



In Loving Memory

RODNEY B. SAWYER

Born August 11th, 1938
Passed October 7th, 2024



FUNERAL SERVICE

2 p.m., Friday, October 11, 2024
Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC
Officiated by Rev. John B. Thompson Jr.

Opening Remarks

Scripture Reading

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

“How Great Thou Art”

Time of Remembrance

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Closing Scripture and Remarks

THE SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE AT GETHSEMANE MEMORIAL PARK.

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession.

PALLBEARERS

Mike Sawyer
Michael Sawyer

Robert Sawyer
Christopher Sawyer

Jeff Sawyer
Jim Sawyer

Rodney B. Sawyer, of Morehead City, NC, beloved father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2024, at the age of 86.

Rodney was born in Hugo, NC on August 11, 1938, to the late Harold Bernard and Grace Abbott Sawyer and lived a life full of love, laughter, and cherished moments. He grew up in Jacksonville, NC and was an outstanding athlete at Jacksonville High School and a student athlete in baseball and football at Chowan Junior College and North Carolina State University. He stayed in Raleigh to start a family with his wife, Delores, who preceded him in death. They were married for 63 years and enjoyed life to the fullest, whether vacations around the world with friends and family or winters at the boat in Key Largo, FL. He loved to fish and was a founding member of the Sawyer Fishing Team competing at various local and national competitions. He retired from Foremost Insurance Company as a senior Vice President and later purchased Sentry Insurance Agency which he operated until his death. He was an inspiration to the many men and women who worked for and with him through the years.

Rodney's favorite moments were those spent by the water, fishing with his loved ones, sharing stories, and enjoying the tranquility of nature. His passion for fishing was more than a hobby—it was a way for him to connect with his family and teach patience, humility, and the beauty of a quiet morning on the Ocean.

Rod was a kind and considerate gentleman who would go out of his way to help others. He cherished every gathering, whether it was a small family barbecue or an evening around the dinner table and was happiest when surrounded by those he loved. Rod's legacy will live on in the laughter of his family and the stories of his fishing trips and the memories with his loved ones. The depth of his love for his family spoke volumes.

He is survived by his three sons, Mike Sawyer (Johni), Robert Sawyer, and Jeff Sawyer (Kathy), brother Jim Sawyer, and sister Linda Sawyer who carry forward his love for family and his values of kindness, hard work, and compassion.

He leaves behind not only his sons but also his grandchildren, Kaitlin, Anais, Christopher, Michael, and Paige who adored their grandfather and will forever remember his gentle smile and warm hugs.

Rod's legacy will live on in the laughter of his family, in the memories of fishing trips and in the values, he instilled in those who knew and loved him.

Rodney will be dearly missed but never forgotten. May he rest peacefully, casting his line into calm waters, with the sun forever warming his back.



I am standing on the seashore.
Rodney's Grand Slam sails in the morning breeze
and starts for the ocean.

She sure is an object of beauty
and I stand watching her
till at last she fades on the horizon
and someone at my side says, "She is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight, that is all.
The loss of sight is in me, not in her.

Just at that moment,
there are others who are watching her coming,
and other voices take up the glad shout...
"Here she comes!"

First among the "others",
so happy to watch him come home
is our mother, Delores!