



Robert Withers

January 31, 1936 - November 26, 2013

Robert Walter Withers, 77, of Pawleys Island, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. He was born in Columbia, SC on January 31, 1936. His parents were Robert Walter Withers, III and Grace Withers Goudelock. After graduating from Baylor School in Chattanooga, TN and from the University of SC in Columbia, he served 3 years as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He was employed by IBM Corporation in marketing and management for 32 years. Upon retirement he started Panini North America, a document processing subsidiary of Italy's Panini SpA, and served as President in Dayton, OH, then as a Director.

He loved coastal SC and returned permanently in 2003, where he pursued enthusiastically his wide range of interests, including history, geography, travel, and cultural events. Also, he actively supported the Pawleys Island community and thoroughly enjoyed, protected, and enhanced its environment. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Anne Pollard Withers; son Robert Walter Withers, Jr. of Denver; daughter Sara Withers Franco, son-in-law Joseph James Franco, grandson Joshua and granddaughter Julia of Falls Church, VA; sister Margaret Withers Allen and brother-in-law J. William Allen, nieces Kathleen Allen Hamrick and Christine Elizabeth Allen.

A memorial service is planned for 3 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, 113 Baskerville Drive (corner of U.S. 17), Pawleys Island.

Bob will be buried in the Withers family plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk,

VA.

Memorial contributions may be made to Baylor School of Chattanooga (phone 423-267-8505) or the coastal SC charity of your choice.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - December 12, 2013 at 03:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Withers.



December 03, 2013 at 08:05 AM

DK

“ Hi Anne I was so sad to hear about Bob. As you know he meant the world to me. He made working enjoyable. Without him Panini would have never been the great success it was. Shirley and I will miss him. Our prayers are with you and your family. Don

Don & Shirley Kunz - December 02, 2013 at 04:06 PM

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“ RIP Sailor !!!!

Wayne Williams - USMC - December 02, 2013 at 07:40 AM

JS

“ *God bless your family at this sad time.*

Jim & Sandy - November 29, 2013 at 09:25 PM

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“ *I'm really sorry to hear about Mr. Withers. You all have my sincere condolences. During your time of grief please find some comfort in knowing that God promises to bring an end to all pain and suffering. He even promises to swallow up death forever. - Revelation 21:4, Isaiah 25:8*

T.C - November 29, 2013 at 01:05 PM