



## Robert Lee Rabon

September 4, 1950 - November 13, 2020

Aynor...

Robert Lee Rabon, age 70, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, November 13, 2020.

Born September 4, 1950 in Conway, he was the son of the late Empie Bart and Mandie Gasque Rabon. Robert was a life-long resident of Horry County and a graduate of Aynor High School and attended Coastal Carolina University, which he later served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1998 to 2009. He also served on the Horry County Higher Education Commission from 1986 to 1998. As campaign chairman of the Penny Local Option Sales Tax benefiting building projects for Horry County Schools, Horry-Georgetown Technical College and CCU, Robert has significantly advanced the cause of education in the county over the past decade.

Robert became a licensed insurance broker and a real estate broker in 1976. He established Rabon's Housing Center in 1979, the same year he began serving on the Horry County Council. Robert has dedicated many years of his life to the Horry County Republican Party, serving as county chairman of the party from 2005 to 2011 and again from 2013 to 2017. As chairman, he helped organize the county's first presidential debate in 2008, an event that brought notable recognition to the area. He has owned Associated Realty

since 2006.

Robert has also served in the Aynor Lions Club, Conway Rotary Club, S.C. Manufactured Housing Board, Highway 31 Task Force, Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation, United Carolina Bank Board, and the Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors.

Robert was a self-made man. He was born the son of a sharecropper, and he worked tirelessly to make a difference in this world. He was a community servant. He loved God, his family, and his country. He wanted to make this world a better place for his family and community. He served as a Sunday School teacher for many, many years. He loved spending time with his family on vacations and always made time for people and his friends.

His favorite phrase was "Call the World and Tell Them I'm Coming"

Robert was a member of Conway Church of God. He was a loving father and Poppy, who will be missed dearly.

Along with his parents, Robert was predeceased by a brother, Jack Rabon and four sisters, Nina Lee Dew, Melva Dean Gore, Letha Ard, and Wilma Lee Chestnut.

Surviving are his four children, Amanda Rabon, Sherrie Brown (Joe), Robin Niederwerfer (Jon), and Seth Rabon; nine grandchildren, Alayna Mincey, Gabe Brown, Mallorie Brown, McCallie Brown, Emma Niederwerfer, Ben Niederwerfer, Paylen Rabon, Chloe Rabon, and Dawson Rabon; three sisters, Vila Ree Stevens (Wade), Marie Dew, and Wanda Rabon; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Monday, November 16, 2020 at

Conway Church of God with Rev. Stuart Jacobs and Rev. Buddy Seay officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday evening from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to Conway Church of God, Building Fund, PO Box 879, Conway, SC 29528 or The Horry County Republican Party, P.O. Box 50662 Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Conway Church of God  
3111 Cultra Road  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Mr. Robert will surely be missed! Praying for you all and love you.*

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**Tabitha** - December 01, 2020 at 07:50 PM

DC

“ *Robert was such a dear man. So many good memories with the HCRP. I ran in to Robert at our DAR event. I hadn't seen him in ages. His granddaughter was being honored and he was so proud. He was beaming. Prayers for the family.*

*Deanna Cochran*

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**Deanna Cochran** - November 18, 2020 at 09:34 AM

BJ

“ *We will miss him Dearly ! Our Prayers are with the Family during this difficult time. Always remember, God will take care of all.*

*Susan and Biff Johnson  
Loris, S.C.*



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**Biff and Susan Johnson** - November 17, 2020 at 04:48 PM

LO

“ *TO all the family,  
So sorry for your loss!! I feel like I know you all because he talked very highly of all of you. He was very proud of God and his family. He came by my home and as always gave me compliments. Always told me how young I looked and if I dye my hair I'd looked even younger. .And I told him my arms got tired so I quit.. And he told me {now as sick as he was} that he'd come and do for me... I'm going to miss him!!! He was truly a great friend!!  
Sorry I couldn't be with y'all in body but my spirit was and still is with all..*

*Laurice Owens*

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**Laurice Owens** - November 17, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ *Frankie Royals lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon*



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**Frankie Royals** - November 16, 2020 at 08:10 PM

CP

“ Robert Rabon was a dear friend and mentor, an astute counselor, a wise confidant, who understood politics in Horry County and South Carolina inside and out. He loved his family and his church. He wanted every child to fulfill his/her potential, be the best each could be. His eyes would light up whenever he spoke of his children or grandchildren.

Clark first met Robert in 1972 after Clark's graduation from Aynor HS. Robert was at Coastal before we got there and already a power house on campus! Everyone wanted to be Robert's friend. He expected the best of each of us. Robert & Clark worked closely together on the Horry County Higher Education Commission and the CCU Board of Trustees. Robert was so proud his honorary degree from Coastal Carolina! He helped Clark with his campaigns in 2010 and 2020. Robert knew everyone!

We will miss Robert's droll sense of humor, his puns and his understanding of both sides of any situation. His Homegoing will leave a huge hole in our lives.

Love from Clark & Marcia Parker, and all of the Parker family

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**Clark & Marcia Parker** - November 16, 2020 at 02:10 PM

JO

“ Prayers and love to you all. Joann Larrimore Radcliffe and family

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**joann** - November 16, 2020 at 01:45 PM

DL

“ Amanda, Sherrie, Robin & Seth,  
My heart is breaking for you and your whole family. I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I truly loved Uncle Robert. He was a very special, loving and sweet person. I will miss him so much. Please know y'all are all in our thoughts and prayers since we can't mourn with you in person. May the Lord bless you all and keep his loving arms around all of you tight through this heartbreaking time.  
We Love you all, Denise and Keith Lundy



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Denise Lundy - November 16, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.



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November 16, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.



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November 16, 2020 at 10:43 AM

BR

“ *Brittney lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon*



Brittney - November 16, 2020 at 10:19 AM

SM

“ *Sue McClellan lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon*



Sue McClellan - November 16, 2020 at 09:03 AM

SM

*Our love and prayers go out to all of you.*

Sue McClellan - November 16, 2020 at 09:09 AM

NH

“ *Nan Cartrette Hucks lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon*



Nan Cartrette Hucks - November 16, 2020 at 12:27 AM

NH

*So sorry for the loss of ur dad and granddad.and sisters Robert was a friend of everyone he met. He will be dearly missed. Y'all r n my thought and prayers .. 🙏*

Nan Cartrette Hucks - November 16, 2020 at 12:31 AM

DR

“ My heart goes out to the family of Mr Rabon. He was truly a kind man. I had the honor of caring for him while he was in the hospital and we had a chance to sit and chat for a little while. He told me how much he loved his children and grandchildren. He said his most cherished gift on this earth was his family. He was so happy to get homemade food sent to him by his daughters because "no offense, but hospital food was just too bland and tasteless. " He had lasagna that evening and ate all but one or two bites.

The family will be in my prayers to help you through this heartbreaking time. You guys were loved so much by him that his cup truly did run over. May God bless you all and May he keep his loving arms around all of you tight through this most difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Roberts

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**Debbie Roberts** - November 16, 2020 at 12:26 AM

KH

“ To, Robert's children and grands, I am so very sorry for your loss. I have know your Dad, since we were children. And I considered him a friend.

He came up, like me a sharecroppers child and he made something of himself, and he left you all a legacy, to follow.

I saw him not to long ago at Wal-Mart and we had a good little conversation.

He looked pale and a little peak-ed.

Again, I want you to know, how so very sorry I am for you all and all, including myself, who considered him a friend.



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**Katie Harrelson** - November 15, 2020 at 08:29 PM

NH

*So sorry about Robert he was a good friend and would help you if you needed him*

**Nadine Hyman** - November 15, 2020 at 09:43 PM

BC

“ *Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers*



**Bud & Louise Cartrette** - November 15, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.*



November 15, 2020 at 05:04 PM

HL

“ *Carla and I were saddened on the loss of Rob. Rob and I worked closely together as the Advisory Board for Myrtle Beach Economic Development Corp. He was simply amazing in his community knowledge and ability to help us create new jobs. Likewise in my past job as business dean at Coastal Carolina University, Rob as a Trustee led the effort to successfully get the sales tax covering building expansion at CCU which is a monument to his dedication to the university and higher education for Horry County citizens. His work as head of the Republican Party had no peer. He was a good friend to all and contributions to this community long lasting in the future. We will miss him dearly.*

*Henry Lowenstein, PhD  
Carla F. Grabert-Lowenstein, Esq.  
November 15, 2020*

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**Henry and Carla Lowenstein** - November 15, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.*



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November 15, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Praying for the entire family during this most difficult time. May our Lord and Savior hold you close.*



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**Glenda Johnson** - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM

SE

“ Amanda, Sherrie, Robin, and Seth

*Please know we have years of memories with Robert!!*

*Please know y'all are in our thoughts and prayers, since we can't mourn with you in person---but we are with you in our thoughts!*

*We Love you all!*



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**Shirley Edwards** - November 15, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ Tammy Todd lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon



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**Tammy Todd** - November 15, 2020 at 11:16 AM

JS

“ Robin and family, so sorry for the demise of Mr. Robert! What a wonderful gentleman he was, he will be missed by many! Please know that we are praying for all during this difficult time! With love, Judy Cannon Singleton and Lyndsi Michelle Cannon



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**Judy Singleton** - November 15, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.*



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November 15, 2020 at 07:26 AM



“ *Sherrill Andrew lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon*



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**Sherrill Andrew** - November 14, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.*



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November 14, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ *Sherrie, Amanda, Robin & Seth,*

*We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing - Will be praying for you all <3*

*Love,  
Gregory and Annie Johnson and family*

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**Annie Johnson** - November 14, 2020 at 10:36 PM

AD

“ We are praying for you all! We Love you all!  
May God Bless you all! The Dew Family!



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**Anthony Dew** - November 14, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for  
the family of Robert Lee Rabon.



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November 14, 2020 at 08:15 PM

LJ

“ So sorry to hear of Roberts passing! Lester and I have you all in our  
prayers. Robert will be truly missed by many!

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**LINDA & LESTER JOHNSON** - November 14, 2020 at 07:54 PM

SM

“ Sherrie, so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. May God  
provide comfort during this most difficult time.

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**Susan Mayer** - November 14, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the family. Prayers and love for the Family.*



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**Linda Sue Hipp** - November 14, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *I am very sorry to here of Mr. Robert's passing. Prayers and condolences to the family.*

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**Gregory Johnson** - November 14, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *G L Peterson lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon*



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**G L Peterson** - November 14, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *I met Robert through the Horry County Republican Women's Club and was at several events with him. He was a dynamic speaker and caring person. He was so very friendly to us newcomers. I am so very sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Karen Maddry** - November 14, 2020 at 06:31 PM

EJ

“ Edward Jordan lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon



Edward Jordan - November 14, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.



November 14, 2020 at 04:30 PM

PA

“ Patsy lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon



Patsy - November 14, 2020 at 03:28 PM

DS

“ Dianne Strickland lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon



Dianne Strickland - November 14, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rabon.* ”



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November 14, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *Robin Graham lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rabon* ”



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**Robin Graham** - November 14, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *My condolences to the family!* ”



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**Brittie Johnson** - November 14, 2020 at 01:49 PM