



Robert "Bob" Franklin Childs III

August 2, 1940 - May 30, 2025

Robert "Bob" F. Childs, III age 84 of Surfside Beach passed away on Friday, May 30, 2025 at his residence.

Born in Washington DC, he was a son of the late Robert F. Childs II and Mary Kowalsky Childs.

He retired after 37 years of service on Capitol Hill. His government career began in 1960 in the electrical engineering department under the Architect of the Capitol, working on the inauguration of President Kennedy. In 1961, he assisted in wiring the House for sound. In 1970, he worked on the Senate's very first sound system, and in 1973, he became the supervisor for the sound systems of both Chambers. He had overall supervisory responsibility in the House for its operations and for the TV lighting in the Chamber during all joint sessions. During the 105th Session of Congress in 1998, a tribute was paid to him on the occasion of his retirement, House Majority Leader Armev stated:

"His eagerness to share his knowledge, combined with the skill and integrity always present in carrying out his duties, leaves us at a loss on many levels. He can easily be classified as a resource, and we know all too well that a resource is rarely appreciated until it is no longer available. But in Bob's case, we want to let him know how much he has meant to us in this institution and to convey our thanks for a job well done for 37 years."

Bob was the Mayor of Surfside Beach from 2016-2020 and served on the Surfside Beach Town Council from 2008 - 2012 and again 2014 - 2016.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Horry County Council on Aging and the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments since 2014, where he was the treasurer and served on the personnel committee as well as the audit and finance committee.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Nancy Yount Childs, and a brother, Dwight Childs.

Surviving are his two daughters, Jennifer Childs and Christa Childs, and his son, James Childs. His sister, Juanita Childs Braun, also survives.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Robert's name to the National Kidney Foundation at: <https://support.kidney.org>

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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The family will meet friends and relatives at the funeral home following the service

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Robert "Bob" Franklin Childs III*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - June 23, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Franklin Childs III.*



June 16, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Robert, you will be deeply missed by your family and many friends. You will always be deeply loved. You were a great brother and I appreciate all you did for me growing up.*

Juanita Childs Braun - June 13, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Uncle Robert, you will be missed. I enjoyed your visits and our conversations. Our prayers and thoughts to the family.*

Christian Braun - June 10, 2025 at 11:26 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Franklin Childs III.*



June 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *We have been friends with Robert since our teen years in Rockville, Md. Our memories include times spent with his and our family as well as the many friendships we shared. Robert was more like a brother to us both and will be truly missed. Our weekly phone conversations always cheered us and kept an open life line to the past. The memories will always keep a smile on our face and a warm space in our hearts. Love to all who knew Robert and shared his friendship. Cele and Bob Khuen*

Hinda C Khuen - June 06, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May fond memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.*
Isaiah 41:10

Kathryn - June 06, 2025 at 03:32 PM