



Samuel Bruce Rochester, Jr.

June 20, 2011

Walhalla, SC—Samuel Bruce Rochester, Jr., 70, of Woodbury Street, Walhalla, died Monday, June 20, 2011.

A native of Spartanburg, SC, Mr. Rochester was the son of the late Samuel Bruce, Sr. and Hazel Kelley Rochester. He was a graduate of Presbyterian College and was employed by Walhalla Builders and Rochester Real Estate. He was a member and Elder of Walhalla Presbyterian Church; and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Oconee Medical Center.

Mr. Rochester is survived by son, Samuel Bruce Rochester III and wife, Angel of Spartanburg; sister, Elaine Rochester Williams of Seneca; and grandson, Samuel Bruce Rochester IV.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2011, from Walhalla Presbyterian Church, with burial to follow in Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 p.m., Thursday, at the church prior to the service.

The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Walhalla Presbyterian Church,
600 E. Main Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Bruce Rochester, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Dear Friends,*

We returned from a week away with Ben's family to learn of Sammie's death. We were shocked and saddened!

There were so many memories that filled our minds starting with our very first week in Walhalla--in August of 1959! It has been our privilege to call the Bruce Rochester Family our friends and to give thanks for the part you played in making our young family welcome to the mountains of South Carolina.

We trust our Lord to give you peace and His great mercy in the days to come.

In His Love,

Bobby, Angela and Family##imported-begin##The Bobby Long Family##imported-end##

June 29, 2011 at 08:36 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear about Sam's death. I saw him just a while back at an antique class with OLLI in Clemson.

I've known Lillian, and her parents, through my parents, for years, and met Sam at ACE Hardware in West Union many years ago.

I'll keep the family in my prayers.

Gloria Griffin Herring##imported-begin##Gloria Griffin Herring##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 07:42 PM



“ We have known Samuel for a long time and always found him to be kind and considerate and compassionate for others. We will miss seeing him, but we also know his health issues are now over. Our prayers go out to all the family. May you find peace and comfort that comes only from above.##imported-begin##Joyce & Clyde Lusk##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 12:37 PM



“ *Bruce and Angel*

We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Sammy was a special person. We have the family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Chris & Vicky Guenthner##imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 08:24 PM



“ Elaine and Family

You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sammy and I graduated the same year, and were always friends.##imported-begin##Bobbie Duncan##imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 10:57 PM



“ Bruce and Angel. We are so sorry to hear the sad news of Sam's passing. He was a special person and will be missed very much. We will never forget his peanuts at the Clemson ballgames and the wonderful key lime pie he made for us. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
John and Sue Carrington##imported-begin##John and Sue Carrington##imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 09:51 PM



“ Sam was still in school at PC when I started to work for his dad at Walhalla Builders/Rochester Real Estate. It has been an interesting ride. Special thanks for all that Sam and Bruce have done for my son Will over the years.##imported-begin##Reg Tatum##imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 07:36 PM



“ Bruce,

I was sorry to learn of your Dad's death. Our paths certainly crossed a lot during your school years, especially WHS.

Thinking of you.

Becky J###imported-begin##Becky Johnson###imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ God's peace be with you.###imported-begin##Rebecca Sobeck###imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 11:59 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Sam's death. Sam and I had a great time this past fall hiking with the Clemson OLLI group. He and I shared a lot of memories about our college days, and fishing. In fact, Sam and I were to get together sometime and "wet a hook." I am sorry we didn't get a chance to do that. I really enjoyed our time together and I will miss him being on the trail with me again this coming fall.###imported-begin##Gil Huggins###imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 11:45 AM



“ We were saddend to hear of Sammy's passing.

Sincerely

Sandy & Max Wigington###imported-begin##sandy wigington###imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 11:31 AM



“ Condolences.

H.W.Alley##imported-begin##H.W.Alley##imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 10:52 AM



“ *I am so sorry about the death of your Daddy and brother, but I do want to share some of my memories of him.
I knew your Daddy through the Oconee County Literacy program. When I worked in this program (2005-2009), he was one of the most faithful volunteers that I had. His patience with his students was remarkable. He was a good friend to me as we worked together in the reading program. Take care of his "little red truck" or at least that was what he was driving when he came to our program.
I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the funeral, but I will be out of town.*

In Christian Love,

Sara Astin##imported-begin##Sara Astin##imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 10:06 AM



“ *SAM WAS 1 OF MY BEST CUSTOMERS,AND OVER THE YEARS HE BECAME A WONDERFUL FRIEND, BRINGING HIS PUPS TO THE CLEANERS TO LET ME SEE THEM, O HE WAS SO PROUD OF THEM.. WE HAD A LOT OF FOND MEMORIES HANGING OUT AT BOUNTY LAND ON THE MILK CRATES AS WELL..LOL!! I LOVE YOU SAM MAY YOU REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND.. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO ALL THE FAMILY...##imported-begin##Connie Patterson##imported-end##*

June 22, 2011 at 08:12 AM



“ To each and every family member, we want to express our deepest sympathy in the loss of such a dear man, Sammy. Growing up in the Presbyterian Church, I have always known and loved your family. We would run into Sammy often around Walhalla, especially at local restaurants. Sammy was always friendly and willing to share his table with anyone. One of my fondest memories is a Saturday morning at Kountry Kupboard when it was packed. He invited us to sit with him, and we had such an enjoyable time talking about the past.

You know that he is in Heaven with the Lord and in no more pain. Your faith and your memories will help you through these next few days.

Ernie and Anne Cannon###imported-begin##Ernie and Anne Cannon###imported-end##

June 21, 2011 at 09:15 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. Shot & Carmen Earle###imported-begin##Julius Earle Jr & Carmen Earle###imported-end##

June 21, 2011 at 08:09 PM



“ We knew Sammy as a fellow student at WHS. We enjoyed many church related activities with Sammy and his family who always opened their home and hearts to folks. Our prayers are with you.

Doug and Kay Deal###imported-begin##Doug and Kay Deal###imported-end##

June 21, 2011 at 03:53 PM



“ I don't remember not knowing Sam. He was just always around town...real estate, Walhalla Builders...so friendly to everyone he met and always with that smile. My favorite thing was the truck with the big band-aid. I hope you all keep wonderful memories of him. Lori Chappellear###imported-begin###Lori Chappellear###imported-end###

June 21, 2011 at 03:33 PM



“ Sammy was a very enjoyable person and will be missed. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Love & Prayers

Doug & Linda R. Nix###imported-begin###Doug & Linda R. Nix###imported-end###

June 21, 2011 at 03:19 PM



“ I graduated with Sammy and was sorry to hear about his death. He was lots of fun to be around in school. I pray that God will wrap his arms around you and comfort you at this time.###imported-begin###Brenda Morris Wickenden###imported-end###

June 21, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ We send our deepest sympathy.
Allen, Sherry, Zeke & Pop###imported-begin###The Allen Moore Family###imported-end###

June 21, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Elaine and Family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I knew Sammy from Walhalla Builders in the lin 1968-69. Also from Walhalla High School. I saw him often around town and especially in the Mountainview area. He was so friendly and pleasant. Please accept my sincere sympathy and prays. Dottie Williams###imported-begin##Dottie Williams###imported-end##

June 21, 2011 at 12:38 PM



“ At times like these, we remember how fragile life is, and how heartbreakingly precious. I enjoyed working your Dad through the school system and that unique smile he always had. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Runelle Burton Hall###imported-end##

June 21, 2011 at 09:50 AM