



## Mr. Robert (Bob) B. Atwater

November 9, 1939 - May 16, 2026

Robert (Bob) B. Atwater, 86, passed away peacefully at home on May 16, 2026 surrounded by his loving family.

After earning his mechanical engineering degree from Iowa State University, Bob served his country with honor in the United States Navy as a senior Lieutenant aboard the nuclear submarine, Abraham Lincoln, SSBN 602, during the Vietnam War. His military service reflected the strength, dedication, and quiet commitment that marked his life.

After the Navy, Bob worked for a public utility in Michigan as an engineer and fuel buyer. He moved his family to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to lead the marketing department for Consolidation Coal Company and cheer on his Steelers. He retired at 55 and spent the next 27 years perfecting his woodworking, making almost anything his family desired. He also built or refurbished six beautiful wooden boats of various sizes and speeds.

Bob spent a thankful 28 years as a member of the Gratitude Group in Clemson, South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Carol Atwater; his daughter, Amy Atwater Braswell and her husband, Rob, of Marietta, Georgia; and his son, Jeffrey Scott Atwater and his wife, Tracey, of Atlanta, Georgia. He also leaves behind

his beloved grandchildren, Nathan Braswell and his wife, Ana; Jessica Braswell

Osinubi and her husband, Dipo; Everett Atwater; and Katie Atwater; as well as his cherished great grandchildren, Zoë Osinubi, Ian Osinubi, and Sofia Fomin-Braswell.

Bob will be remembered with love for his devotion to family, his distinguished military service, and the lasting impact he made on those who knew him.

The family will receive friends Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 1:00 – 2:00PM at Davenport Funeral Home. A private service will be held for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, it would be special to Bob to make a gift to Samaritan's Purse by visiting: [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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