



## Robert E. Dunlap

March 31, 1934 - June 24, 2013

Robert E. Dunlap, 79, died June 24, 2013 at Asbury Care Center.

A native of Pelzer, son of the late Ernest Augustus and Zoa Ragsdale Dunlap, he was a graduate of Elon University, received a Masters of Education from UNC Chapel Hill, and was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church. Mr. Dunlap was a financial advisor for Horace Mann Insurance Company, where he was National Agent of the Year for 10 unprecedented years, National Life Agent of the Year for 5 years, National Group Agent of the Year for 2 years, National Life Quality Business Agent of the Year, Most Profitable National Property Agent of the Year, Most Profitable National Auto Agent of the Year, and was a member of the Horace Mann Hall of Fame. Mr. Dunlap coached at Union High School from 1963-1969. While coaching, he had the following accomplishments: Founded the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Union High School, coached in the North-South High School Football All-Star Game and was one of the youngest to do so, Eastern AA Conference Football Coach of the Year, coached the Union Baseball team to the Upper State Baseball title, started the Little Stingers program for 5th and 6th grade football and the first group in the program eventually won the first state championship at Union in football, inherited an athletics department that was in debt and he eliminated the debt in two years, started and coached a junior varsity women's basketball team, built the first track at Union High School, coached football at McClenaghan High School in Florence with Fisher DeBerry who went on to coach at the Air Force Academy, and coached football at Elon University.

Surviving is his wife, Myrtle S. Dunlap; son, Kevin Dunlap and his wife, Elizabeth; and a grandson, Robert Davison Dunlap.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. George Strait.

Honorary escorts will be Pete Stone, Wayne McKinney, Henley Olmert, Mike Anthony, Ken Martin, Mike Vignola, Fred Jaroz, Sandra Moss, Van Rutherford, John Nichols, Robert McLean, Taz Eure, Carlos Johnson, Elijah Terry, Lynn Hodge, Allan Frohm, Butch Genoble, Jerry Smith, and Cliff Phillips.

Memorials may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main Street, Greer, SC 29650.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *When I started with Horace Mann in 1984, Bob was the one I looked up to truly be a professional insurance agent and he inspired me to try to achieve my goals. He will always will be the greatest Horace Mann agent I have ever known.*

*David W. Magoon  
Horace Mann Insurance Company  
Island Coast Teachers Insurance Agency, LLC  
Fort Myers, Florida*

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**David W. Magoon, LUTCF** - September 11, 2013 at 12:53 PM

TW

“ *Words cannot express how Bob inspired me through the years with Horace Mann. Bob was truly one of the most professional insurance agents I ever knew. I will think of you as I walk the halls in the educational community.*

*Terry Wallace  
Horace Mann  
Jackson, Tn*

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**terry wallace** - September 10, 2013 at 09:48 PM

CB

“ *Dear Mrs dunlap and Kevin,this is cindy from the barber centre. I was sad to hear about bob. I have had the privilege serving him. He was a good friend and i will truly miss him. I will be praying for you to find peace and comfront in knowing we will see our loved ones agian. Many Blessings to you all. Cindy bowling*

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**cindy bowling** - July 22, 2013 at 01:52 PM

 Ethan  
Poole

“ *A great man and mentor to many will be remembered and missed.*

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**Ethan Poole** - July 19, 2013 at 09:42 PM

CJ

“ *Mrs. Dunlap & Kevin I was sorry to hear about Mr. Dunlap. I have great memories of him with a smile & and a pat on the shoulder. Be strong.*

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**Chip Johnson** - July 01, 2013 at 01:42 PM

JK

“ *Dear Myrtle and Kevin, you have lost a dear husband and great father and I have lost a great friend. Please know that your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I know that Lloyd and Bob are talking football right now. Sincerely, Joanne Kelly*

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**Joanne Kelly** - June 28, 2013 at 12:54 PM

BB

“ *Mrs. Dunlap, Bob was my "Horace Mann man" very early in my teaching career at Hillcrest High School and continued to help me make the best decisions about my savings throughout my educational career. I was so very sad to receive his letter last December and had often thought about him this year. I'm so very sorry for your loss, and I hope that, in time, the sorrow you're feeling now will be replaced with many happy memories of your long life together and the impact he had on the lives of so very many people throughout his life. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Bobbi Burns*

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**Bobbi Burns** - June 28, 2013 at 11:48 AM

JB

“ *My sincerest condolences to Myrtle, Keven and Elizebeth on the passing of Bob. He was a very special friend and always included me to share with him in golf, ball games, lunch, reunion trips with Horace Mann, or simply calling me to keep in touch. He will be missed and remembered as one of the best!*



*Jim and Ginny Belue*

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**James C. Belue** - June 28, 2013 at 08:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert E. Dunlap.*



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June 28, 2013 at 08:11 AM

PK

“ *Dear Myrtle, Kevin and Elizabeth,  
You are in our hearts and in our prayers. We share your loss and sorrow and will miss Bob very much. We have great memories of our times together. He was such a good friend to us but more importantly he was a great husband, father and proud grandfather of Davis...a truly humble man who was the best he could be in everything...a real giant! God has a special place in heaven for Bob! May you find comfort knowing he is with the Lord where there is no pain or tears. He has won the crown of victory over death.*

*Paulette and Paul Kardos*

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**Paul and Paulette Kardos** - June 27, 2013 at 06:59 PM

LM

“ We were saddened to learn of Bob's passing. May God strengthen you as the days go by. Bob will always be remembered as a friendly and compassionate person. It was an honor to know him.

*Leroy and Frances Morant, Orangeburg SC*

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**Leroy and Frances Morant** - June 27, 2013 at 06:05 PM

SC

“ *Bob's Family,*

*Sharon and I feel a great loss at the news of Bob's death. He was such a rock of reassurance to us in the early years of my Horace Mann career. An outstanding example of integrity and leadership. Even though it has been many years since Bob retired, his name often comes up in conversation when discussing people that have made a difference. Even after his death so many of us will remember him with respect and appreciation for all he was.*

*Steven and Sharon Craven  
Horace Mann, Wisconsin*

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**Steven Craven** - June 27, 2013 at 05:56 PM

MC

“ Myrtle, we are very saddened to learn of Bob's death. It has been many years since we were neighbors here in Union. it has been over 44 years since you insisted on taking my place in carpool when our youngest daughter was born. You wouldn't let me "pay you back" but told me to "pass it on." I have been working these 44 years to repay you for your extreme kindness and I always will, thinking of you each time I "pass it on." May God bless you and Kevin and your family. Your Church family will support you, I know. That was my home church and where Jim and I married. God bless you and give you comfort.

*Mary Jane and Jim Cunningham*

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**Mary Jane Cunningham** - June 27, 2013 at 02:44 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Dunlap.



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June 27, 2013 at 07:23 AM

CS

“ My deepest condolences to Bob's family.

*Connie Stanley, Horace Mann*

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**Connie Stanley** - June 27, 2013 at 06:27 AM

DM

“ Bob was a special kind of man - a true, kind southern gentleman who I was grateful was my Friend for Life. God's peace and blessings to you all.

Donna Mueller - June 26, 2013 at 10:15 PM

DM

“ Donna Mueller lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dunlap



Donna Mueller - June 26, 2013 at 10:09 PM

BT

“ Nancy and I are deeply grieved at hearing of Bob,s passing. We have many fond Horace Mann memories of Bob,s ever present smile. I only played golf with him once...at a HM convention in Palm Desert. I was surprised that he either apparently didn,t know,,or use the appropriate words when he had a bad shot. I did my best to educate him. What a gentleman...We will miss him...Bob Thaldorf



Bob Thaldorf - June 26, 2013 at 08:24 PM

BH

“ Dear Ones.

*Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.*

*Will be impossible for me to be at the service.*

*Hope that you can feel my loving heart and*

*hands reaching out to you.*

*Bettie Howe widow of Claude Howe*

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**Bettie Howe** - June 26, 2013 at 04:36 PM

PC

“ *Phil Clark lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dunlap*



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**Phil Clark** - June 26, 2013 at 02:14 PM

PF

“ *Phil Clark And Family lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dunlap*



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**Phil Clark and family** - June 26, 2013 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Myrtle and Kevin,  
I am very saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful  
example to others and accomplished much in his life - all in a  
humble way. I always found him to be a true Southern Gentleman.  
May he rest in peace.*  
*Ellen Tedder*

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**Ellen Tedder** - June 26, 2013 at 01:53 PM

RB

“ *Myrtle and Kevin our prayers are with you. Bob was a wonderful  
person,husband, father and grandfather. We will miss him. Love  
Ricky and Theresa Blum*

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**Ricky blum** - June 26, 2013 at 12:19 PM

SC

“ *On behalf of Thomas J. Warwick and the entire Warwick family,  
please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Unfortunately,  
Daddy's illness will prevent us from being with you at the funeral,  
but do know our hearts and prayers are with you. May our  
Wonderful Lord and Savior continue to Comfort and Guide you in  
the days ahead.*

*TJ & Anne, Sally, Jeff & Cathy*

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**sally clark** - June 26, 2013 at 11:28 AM

DG

“ *Thanks for the memories. They are precious  
Danny and Lea Bob Gardner, Horace Mann*



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**Danny Gardner** - June 26, 2013 at 10:47 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Dunlap.*



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June 26, 2013 at 10:09 AM



“ *Coach Dunlap: Great communicator, great coach, surrounded himself with great coaches, Marion "Bull" Parrish, Richard Seastrunk, Rick Carlisle and other coaches that followed in his footsteps. Now coaches heaven's all star team. Thanks for the memories! Ronnie Lee, Union High Football Class of 1968.*



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**Ronnie Lee** - June 25, 2013 at 10:26 PM



“ *Beverly Brown lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Dunlap*



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**Beverly Brown** - June 25, 2013 at 02:17 PM



*I grew up in West Pelzer with Bobby. I am so sorry for your loss. Dot Durham Chapman.*

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**Dot Durham Chapman** - June 28, 2013 at 05:44 PM