



## Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"

June 19, 1961 - August 1, 2014

Myrtle Beach, SC...Roderick Dowd Howell, II, "Rick" husband of Leslie Cannon Howell passed away Friday, Aug. 1, 2014 in Key West, FL while celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Mr. Howell was born in Laurinburg, NC and grew up in Andrews, SC as a son of Anna Smith Howell "Big Momma" and the late Roderick Dowd Howell. He was a member of Sweet Water Branch Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee and Usher and was employed by UPS for 30 years where he was loyal to his customers and committed to delivery and service. Mr. Howell was a graduate of Andrews Academy and Anderson College. He was also an avid Clemson Tiger fan and IPTAY member. He loved and cherished his mother, family and especially his "W".

Surviving in addition to his wife of Myrtle Beach, SC and his mother of Andrews, SC are: three sons, Jesse William Sawyer, Cannon Pate Howell and Gibson Smith Howell all of Myrtle Beach, SC. One daughter: Olivia Ann Howell also of Myrtle Beach, SC. One brother: Richard "Rabb" Clark Howell of Georgetown, SC. Three sisters: Sheila Howell Pender and husband Mark, Janette Howell Hyrowski and husband Mike all of Georgetown, SC and Debbie Howell of Laurinburg, NC. Two sister-n-laws Leisa Cannon Turner and husband Brad of Pawleys Island, SC and Angie Howell Gaskins and husband Jimmy of Georgetown, SC. Mother-n-law Bonnie Smith Cannon and Father-n-law T. Lester Cannon and wife Rachel. He also treasured many cousins, aunts, uncles, 5 nieces and a nephew.

Mr. Howell was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents Fred C. and Myrtle Gibson Howell and R. Glenn and Ora Gibson Smith.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Sweet Water Branch Baptist Church with Pastor Cliff Mixon officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Sweet Water Branch Baptist Church.

Memorials may be sent to Rick Howell's Children Fund, Conway National Bank, PO Box 320, Conway, SC 29528.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 8.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church  
1436 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526-8446

## Service

**AUG 9.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church  
1436 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526-8446

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ I worked with Rick at UPS for many years. He was a great guy and will be missed by all who knew him. May God bless family and friends during the coming days.

*Phil Eskew  
Upstate SC*

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**Phil Eskew** - August 09, 2014 at 08:48 AM

LD

“ Laurel DuBose lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"



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**Laurel DuBose** - August 08, 2014 at 10:49 PM

LD

“ Rick was loved by everyone that he met. He could walk into a room a light it up. It breaks my heart that he is gone way too soon. I pray for the family and hope they find peace. RIP Rick.....you will be missed.

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**Laurel DuBose** - August 08, 2014 at 10:48 PM

SY

“ Sylvia lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"



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**Sylvia** - August 08, 2014 at 06:52 PM

RB

*Rick missing you, during my time working for UPS your words of encouragement kept me going a many of days. RIP*

*ROBERT (THE MILKMAN) BATTLE*

**Robert Battle** - August 08, 2014 at 09:20 PM

SR

*“ Rick Howell will be missed. When working at the General Office Rick would enter the room like a breath of fresh air. He would greet everyone with a smile and the appropriate nickname he gave to them. Mine was Slick. Now Slick will miss you, but this I am sure of. You are in your Heavenly home with our Father. GOD bless and keep your family. Much love Sharon Gaines Reese*

**Sharon Gaines Reese** - August 08, 2014 at 04:13 PM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick".*



August 08, 2014 at 09:19 AM

LI

*“ Rick you were a dear friend and will be truly missed. We worked together a lot of years at UPS. They will miss you and your hard work, great smile, and sense of humor. We are all going to miss you and my thoughts and prayers are with your family you left behind. Miss you Linda "Nana: Jeffcoat*

**Linda** - August 08, 2014 at 09:13 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick".*



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August 08, 2014 at 07:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick".*



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August 08, 2014 at 06:14 AM



“ *I had the great honor and privilege of knowing Rick for many years both as a friend and through my job. Rick would always go beyond the call of duty with his customers. Every time I would see Rick he would always ask how my mother and family were all doing. Rick also would talk about how much he loved his family and most of all his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I will truly miss him very much but will take great comfort in knowing he is safely home without any worries or pain. My prayer are with Leslie and his children along with his family. Rest in peace my dear friend your race is over and now it is time to enjoy your heavenly home. Until we meet again.*

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**herbie davis** - August 07, 2014 at 08:57 PM

GC

“ *What a blessing it has been to be able to call Rick a christian colleague and a true friend. He touched so many lives and was an impactful person. Leslie, my family and I will keep you all in our prayers continually.*



*"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."-  
Psalm 30:5*

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**Gary Carroway** - August 07, 2014 at 06:29 PM

DC

“ *I was deeply saddened by the news of Rick's passing. My heart felt condolences to you and your family. I was honored to have the opportunity to work with him for many years at UPS. He was truly a stand up guy and will be missed by all that knew him.*

*"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." -Helen Keller*

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**Donnie Canady** - August 07, 2014 at 05:55 PM

DR

“ There are no words to express the grief that has surrounded all of the people that this great man Rick Howell has touched in some way. I worked with Rick at UPS for many years and he truly was a Southern Gentleman. He loved his family and always had new pictures to show me of how much they were growing up he was extremely proud of those kids. He always spoke of Leslie as his one true love and the love of his church. We will all truly miss his humor and that great smile when he walked into the room. Rick Howell was one of a kind and I will miss him dearly. May God wrap his arms around all the Howell family in this time of such a great loss. My prayers are with Leslie and the kids and we all know that Rick is in heaven and will always be in our hearts forever.



*Dianne Rice*

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**Dianne Rice** - August 07, 2014 at 05:17 PM

 Diane Boyette

“ Diane Boyette lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"



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**Diane Boyette** - August 07, 2014 at 03:14 PM

 Diane Boyette

*MY heart hurts for the loss of Rick. You are such a wonderful family and he loved you so. I miss you all and have you close in prayer and my heart. May God's merciful peace surround you in the next days and weeks and give you comfort. Much Love Diane Boyette*

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**Diane Boyette** - August 07, 2014 at 03:18 PM

RH

“ *My heartfelt thoughts and Prayers go out to each and everyone of you during this difficult time. Rick, was an exceptional person who will truly be missed " one of a kind " .*



*Renee Harmon*

Renee Harmon - August 07, 2014 at 02:02 PM

CR

*Carl and I remember Rick as a young boy who lived next to us for many years. We watched him grow up to be such a fine young man and loving husband and father. Our prayers are with the family that God will give you peace and comfort that he is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior now.*

Carl & Wanda Ray - August 08, 2014 at 01:30 AM

CM

“ *Ric Rest In Peace!*



Carmen Mitchell - August 07, 2014 at 08:09 AM

Kay  
Benton

“ *Kay Benton lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"*



Kay Benton - August 07, 2014 at 07:21 AM

JM

“ *Jan McNuer lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"*



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**Jan McNuer** - August 06, 2014 at 09:26 PM

VC

“ *Vada Carney lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"*



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**Vada Carney** - August 06, 2014 at 09:03 PM

VD

“ *Rest in peace my friend. You were always pleasant to work with at UPS and I respected your kind and humorous nature greatly! My prayers are for peace and comfort for your family as no one could ever fill your shoes! So reap your rewards thou good and faithful servant, you have completed your race.*

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**Vickie Martin Dybowski** - August 06, 2014 at 07:41 PM

LH

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with the HOWELL family.*

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**Lynne Hileman** - August 06, 2014 at 06:36 PM

 Debbie  
Flowers

“ *Debbie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"*



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**Debbie Flowers** - August 06, 2014 at 05:41 PM

WD

“ *Wanda Boykin (SMC Distributors) lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"*



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**Wanda Boykin (SMC Distributors)** - August 06, 2014 at 05:40 PM



“ *Rick was all about honesty and integrity. We worked together in the fast paced cold world of Corporate America but he never wavered - he loved his family and shared many stories about them and he remained true to himself. Just two weeks ago, Kim and I were talking about how much we liked and respected this kind and wonderful man. His sudden death has shocked and saddened all of us who were touched by this angel on Earth. My heart goes out to his family and pray that you are comforted by knowing how much he was admired, respected and loved by his friends, his "extended" family. God bless you.*

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**Luci Barnes** - August 06, 2014 at 04:35 PM



“ *Luci Barnes lit a candle in memory of Roderick Dowd Howell, II "Rick"*



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**Luci Barnes** - August 06, 2014 at 04:29 PM

EG

“ *Rick will be truly miss by family and friends. I always would see Rick cutting grass for his mother-in-law and family even if the temperature and humidity was too unbearable. He was such a sweetheart, we will all miss you Rick. Ricky and Lisa Gardner*

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**elise gardner** - August 06, 2014 at 03:22 PM

CR

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you all. Rick was one of a kind. He always made me smile just by talking to me. I truly feel blessed to have known Rick. He was always there to lend a hand or to give me guidance on what to do. We worked together for over 10 years. I know this he got a golden ticket to heaven and is there with the other Angels looking out of you all. Someday you will be reunited with him and he will be waiting with open arms and that BIG SMILE.....*

*Cindy*

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**Cindy Rutherford** - August 06, 2014 at 03:14 PM

KH

“ *Leslie, Jesse, Cannon. Gibson, Olivia, The Howell and Cannon families,  
I want to thank you for sharing Rick with me for the past 23 years. He was one of the most genuine and humble man I have ever met. He was my best friend and I miss him terribly already. Please know that he loved each and every one of you with all of his being. He was proud to call you his family. I will always be here for you if you ever need, love you all!!!*



*Kim*

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**kim Holbrooks** - August 06, 2014 at 02:47 PM