



William McTyeire Goldfinch, Jr.

February 13, 2008

Conway...William McTyeire "Mac" Goldfinch, Jr., age 82 died Wednesday, Feb. 13th 2008. Mr. Goldfinch was born in Conway, S. C. on November 29, 1925, a son of the late William McTyeire and Ruth Rheuark Goldfinch. He was a graduate of Conway High School in 1942, attended Clemson University for one year and after military service graduated from Wofford College in 1949 with a B. A. Degree in Economics and Business. Mac entered the U. S. Army in 1944, served in the European Theater for two years with the 99th Infantry Division. He received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, two campaign stars and two Presidential Unit Citations. He was one of the veterans who returned to Belgium and Germany in December 1969 to join with German veterans in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of The Battle of the Bulge. Mac joined the family business in June 1949 and managed the furniture division of Goldfinch's Inc. until January 1959. From 1959 until his retirement he co-managed Goldfinch Funeral Home and Hillcrest Cemetery Inc. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease he retired from active funeral service and formed the first Parkinson's Support Group on the Grand Strand. He began a newsletter and was speaker at many organizations urging support of persons with this disability. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church for many years where he served as a member of the Administrative Board, Past President of the Methodist Men's Club, Member of Adult Choir and soloist, and a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Home in Orangeburg. After moving to Garden City

he became a member of Belin United Methodist Church. During his business career in funeral service, Mac served as President of the S. C. Funeral Directors Association in 1974-1975, and as District Governor of National Funeral Directors Association from 1975-1978. Also, a member and officer of the Pee Dee Area Funeral Directors Association, member of National Funeral Directors Association, and a member of Selected Independent Funeral Directors. He was also a member and past Secretary of the S. C. Cemetery Association, past member of Southern Cemetery Association and National Association of Cemeteries. He was a member of the Conway Lions Club for more than 25 years, and was secretary for many of those years. He also served on the District Governor's Cabinet for Lionism in S. C. and was inducted into the S. C. Lion's Hall of Fame and chosen as S. C. Lion of the Year. He was the recipient of two national awards from EBAA, the Leonard Heise Award to the most outstanding laymen in eye banking on the national level and the first Gift of Sight Award for the funeral service professional making the greatest contribution to eye banking. Mac was always active in the civic life of Conway. He was a Charter Member of the Conway Jaycees and an officer. He served as President of the Conway Merchant and Businessmen's Association in 1954-1955 and later when the name was changed as President of Conway Chamber of Commerce in 1967-1968. During his tenure as President of the Chamber he received the Sixth Naval District Distinguished Service Award in July 1968 for his work with that group in the hosting of NATO Naval Officers while in this country for Naval Mine Warfare training. He was organizing President of the Conway Area United Fund later United Way in 1963-1964. He was active and served on the board of the Salvation Army and Mercy Hospice for many years. Also, a past member of the Coastal Community Chorus. He received the LaVerne S. Creel Lifetime Achievement Award from the Conway Chamber of Commerce in 2000. Surviving are one son, Stephen Lewis Goldfinch, Aynor, two daughters, NellaRuth Goldfinch Snipes, Surfside, Page G. Maxwell, and her husband Rich, one daughter-in-law, Dianne S. Goldfinch, Conway, seven grandchildren, Rome Snipes,

William M. Goldfinch, IV, Jessica Goldfinch, Stephen L. Goldfinch, Jr., April
Smith, R

Tribute Wall



“ I was saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Goldfinch. I recently heard about his death back in Feb. I greatly appreciate all the Goldfinch family has done for the Thomas family. I have attended many funerals in Conway over the past 50 years. Goldfinch is a class act. Sorry for your loss. Charles Thomas##imported-begin##Charles Thomas##imported-end##

April 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ NULL##imported-begin##Patricia Floyd Goldfinch##imported-end##

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Mac is in a much better place now. It was a privilege to live with both your mother and father and I will always have good memories of those times. I wish your family peace and happiness. Tricia##imported-begin##Patricia Floyd Goldfinch##imported-end##

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mac was a dear sweet man. I am going to truly miss my visitations to him. I was very sad to find out he had passed away while we were on vacation. My heart and prayers are with his family @ this time. Sincerely, Ann Cotton "Committee On Nurture" Belin United Memorial Methodist Church##imported-begin##Ann cotton##imported-end##

February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I have just learned of Mac's death today. He has been in my thoughts even more than usual recently, especially on Valentine's Day, as he was always one of my very special "Valentines." Next to my own dad, my husband and my son, he was that "other man" in my life. Thanks for sharing him with so many others and now we send our love to you in this your time of loss.##imported-begin##Margie Oliver Raborn##imported-end##

February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Goldfinch family for your loss. Mac was truly one of the "Good Guys" in our society. I have fond memories of the year that I worked with Mac and Heyward in 1970-1971. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Arthur and Dianne Martin##imported-end##

February 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and Family, So sorry for your loss of your Father. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Linda Atkins##imported-end##

February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Goldfinch Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mac was so well thought of in the "family" and was so very good to my mother. My sincere condolences, Patrick Oliver##imported-begin##Patrick Oliver##imported-end##

February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Goldfinch Family, Sorry for your loss, he was very good to us in our times of need. Hes in a much better place now. We're sure he is still helping others. Sicerely, â?¥Japarks Familyâ?¥###imported-begin##Japarks Family##imported-end##

February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Goldfinch family, My father, Morris Nilsen, had the honor of serving with Mac on the NFDA Board of Directors many years ago. I met Mac and Maribel when I accompanied my parents to NFDA events. I enjoyed learning about their "famous house" in Conway! Mac was truly a credit to the funeral profession and much loved by his colleagues. Our family's sympathies to you all.###imported-begin##Dawn Nilsen##imported-end##

February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Goldfinch Family: So sorry for your loss of Mac Goldfinch. He was such a wonderful and caring man and was loved by everyone. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Tessa Edmondson##imported-end##

February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Goldfinch Family, I was so sorry to hear about your great loss. My granddad Ray Wood always took me to Conway to see "Uncle Mac". There he would share peppermint off his desk. He was and always will be a special person to me. I know my granddad was at God's gates with open arms. Again, I am sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##H.Suzanne Whitby Rivers##imported-end##

February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bless the memory of Mac Goldfinch -an extraordinarily kind, gentle and gracious fellow. What a valiant fight he put forth for so many years, with an incredible will to live. May he now know the fullness of peace and joy in the company of all the saints, and especially with Maribel and Will. Much love to you, his dear family. -Mark Higgins###imported-begin###Mark Higgins###imported-end##

February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss of Mac. While working at the funeral home, I enjoyed his many visits and over the years felt that you were all a part of my extended family. Through our many losses, heartaches and happy times together, I realized what a caring family that I worked with and was very proud for the closeness I was able to share with you. Because of complications, I am unable to come to the service for Mac, but want you all to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you today. Sincerely, Rita L. Wenzel###imported-begin###Rita L. Wenzel###imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts & prayers for you and your family. David H. Twiford, Twiford Funeral Home, Elizabeth City, NC###imported-begin###David H. Twiford###imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ You're family is in our thoughts and prayers###imported-begin###Fred Handsel###imported-end##

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“ *The Goldfinch Family, The Aurora family extends our deepest sympathy to you in the death of Mac. It was always good to see him the past few years. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Phil Bowman*##imported-begin##*Phil Bowman*##imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Nell, Paige, and Steve, We are thinking about all of you and have truly had you in our thoughts and prayers for quite a while. I am so thankful that I got to visit with Uncle Mac the last time I was home. We had such a wonderful talk. He seemed tired, but was still able to enjoy the visit. Please take care of yourselves. We love you all. Marilyn, Sam and Jon*##imported-begin##*Merilyn Goldfinch Cain*##imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To All the Goldfinch Family: Mac will be missed but remembered by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*##imported-begin##*Steve McMillan*##imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know how saddened we are to learn of Mac's death. He and Maribel were dear friends for many years and we often think of them with great fondness. Mac was a "funeral director's funeral director," and his kind spirit shall always be remembered by us, as it is treasured by you. Your family will remain in our family's thoughts and prayers.*##imported-begin##*The Sowell Family*##imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Goldfinch Family: On behalf of myself and the entire Floyd Family and Staff, we wish to express our sympathies to you regarding the death of Mac. He was always a gentleman and extremely nice to me whenever our paths crossed....as are all the Goldfinchs. Will and I worked together on the cemetery side years ago and they will both always be missed. We will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Russel Floyd & The Staff of The J.F. Floyd Mortuary##imported-end##

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“ The family of Charles Cox, Jr. and Charles Cox, III and the staff of Cox Funeral Home would like to express our condolences at the loss of Mr. Mac.##imported-begin##Charles M. Cox III##imported-end##

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“ I extend my sympathy and regards to your family. May you be comforted, as you have comforted many others through the years.##imported-begin##Arvin W. Starrett, CFSP##imported-end##

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“ Dear Page & all the family, You know how much we love you & how dear your daddy has been to us. That love will never change. It has been a privilege in life to know him & love him. I thank God that He is very close to all of you at this time & that our Lord has taken Mac safely home. We have you all in our hearts & prayers. We'll talk to you soon. Much love to all of you, Lee, Bruce, Andrew, Barrett and Mary Lee###imported-begin##Lee Colhoun###imported-end##

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“ Dear Friends, Please accept our sympathies on the loss of one of the grand gentlemen in funeral service. It was always a pleasure to see and visit with Mr. Mac, and we are saddened to learn of his passing. May God comfort all of you. Jim Rogers and family###imported-begin##Jim Rogers###imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to you all. We share with you the loss of one of our own. Wm. White, Jr. Parker-White-Pruitt###imported-begin##William White, Jr.###imported-end##

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“ Dear Goldfinch Family, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Mac was a mentor to all of us younger funeral directors, and truly had a servants heart. I have always felt real close to your family, as Will and I were classmates at Gupton-Jones College and often rode home together. May God's Comfort and Peace be with each of you during your time of sorrow. Phillip and Yetive Caulder and the Staff of Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home, Chesterfield, SC.##imported-begin##Phillip C. Caulder, Jr.##imported-end##

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“ The staff of Dunbar Funeral Home wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to the Goldfinch family.##imported-begin##Greg Dunbar##imported-end##

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“ MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU.MAY GOD BLESS YOU.I WILL MISS MY BUDDY.##imported-begin##RICK PETERS##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with the family. Charles R Hills son of Statia Walsh Hills - cousin##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Charles R Hills##imported-end##

February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We extend our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##The Staff of Gray Mortuary, Pelzer##imported-end##

February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you.##imported-begin##Benny Cooper##imported-end##

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