



## Robin Edwards

January 31, 1937 - December 31, 2021

ROBIN WILLIAMSON EDWARDS was born January 30th, 1937. She passed away peacefully on December 31st surrounded by family. She was proudly raised in Horry County. The daughter of the late Cleo Clyde Williamson and Villon Todd Williamson. She grew up on a farm, stringing tobacco, in Red Bluff and graduated from Conway High School in 1955. Robin, in her time, held a record for local, regional, and national beauty titles; including 38 national titles. She was crowned Miss Sun Fun, Miss Tobacco, Miss Southern 500, Miss R.J. Winston and many more. She attended Limestone College and the College of William and Mary.

She is predeceased by her husband Thomas W. Edwards. When Tom and his brother Phil established the major gift for the Williams-Brice Stadium, Robin was always proud to say that hyphenating the names was her idea. With her husband, she contributed the establishing gift to build Coastal Carolina University's Humanities and Fine Arts building, which was named the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts in 2001.

Robin Edwards' involvement with Coastal Carolina University includes serving as a charter member of the Board of Visitors for the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts; as a member of Women and Philanthropy, an organization that provides scholarships for deserving students at the University; and as a member of the Coastal Educational Foundation, the fundraising organization of the University. She was named an honorary founder of Coastal Carolina University in 2008.

She was an organizer and board member of Coastal Carolina Bancshares Inc., the holding company for Coastal Carolina National Bank, a community bank in Myrtle Beach. She was active with the Grand Strand Auxiliary, the parent organization for the volunteer staff of Grand Strand Regional Medical Center; Friends of Brookgreen Gardens; and the Huntington Society of Brookgreen Gardens. She was on the board of The Medical University of Charleston's College of Nurses, a member of The Society of 1824 and through her donation to MUSC's Children's Hospital the Atrium was named The Thomas Edwards Atrium.

She had a great love for fashion and was a long-time friend of designer Bill Blass. Robin was an avid traveler, golfer, lover of beach music, Elvis, the performing arts, the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers the Carolina Gamecocks. She especially loved celebrating the fourth of July, decorating the dock, and watching the Boat Parade with family and friends at her Murrell's Inlet home. Surviving Ms. Edwards are her daughter, Robin Edwards Russell- husband David Russell; her four grandchildren: Temperance Davin Thomas Russell, triplets James Edwards Foster Russell, Mary Miranda Todd Russell and Grainger Lee Williams Russell, all of Myrtle Beach; stepsons Frank Edwards- wife Vickie of Sumter, and Dick Edwards of Surfside; step-grandchildren Lauren Edwards Brennan- husband Will of Lexington and Thomas Alan Edwards of Sumter, Cade Dean Henderson- wife Tiffany, and Dr. Brystal Henderson Cagle- husband Josh. She is also survived by her brother Richard Michael Williamson of Myrtle Beach, sister Renée Williamson Godwin- husband Herman of Charlotte, N.C.; as well as her extended family Ms. Tracy Morant, Mary (Maggie) Sullivan and Greg London.

There will be a private graveside service for immediate family only. Public funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, at First Presbyterian Church, with Dr. John Brearly officiating. The family will receive friends in a celebration of life at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club immediately following the services.

Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 70127, Myrtle

Beach, SC 29572 or to Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, C/O Coastal Carolina University, P.O. Box 261954, Conway, SC 29528.

Flowers may be sent to Goldfinch Funeral Home, 606-610 Beaty Street Conway, SC 29526.

Goldfinch Funeral Home of Conway is serving the Edwards/Russell family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 5. 2:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach  
3810 Robert M Grissom Pkwy  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-6422  
(843) 448-4496

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Robin, I am so sorry for your loss and the loss of your children's grandmother. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace at this difficult time. You old friend....  
Rick "Ricker" Davis

Rick Davis - January 05, 2022 at 05:30 PM

GT

“ Robin and children, I send my condolences to all in family and your friends. Sincerely, Gail Lilly Todd

Gail Lilly Todd - January 04, 2022 at 11:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



January 04, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



January 04, 2022 at 06:22 PM

NG

“ I was saddened to hear of Robin's passing. We had many memories together over the years which will stay with me. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time. Deepest sympathy ,  
*Nettie Grimmer*

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**Nettie Grimmer** - January 04, 2022 at 05:53 PM

GO

“ My prayers are with Robin's family..she was a beautiful lady ..  
*Mike and Renee*



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**george oliver** - January 04, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



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January 04, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



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January 04, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.*



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January 04, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Robin always exuded a strong presence from her beauty to her personality.  
She adored her family and community.  
May God hold the family close and surround them with the love of family and caring friends.  
Count us in.*

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**Diane DeVaughn Stokes** - January 04, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.*



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January 04, 2022 at 09:42 AM

HH

“ Robin was a wonderful person. *GENEROUS*: She saw the need to educate our youth. She loved her family.  
*INTELLIGENT*: She put the final touch on the name "Williams-Bryce Stadium" with a hyphen.  
*HONEST*: We had a standing \$5.00 bet each year on the Clemson Game. If she lost, she always paid. She loved the Gamecocks.  
*MANY OTHER QUALITIES.*  
*REST IN PEACE, ROBIN.*  
*Gene Hudson, High School Classmate*

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H. Eugene Hudson - January 04, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



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January 04, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



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January 03, 2022 at 10:20 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Robin’s passing. She has been my dear friend for over 60 years and I will miss our time together. Love and prayers for GiGi and family. She loved Y’all so much. You were her world.

Janet Barrineau - January 03, 2022 at 07:02 PM

MD

“ I’m so very sorry to hear of her passing. Blessings and prayers for Robin and all the family.

Missy Davisson - January 03, 2022 at 06:49 PM

CS

“ Sending love and prayers to this beautiful family. Her legacy will touch generations of teachers and learners.

Chris and Sara Sobota - January 03, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



January 03, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



January 03, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



January 03, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ So sorry to hear , prayers be with the family@ friends, robin will be missed by so many..

**Wanda** - January 03, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ For Robin’s family, Robin and Tom were two of the first people we met when we moved here. They both were so kind to us and included us in many get togethers. Can’t imagine Myrtle Beach without her! our thoughts and prayers are with y’all! Weldon and Carter Smith 🦋🙏



**weldon smith** - January 03, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



January 03, 2022 at 01:34 PM

LK

“ Sending prayers for this wonderful family ! Heaven gained an angel for sure ! She is surely going to be missed ! Love Lee and Merritt Kung

lee king - January 03, 2022 at 01:24 PM

JP

“ Saddened to hear this. Though I didn't see Robin a lot over the years, she was a dear friend since our teen-age years. I will always be grateful for her efforts to keep our high school class gatherings going. She will be missed by many. RIP Jim Paul

Jim Paul - January 03, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robin Edwards.



January 03, 2022 at 11:40 AM

RC

“ I am SO sorry to hear this!! I loved Robin....she was a wonderful friend to me over the years Her death is a great loss for all who were blessed to know her.. My love and prayers to Gigi and her family.

Rose Cooke - January 03, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Robin, Grainger, David, Greg, and family,  
Our condolences. We pray that God will hold you in the palm of his  
hand, surround you with gentle warmth, and strengthen you with  
calm and peace.  
In time, may your emptiness be filled with beautiful memories of  
love.  
Rett, Wynn, Cooper and Matthew Godbold*

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**Wynn Godbold** - January 03, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of Robin Edwards.*



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January 03, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Peace to the Edwards Russell family. May your memories bless you  
every day.  
Love, Jim and Amy Tully*

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**Amy Tully** - January 03, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ *So sorry for all of you! May the memories of great times bring you  
peace 🙏.  
Prayers for all the family!*

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**Gina Shelley** - January 03, 2022 at 10:42 AM