



## Robert E. Maxwell, Sr.

July 12, 2009

Conway, SC-Retired Fire Chief Robert E. "Bob" Maxwell, age 68, husband of 25 years to Marilyn Louise Hucks Maxwell passed away July 12, 2009 at Conway Medical Center. Mr. Maxwell was born in N. Charleston, SC, the son of the late Elmer and Essie Carter Maxwell. He came to Horry County in 1966 as a member of the South Carolina Highway Patrol where he distinguished himself as a tough, but understanding Law Enforcement Officer. He became the first Fire Chief for Horry County in 1978. His primary responsibility was to implement a fire protection program for the unincorporated areas of Horry County. He was instrumental in the planning of the present Horry County Fire Department. In 1985, Mr. Maxwell became the Fire Chief for the city of N. Charleston. During his time in Horry County, his involvement in community affairs consisted of his serving in the Jaycees as President in 1969 and holding state offices with the state organization. He was active in youth baseball and football with the Conway Recreation Department. He has been the chairman of the Conway Christmas Parade for more than 20 years. Mr. Maxwell graduated from Coastal Carolina with a degree in Criminal Justice and Public Administration. He graduated from numerous schools which includes the National Fire Academy, the University of Maryland, the University of Georgia and the South Carolina Police Academy, as well as the South Carolina Fire Academy. He was a past president of the South Carolina Fire Chief Association and up until his death was an active life member of the South Carolina Fire Chief's Association, the South Eastern Fire Chief's

Association as well as the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He was a member of the South Carolina Firemen's Association and a past member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officer's Association. He was honored with numerous awards and citations in his career of distinguished service to public safety. He received the 1st. Annual Fritz Turner Award recognizing his achievements as Fire Chief of the Year by the South Carolina Fire Chief's Association. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the S.C. Fireman's Association, as well as being given the Distinguished Citizenship Award by the South Carolina's Fireman's Association. He was a Mason belonging to Hammerton Lodge #332 in North Charleston, a 32nd. Degree member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner in Omar Temple at Mount Pleasant, SC. He was active in the Shrine as a member of the Provost Guard Unit in Florence and a member of the Waccamaw Shrine Club. Surviving are his wife Marilyn Hucks Maxwell of Conway. One son, Robert E. Maxwell, II (granddaughters Emily and Jennifer, one great-grandson Robert Keaton) of Conway, 2 adopted grandsons, William Austin and Joseph Bradford Maxwell of Conway. 2 stepdaughters, Daphne Fullilove (granddaughters Elizabeth and Chelsae) of Goosecreek and Tammy (Tommy) Burger (granddaughters Amber, LeAnna and Allison) of Conway, 1 stepson, James C. Hearl, Jr. of Columbia, SC, and sister, Priscilla Maxwell of Summerville. Mr. Maxwell was preceded in death by parents and his first wife, Sybil Benford Maxwell. Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Thursday at North Conway Baptist Church with Reverend Bobby Johnson and Monsignor Joseph Roth officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 8:00 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605. Online guestbook may be signed at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ I remember taking Mr. Bob's groceries out some 35 years ago at Lauries IGA. He, Robbie, and his Mom were frequent shoppers and everyone would speak to Mr. Bob. He could be sharply dressed, with strict speech as a patrolman, or laid back in shorts and a T-shirt, very casual, and joking. He was always friendly person. My sympathy to all of his family.##imported-begin##Robert Ford##imported-end##

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July 27, 2009 at 08:09 AM



“ Just got the notice of Bob's passing 7-19-2009. Sorry for your loss and my prayers sre with you.##imported-begin##Jackie Sten Poplin##imported-end##

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July 18, 2009 at 11:02 AM



“ Mr.Maxwell was a very loved man and a well respected man.He did so much for this county and especially the fire service. If it was not for him starting the first horry county wide fire department i may not have gotten my start as a firefighter with Horry County. Mr. Maxwell will be dearly missed and all of my sympathy goes out to his family. Jason Sellers HCFR##imported-begin##Jason Sellers##imported-end##

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July 16, 2009 at 09:34 PM



“ *Saddened to hear about the death of Bobby. I have a lot of fond memories when I spent visiting during the summer as a kid when Bobby's father Elmer was fire chief in North Charleston. Bobby and his father were dedicated fireman. My prayers are with you and your loved ones during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ann Lyons Nettles##imported-end##*

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July 15, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ *Bob, you will always be the chief of the Horry County Fire Department. You worked hard to get new stations and never failed to get an engine to back up any medic call we needed help with. Not a lot left who worked with you and remember your fights with county council. 10-42 Chief Maxwell##imported-begin##Christopher Clagg##imported-end##*

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July 15, 2009 at 06:17 PM



“ *Mrs Maxwell, I am so sorry to hear about "The Chief" I sure do miss you and him coming by the station to see me. He was a great man and he will be missed by many. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything that we can do for you.##imported-begin##Chief Ben Waring, Pine Ridge Fire Dept##imported-end##*

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July 15, 2009 at 05:01 PM



“ *I think of the "Chief" everyday; especially when I'm at work. He first hired me into the fire service and for that, I am very thankful. He was a great man and we will all miss him!! Billy##imported-begin##William Callahan##imported-end##*

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July 15, 2009 at 03:40 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Bobby but I appreciate his concern for others and his desire to make a contribution to his family and friends and his community. May all of you know that you are in my prayers during this sad time. Take care. Martha C. Knight###imported-begin##Martha Knight###imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 01:54 PM



“ Robbie, My deepest sympathy for the loss of your Father. When I transferred back to Horry County, he helped to familiarize me with my duties as a member of the SC Highway Patrol. He did his job well and was liked very much by his peers. May God grant you peace and comfort during the days ahead. Trp 1/C W. E. "Ed" Thompson SC Highway Patrol (retired)###imported-begin##W. E. "Ed" Thompson###imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 12:47 PM



“ Dear Marilyn and family, Joel and I are so saddened to learn of Bobby's illness and death. He did so much during his life and is well-remembered for his contribution to our City of North Charleston and of his life here. We are remembering you all in our thoughts and Prayers. Joel and Gayle Frampton Joel (1955 Class at NCHS) Gayle (1956 Class at NCHS)###imported-begin##Joel and Gayle Frampton###imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 10:47 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Maxwell's passing. He served on the Highway Patrol with my dad Mac McLaurin. Daddy always spoke highly of him.##imported-begin##Barbara (Bobbie McLaurin) Graham##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 06:37 PM



“ My parents, Fire Chief S.E. "Tubby" and Ruebelle Hendrick dearly loved Bob. Bob was truly a dedicated serviceman to all firefighters. He was a attribute in every facet of firefighting and exemplary as being chief. Heaven now holds another great chief. Oh, the stories that Tubby and Bob will have to tell each other. God bless Marilyn and Robby. May the Lord give them strength and courage to endure this great loss. Love in Christ, Ruebelle J. Hendrick, Deborah Britton, Chris Britton##imported-begin##Deborah Jackson Britton##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 05:34 PM



“ I have known Bob for many years as most of the NoChas students did. Bob and I had Ms. Everett in bookeeping and both of us struggled except he was better at it than I. He was such an asset in our community as well as his father. I am sure you will miss him Marilyn as I lost my husband and sole-mate in Nov. It is not easy but with God's help, you will find peace. Patsy Wood Yackamouih##imported-begin##Patsy Wood Yackamouih##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 04:56 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Bobby contributed so much to his City and friends. Enjoyed always being around him.##imported-begin##Tony and Pat Martin##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ I was a childhood friend of Bobby's on Park Road in North Charleston in the 1940's when his father was the fire chief of old North Charleston. We spent a lot of time together. I am very sorry to hear this news about his passing. Jack Young##imported-begin##Jack Young##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 12:55 PM



“ No amount of words will ever be enough comfort for the loss of a loved one. We hope that you find peace and strength during this difficult time. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Beth Mayner Richardson##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 12:55 PM



“ I was LT Bobby Maxwell's engineer on Engine 15 out of Remound Road during the early 60's. I can still hear Bobby saying, in his most excited voice, 15 is 10-8, as we departed the station on a fire call. Good-By Lieutenant, rest well Brother Maxwell.##imported-begin##Jerry Banegas##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ Wow, Bobby really made his mark in public safety! Like Brooke, I hadn't seen him in many years, but it's sad to lose him. May he rest in peace forever!##imported-begin##Harold Padgett##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 11:47 AM



“ Thanks to Bob we have a sketch of OUR high school. What a good man.. Linda and Thomas Faber##imported-begin##Linda Miller Faber##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 10:29 AM



“ I enjoyed knowing Bob over many years. He was a great guy, and a good friend.##imported-begin##Carlyle Singletary##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 09:39 AM



“ With Deepest Sympathy, John Onorato##imported-begin##John S. Onorato##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 08:42 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My sympathy is extended to Marilyn and to his entire family. My memories of "Bobby" and his family go back to North Charleston from 1st grade through North Charleston High School. It is sad to lose a friend, even though I have only seen him a few times in the past fifty years.Sincerely,Brooke##imported-begin##Brooke Boroughs Ertel##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 07:05 AM