



Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.

December 27, 1934 - October 10, 2020

Joe D. Rackley, Sr., 85, husband of Anne Chesnut Rackley, of 121 Cottage Gate Lane, Easley, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at his residence.

A native of Westminster, South Carolina, Mr. Rackley was the son of the late J.D. and Beulah Collins Rackley. He was the co-founder of Collins Children's Home and was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church. He retired from Milliken & Company where he was an Electrical and Mechanical Engineer. Mr. Rackley was a private pilot. Joe and Anne Rackley were given The Order of The Palmetto designated as A Palmetto Couple by Governor Carroll Campbell. They were the first couple to receive this honor.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rackley is survived by a daughter: Kim Seaford Kunz (Mike) of Piedmont, SC; two grandchildren: David Joseph Kunz and Matthew Michael Kunz; son: Joe Dennis Rackley, Jr. of Lexington, SC; and B.K. Seabolt of Seneca, with hundreds of bonus children. In loving recognition to those who provided special care to Joe: Dalora Barnard Elliott, Kathy O'Neill Farah and Patricia Nichols Scruggs.

In addition to his parents Mr. Rackley is preceded in death by a sister: Myrna Loy Rackley Talley.

At the request of the family, due to COVID-19 precautions, all services for Mr. Rackley will now be held virtually. The service will be broadcasted live on the LifePoint Church (<https://www.facebook.com/LifePointoconee>) and Davenport Funeral Home (<https://www.facebook.com/DavenportFH>) Facebook Pages beginning at 6:00 PM, Thursday, October 22, 2020.

A celebration of Joe's life with family and friends will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Collins Children's Home P.O. Box 745 Seneca SC 29679.

The family is at their respective homes.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Not sure if the family sees these any more but just was aware of Joe's passing. He was an amazing man with God's special vision. And Anne was such a good helpmate for him. Both of them carrying on God's work. My time with ya'll was special and I carry the Home's memories always. Love and prayers to Anne and Kim - terri B., your first housemother at Roxie Anna Collins Home.*



Terri Bickford - October 22, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *Anne, you have been a God send to Joe caring and tending to his every need. God bless.*

Wilma Gaywood - October 22, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *Frank And Judy Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.*



Frank and Judy Crowe - October 22, 2020 at 08:37 AM

ML

“ Joe was calm and soft-spoken and a reassuring presence. My late husband Mike and I marveled at the loving care that he and Ann gave to the children for so many years. What a wonderful vision they had, and fulfilled, for a loving children's home. Joe is missed.
Mary Leonard

Mary Leonard - October 21, 2020 at 10:50 PM

AH

“ Joe and Anne were of great support to me and many of "my kids" when I worked at DSS. They were loving "parents" to 2 families of children. These were children I was very close to and I spent many hours at the Collins Children's Home talking with Anne and Joe about these children/siblings. Joe had a good heart for children who were not "his blood". His patience was unmatched for these children had many challenges. I know the lives of these three boys and two girls were greatly changed because Joe was so patient and caring.

Angel Hinson - October 21, 2020 at 09:34 PM

DL

“ The fond memories I have Mr. Joe and his family is priceless. I'm sure when he entered into the gates of his heavenly home he was greeted with Well Done thy Good and Faithful Servant. He and Ann poured their lives into so many. I know he will be missed but oh the reunion he is having with my grandparents. Love to the family.
Donna Crocker Lusk



DONNA LUSK - October 21, 2020 at 03:17 PM

WM

“ *With Love and Prayers, Bob and Jennifer Massullo purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr..*



With Love and Prayers, Bob and Jennifer Massullo - October 20, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr..*



October 20, 2020 at 08:16 AM

DI

“ *Diane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.*



Diane - October 17, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *Sunset Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr..*



October 15, 2020 at 10:05 PM

DA

“ Don And Darlene Albertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.



Don and Darlene Albertson - October 14, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr..



October 14, 2020 at 04:32 AM

RM

“ Renee Mock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.



Renee Mock - October 13, 2020 at 11:19 PM

MC

“ Mike And Mischelle Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.



Mike and Mischelle Chambers - October 13, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ Audrey Agatha Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.



Audrey Agatha Barker - October 13, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Prayers for Anne and and family

Audrey Agatha Barker - October 13, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ Dear Sweet Anne, We are so sorry for the loss of your precious Joe. You were such an awesome, caring couple who gave of yourselves without any desire for recognition, just to see the kids get what they needed. We have known you for a long time & loved you both but now you will have to travel on down the road without your sweet Joe. You will have all those years of sweet memories to help to ease the journey plus the love of all your family, friends, & extended family but most of all you will have the love of the Lord Jesus Christ to hold you dear when you feel the loneliness creep in on you. We all love you honey & want you to know that we are all standing with you & yours in your loss. Edd & Gail Stovall, West Union



J Gail Stovall - October 13, 2020 at 12:53 PM

SC

“ *Sigle & Sandy Chafin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.*



Sigle & Sandy Chafin - October 13, 2020 at 09:51 AM

JF

“ *Jackie. Collins Fowler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.*



Jackie. Collins Fowler - October 12, 2020 at 10:40 PM

LL

“ *Larry And Jeanette Logan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.*



Larry and Jeanette Logan - October 12, 2020 at 08:55 PM

JS

“ *Anne, We are sad to hear about Joe. We will be praying for you and your family.
The two of you were Angels on earth to so many.
We send our love. Harry and Judy Stancil*

Judy Stancil - October 12, 2020 at 08:12 PM

FW

“ *Frankie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe D. Rackley, Sr.*



Frankie Williams - October 12, 2020 at 04:42 PM