



## Robert Knox Fortson

July 25, 1942 - August 20, 2020

Conway....

Robert "Bob" Knox Fortson, age 78, passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Mr. Fortson was born July 25, 1942 in Columbia, South Carolina, a son of the late Thomas Nelson Fortson, Sr. and Juddie Chaplin Knox Fortson. He attended the University of South Carolina, where he met his wife of 54 years, who loved him dearly. Mr. Fortson was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. He was a member of the USC Gamecock Club, Horry County Gamecock Club Board of Directors, Horseshoe Society, Garnet Society, and a lifetime member of the USC Alumni Association. Mr. Fortson was honored as a Legendary Fan of the Game. His great love for the University of South Carolina was instilled by his parents and he continued the tradition with his children and grandchildren.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and conservationist; he was very active with Ducks Unlimited and SC Wildlife Association and devoted many years of service to both organizations. As an avid shag dancer, he and his wife enjoyed many years as members of the South Strand Shag Club, where they made lifelong friendships. Mr. Fortson devoted his life to his family, supporting his children in all their activities, leaving a legacy of the importance of love and

family. He will be greatly missed.

Along with his parents, Mr. Fortson was predeceased by a sister, Carolyn Fortson Courtney, and brother in law, Dr. Lollice Bradford Courtney.

Surviving are his wife, Lana Elizabeth Talbert Fortson; three children, Kellah Fortson Webster (David), Bryn Fortson Ginn (Bret) and Robert Gage Fortson; six grandchildren, Nicholas Ian Webster, Robert Bret Ginn, Jr., Lana Craven Ginn, Lillian "Lilly" Chaplin Ginn, Robert Gage Fortson, Jr., and Cicely Grace Fortson; one brother, Thomas "Tommy" Nelson Fortson, Jr. (Pat); and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services with Military Honors will be held at 3:00 PM Sunday, August 23, 2020 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Rev. Tresco Shannon and Rev. Carl Hunsucker officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be sent to Help4Kids Backpack Buddies, 2523 Forestbrook Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

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“ I know I am sending this out late. But I just got around finding out Bobby pasting away.  
In the State Newspaper. I remember Bobby at Dreher High School. He was one of  
Our Class of 1960 , Then we saw each other again, 89th Rifle Company, with the Marine  
Corp, Semper FI. ( Always faithful ) We will miss him. I keep the Family in my prayers,

William Ouzts - August 26, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Knox Fortson.



August 24, 2020 at 06:32 PM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Marine !!!  
Semper Fi  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - August 24, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Robert Knox Fortson.*



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August 23, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *I am thinking of y'all, and sending you so much love! Bob had a personality bigger than life. He filled every room he was in with such love and joy! I'm sure he is shaggin away in heaven❤️.*

*xo- Jenna*

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**Jenna Brown** - August 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing...I'm sure he will be missed by so many. I will always remember my days at the Carriage House and when I catered at The Riverside club, seeing his smiling face and hearing his stories. Prayers to all that loved him that you may find comfort in your great memories with him and knowing he has found peace in the comfort of God's love. Sandra Mazingo-Niles*

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**Sandra Sandra Mazingo-Niles** - August 23, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *Rocky and I are very sad and sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lynne and Rocky Branham** - August 22, 2020 at 06:05 PM

RJ

“ Cherished memories dancing always close to our hearts.  
Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Lana and family.

*Rick & Linda Jordan*

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**Rick & Linda Jordan** - August 22, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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“ *Fran Lewis lit a candle in memory of Robert Knox Fortson*



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**Fran Lewis** - August 22, 2020 at 01:33 PM

TG

“ *Bob Fortson, a good man and great American, will be well remembered. We offer our condolences.*

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**Ted & Connie Gragg** - August 22, 2020 at 12:01 PM

PM

“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. We will be keeping y'all in our thoughts and prayers* ❤️

*Marion and Patty McRoy*



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**Patty Mcroy** - August 22, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Knox Fortson.



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August 22, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Lana, I am thinking of you, your kids and your grandkids today. Just know that I will be there Sunday in spirit. I wish I could go to the service in person; however, due to the pandemic, I am not traveling yet. You and Bobby were a great couple, and loved each other so much. I am praying for all of you. Love, Nancy McEwen

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**Nancy McEwen** - August 22, 2020 at 10:22 AM



Lana all of us who grew up with Bobby are thinking of you and the kids and grandchildren He left a great legacy and I am grateful to have known the Fortson family growing up in Columbia. Lloyd Hendricks

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**Lloyd Hendricks** - August 22, 2020 at 01:13 PM



Thinking of you all with heart felt sympathy. So very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers. Harriet Hearl

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**HARRIET RAMSEUR HEARL** - August 23, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Lana and family, so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. In my opinion he was a man's man. A real hero who left a great legacy. Emma Lou and I will have you and you family in our prayers as you go through these difficult days. Jimmy Johnson

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**Jimmy Johnson** - August 22, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *Button Boyd lit a candle in memory of Robert Knox Fortson*



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**Button Boyd** - August 22, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Knox Fortson.*



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August 22, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Knox Fortson.*



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August 22, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ *My sweet Kellah and family: I am so sad for y'all and want you to know I am thinking of you and have you in my prayers and heart. I will be with you in spirit on Sunday. Much love and sympathy, Ann Forrest Watkins aka Shugar.*

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**ann forrest watkins** - August 22, 2020 at 03:08 AM

PF

“ *Paula Finley lit a candle in memory of Robert Knox Fortson*



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**Paula Finley** - August 22, 2020 at 12:36 AM

BJ

“ *Bob Joyner lit a candle in memory of Robert Knox Fortson*



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**Bob Joyner** - August 21, 2020 at 10:58 PM