



## Mr. Steve Rochester

February 2, 1921 - September 25, 2015

Steve Rochester, 94, husband of seventy-one years to Evelyn Kay Rochester of Seneca, passed away Friday, September 25, 2015, at Brookdale Skilled Nursing Facility in Anderson, SC.

A native of Salem, SC, Mr. Rochester was the son of the late Paul Sloan and Lenora Tucker Rochester. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service as a platoon leader in the infantry during WWII. He received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action and also received five major campaign stars for his service. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves after twenty-one years. Mr. Rochester graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. and M.S. degree. He worked in education for thirty-five years in Greenville, Dorchester, and Oconee Counties. Mr. Rochester later retired after serving as principal of Northside Elementary School for seventeen years. He was a member of American Legion Post #120, Salem Lions Club, and a charter member of the Oconee Chapter 748 Military Order of the Purple Heart. He helped found Patriots' Hall: Oconee Veteran Museum. Mr. Rochester served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher, and was a current member of Seneca Baptist Church.

Mr. Rochester was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was loyal to God, country, family, his school staff, and the Clemson Tigers.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rochester is survived by his sons: Donald Rochester (Becky) of Seneca and Earl Rochester (Cheryl) of Toccoa, GA; daughter: Judy Quarles (Mike) of Seneca; sister: Sara Connell of Lakeland, FL; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Rochester was preceded in death by his brothers: Chris Rochester, Bruce Rochester, Oliver Rochester, Eugene Rochester and Dewey Rochester.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Monday, September 28, 2015, at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends 12:30-1:30 PM, prior to the service, at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Legion Post #120, P.O. Box 204, Seneca, SC 29679.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

## Oconee Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Steve Rochester*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr Rochester's passing. He and Evelyn were neighbors of my Mom and Dad in Port Santorini and also neighbors of my mom ( Vivian Owens) at Morningside in Seneca. They were always so friendly and kind whenever I saw them at Morningside when I was visiting my mom. I will always remember his great smiles for me. I remember my Dad (Bob Owens) talking about his good friend, Steve, across the street and how much they had in common being school principals and neighbors. Our dads are so special! Love to Evelyn and all of your family as you miss him and treasure your memories with him!*



Nancy Dobson - September 29, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ *Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jeanne Mefleh*

Jeanne A. Mefleh - September 27, 2015 at 08:28 PM

SS

“ Thinking of you all during this time of loss. I remember him singing in the choir with my dad, Robert Buchanan, at Bountyland Baptist Church and mom working with him at Northside. Mom, Betty Buchanan Ramey, send her love and prayers to all of you. She admired him and respected him deeply. Mom sends her love to Evelyn.

Susan Buchanan Sims - September 27, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ Audrey Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Rochester



Audrey Barker - September 27, 2015 at 11:30 AM

LT

“ Leland And Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Rochester



Leland and Richadene Talley - September 27, 2015 at 11:17 AM

FB

“ Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Rochester



Frankie Burrell - September 27, 2015 at 04:35 AM



“ *Don Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Rochester*



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**Don Albertson** - September 26, 2015 at 06:08 PM



“ *Steve Rochester gave me the opportunity to begin my teaching career at Northside Elementary. It was an honor to teach with Mr. Rochester as my first principal. In the last few years I have had the pleasure of visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rochester when I would be in Seneca. Visiting with them always left me with a joyful spirit. All of you will be in my prayers. Sincerely, Frieda B. Wald*

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**Frieda B. Wald** - September 26, 2015 at 04:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Evelyn, I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed knowing Steve from Northside while teaching and working with you. I often think of you and Steve. May God bless and keep you in this time of sadness. George/Judi Olbon*

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**george/judi olbon** - September 26, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ *Evelyn, we are so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure working with Steve in Education for both of us. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Fred & Beatrice Hamilton*

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**Beatrice Hamilton** - September 26, 2015 at 08:38 AM

RA

“ *Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Rochester*



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**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - September 26, 2015 at 08:28 AM

KG

“ *To the family of Mr. Steve Rochester, I pray for the Holy Spirit's comfort for each of you. Mike and July Quarles, you are especially in my prayers as release your dad from this earth. He was respected by those who knew him in education and thanked for his service to our country. He lived a long life and meaningful life and will be remembered fondly by those who knew him.*  
*Katherine M. Grant*

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**Katherine M. Grant** - September 26, 2015 at 07:57 AM

AA

“ *My sincere sympathy to Judy and her entire family since the loss of Mr. Rochester. I have fond memories of him as a principal at Northside Elem. as a student there in the mid-seventies. May god provide the comfort and peace you need at this time of loss. A;; of you will remain in my prayers.*  
*God Bless You,*  
*Andrea Alewine*

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**Andrea Alewine** - September 25, 2015 at 10:33 PM

MM

“ *May God be with you and comfort you as you grieve your loss. May the assurance of heaven and life everlasting sustain you. Blessings to you.*

*Margi McLain*

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**Margaret McLain** - September 25, 2015 at 09:23 PM

RG

“ *I have such fond memories of Mr. Rochester as my principal at Northside Elementary School in the late 70's. He was a great man and role model--respected by his students and staff. He made a difference in many lives and will be missed. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family--especially his daughter and my friend, Judy.*

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**Rhonda Stutts Grant** - September 25, 2015 at 08:29 PM

SD

“ *My sincere sympathy to Miss Evelyn, Don, Earl, Judy and their families. I treasure the time spent gardening with Mr. Rochester. I learned so much from him, especially that it was easier just to do it his way to begin with! I also heard the the story of a young lieutenant aboard a ship in the English Channel waiting to go to war. His service to his country and education is recognized and appreciated by many people. Enjoy your Heavenly reward good friend.*

*Sam Donald*

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**Sam Donald** - September 25, 2015 at 02:28 PM

NM

“ *Mrs. Evelyn I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Steve was a wonderful person and was a pleasure to be around. We are thinking of you and your family and pray you find comfort in the Lord. We love you.*  
*Nona McAlister and family*

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**Nona H McAlister** - September 25, 2015 at 01:09 PM

NM

“ *Nona H McAlister lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Rochester*



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**Nona H McAlister** - September 25, 2015 at 01:07 PM

JC

*I am so sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Rochester. Enjoyed knowing him, such a wonderful person. I am unable to attend his funeral, as we have a death in our church and we serve the family. My sincere sympathy.*

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**Joan Chittenden** - September 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM