



Robert Charles Tiller

July 29, 1966 - June 15, 2025

Bob Tiller will forever be a part of Pawleys Island. He cherished the beauty of the Lowcountry—the water, the salt air, the relaxed pace of life—but most of all, he loved sitting on the beach with the sun warming his skin and the sound of waves rolling in the background. His gentle demeanor and easygoing spirit made people feel at ease in his presence. Bob’s quiet acts of kindness and thoughtful gestures touched many lives in lasting ways.

On June 15, 2025, Robert Charles Tiller of Pawleys Island, SC, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones, after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. He was 58.

Born in El Paso, TX, on July 29, 1966, to Charles and the late Joy Tiller, Bob was the dependable older brother to Andy and Brian. The family moved often during Bob’s early years, living in various states, but summers were a constant - always spent at their family home on Pawleys Island. It was during those long, sun-drenched days on the beach and in the creeks that Bob built cherished memories and a lasting love for the island. In 1983, the Tillers made Pawleys Island their permanent home.

Bob graduated from Socastee High School in 1985 and earned a degree in Industrial Engineering from Clemson University, where he was a proud member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and formed lifelong friendships.

Shortly after graduation, he and his former spouse, Laura Harmon Tiller, returned to Pawleys Island to start their own family and became the owners of The General Store at the Hammock Shops. In 2008, Bob joined the Siau Insurance Agency in Georgetown, where his calm, approachable nature and genuine interest in people made him a valued colleague and trusted advisor.

Bob was a devoted father to his three sons: Ryan, Hampton, and Jackson. Together they shared a deep love for the coast, sports, the Clemson Tigers, and time with friends and family. Bob was deeply proud of each of them, always on the sidelines to cheer them on in childhood and celebrate their accomplishments as they grew into adults. Most recently, becoming "Papa T" to his granddaughter, Magnolia Joy, brought him profound happiness.

Bob had a remarkable ability to be present. He lived each day with ease and gratitude, even throughout his illness, focusing on what mattered most without being weighed down by the unknown. His philosophy was simple: there was always a sunny beach day ahead. This optimistic spirit made him a comfort and a light to those around him.

Bob is survived by his sons, Ryan Charles of Charleston, SC; Hampton Alston (Savannah) of Murrells Inlet, SC; and Jackson Robert of Charleston, SC; his beloved granddaughter, Magnolia Joy; his father, Charles Tiller of Pawleys Island, SC; his brothers Andy (Mary) of Monkton, MD; and Brian (Carla) of Apex, NC; and his loving partner, Kristen Laurenson, who stood faithfully by his side throughout his final years. He is preceded in death by his mother, Joy Yochem Tiller.

A memorial service celebrating Bob's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on July 10th at Pawleys Island Community Church. The family will receive friends following the service at Quigley's Next Door from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the Tiller family invites donations in Bob's memory to The V Foundation to honor a life filled with kindness, strength, and quiet joy.

Please sign the family's guestbook at: www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting Robert's family.

Previous Events

Memorial Services

JUL **10**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pawleys Island Community Church
10304 Ocean Hwy
Pawleys Island, SC 29585-6501
(843) 237-4449

The family invites attendees to Quigley's Next Door from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM following the service.

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Charles Tiller



Goldfinch Funeral Home - July 09, 2025 at 05:32 PM

TF

“ The Ellis family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.



The Ellis family - July 09, 2025 at 07:10 PM

TF

“ The Ellis family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Charles Tiller.

The Ellis family - July 09, 2025 at 07:10 PM

MG

“ Mallory Gantt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.



Mallory Gantt - July 09, 2025 at 07:36 AM

LK

“ Love, Uncle Fred & Aunt Kay purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.



Love, Uncle Fred & Aunt Kay - July 08, 2025 at 11:46 PM

LK

“ Love, Uncle Fred & Aunt Kay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Charles Tiller.

Love, Uncle Fred & Aunt Kay - July 08, 2025 at 11:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.



July 08, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Charles Tiller.

July 08, 2025 at 01:32 PM

ZM

“ Zoe, Riley, Michelle & Michael Miller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.



Zoe, Riley, Michelle & Michael Miller - July 08, 2025 at 10:21 AM

ZM

“ Zoe, Riley, Michelle & Michael Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Charles Tiller.

Zoe, Riley, Michelle & Michael Miller - July 08, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.



July 07, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JC

“ This is just so hard to believe. I am so sorry for your loss. We had a lot of good times in high school and college. I know he is missed by so many. Hugs to all.

Jennifer Clyde - July 03, 2025 at 10:28 AM

CB

“ *The Tiller's hired me to work at their Christmas stores long ago. I worked with Bob when he came home from Clemson. What a wonderful person. My thoughts are with his family.*

Christy (Norman) Britton - June 27, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.*



June 26, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Kindness and warmth radiated through his smile. His obituary described perfectly. I will always remember Bob sitting with his friends on the beach sharing that big smile, I know he will be missed by so many. Prayers for friends and family...RIP Bob 🙏*



Crandell York Plexico - June 26, 2025 at 09:32 AM

MA

“ *Bob always had a beautiful smile. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers and strength for his family ❤️*

misti adams - June 25, 2025 at 03:00 PM

HA

“ *Our deepest sympathy. Bob will be missed by so many. Love, Harvey & Diana Abernethy*



Harvey & Diana Abernethy - June 25, 2025 at 08:06 AM

BM

“ *Browder McGill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Charles Tiller.*



Browder McGill - June 25, 2025 at 07:26 AM

LC

“ *Rest in peace my friend , Thoughts and prayers to the family .*



leslie kent chinnes - June 25, 2025 at 07:17 AM

AC

“ *We send our love to our entire family. 💕
Love Ashley and Courtney*



Ashley & Courtney - June 25, 2025 at 01:06 AM