always - Romola Riley*

Romola A Riley - December 05, 2021 at 05:19 PM

IE

“ *Iris Emery lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert S. Avery*



Iris Emery - December 05, 2021 at 03:49 PM

JM

“ Dr. Avery was my Principal when I went to the Cooperative High School in the early 1980s. Because we had a small student population it was easier to get to know him personally and not view him as an authority figure. Truth be told we tested him a lot. He was a fair to us and took good care of us. My fondest memory was a student ski trip to Mt. Southington. It was my first time skiing and I wiped out a lot that night. When we were all got on the bus to leave Dr. Avery got up voted me the most “snow covered student”. The whole bus roared with laughter. It was a lot of fun!

Rest In Peace Dr. Avery. You did a great job.

My heartfelt condolences to the Avery Family.

Jim Martin

Jim Martin - December 04, 2021 at 12:03 PM

JB

“ Such a huge loss. Dr. Avery was a kind man and he will be greatly missed.

~ Jan Bauer

Cooperative High School

Class of 1984

jan Bauer - December 04, 2021 at 10:13 AM

CO

“ So many great memories of Bob’s commitment to innovative approaches to serving children of all ages. His great sense of humor and spirit will always be remembered. It was a joy to work beside him. My love and condolence to the family. -Chris Ohlman

Chris Ohlman - December 03, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert S. Avery.*



December 03, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Dr. Avery's contribution to the students at Hamden Public Schools has been invaluable. He provided the keynote address at a Hamden Transition Academy graduation. His words and kindness resonated with all who heard him.*

Rich, on behalf of your Hamden Transition Academy family, we send you our deepest condolences and prayers.

Hamden Transition Academy Family and Friends

Valarie Coppola - December 03, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *David, Alison, Connor & Maura purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Dr. Robert S. Avery.*



David, Alison, Connor & Maura - December 03, 2021 at 09:54 AM

NF

“ Sending my condolences to Bob’s family and friends. A great supporter of our youth hockey games, and an icon of Spring Glen. May he rest in piece now and you know he’s hanging with his friends that’s have passed before him, the three amigos! His memory and legacy will live on forever in your hearts, memories and stories passed on through generations. God bless you all!

Nora O’Keefe and family - December 02, 2021 at 07:05 PM

SB

“ A wonderful and thoughtful man. He used to pick up mt daughter Judy as she walked on Whitney Avenue to school... it was a cold walk and he was such a kind gentleman!!

Sue Brenckle - December 02, 2021 at 04:04 PM

LE

“ Lenore lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert S. Avery



Lenore - December 02, 2021 at 03:22 PM

JR

“ Rest in peace my friend. We'll miss your smile and your quick wit! Hugs and prayers to Jerri and the Avery family. Been a long road but you're in a much better place! Lighting a red candle for that big red sox fan in heaven! Love and miss you Bob! Until we meet again!



Jan and John Rohner
Leesville SC

jan rohner - December 02, 2021 at 11:52 AM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with family and friends at this time. Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - December 02, 2021 at 11:31 AM

LD

“ Laura D lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert S. Avery



Laura D - December 02, 2021 at 10:06 AM

CA

“ My condolences to the entire Avery Clan especially Maureen Carroll!! I had the pleasure of working for Bob at Meadowbrook Golf Course and we had many laughs with Ray and the gang that played there!! RIP🍀

Chip Atzbach - December 02, 2021 at 08:09 AM

Mike Devine

“ Mike Devine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Robert S. Avery.



Mike Devine - December 01, 2021 at 11:41 PM

Mike Devine

“ Avery family, my sincere condolences to you all. I clearly remember your father from Dorrance Street, Meadowbrook, from the Hamden Cooperative Center back in 1969. From all over Hamden actually. A great man, a legend in Hamden for sure. God bless him and RIP.



Mike Devine - December 01, 2021 at 11:35 PM

SM

“ Mr Avery - a gentleman and scholar . To Jerrie and the Avery Family , especially my niece Corey - our sincere condolences on this tremendous loss . May his sweet soul RIP . Sheila McDonough and Lou Bernardo

Sheila McDonough - December 01, 2021 at 07:05 PM