



## 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)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

CA

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**Calvin Annulis** - May 24 at 05:31 PM

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**Calvin Annulis** - May 24 at 05:29 PM

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**Calvin Annulis** - May 24 at 04:42 PM

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“ Janet and family,  
I have so much respect, gratitude, and love for Bob. He helped me in many ways after we lost Gene and Arlene.  
We will never forget the delicious “ATWATER” desserts you shared with us. We are blessed to have known Bob and to have shared some special times with both of you. RIP Bob A. You will be missed.  
Love, Tom and Janet Hunter

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**Tom Hunter** - May 21 at 01:27 PM

AJ

“ I first met Bob and Jan at the Gratitude Meeting. I sure have missed both of you. And your good sweets you shared. Hugs and prayers to you Jan. And I know that Bob is at peace. 🙏

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**Ann Johnson** - May 20 at 05:00 AM

JM

“ Bob was my mentor and confidant for the past 18 years. He taught me that service to others was our purpose in life and guided me through a journey of serving and caring for others beyond my greatest hope and imagination. Bob taught me that love is a verb and something you do through your actions. Rest in peace my friend and teacher. I will miss you deeply and will strive to live the life you taught me. Jack M.

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**Jack McDonald** - May 19 at 01:15 PM

SC

“ Sharon Cox lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Atwater



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**Sharon Cox** - May 19 at 12:54 PM