



Sidney (Sid) Coats

January 13, 1935 - August 28, 2012

Sidney Owen Coats, 77, passed away unexpectedly at his vacation home in Pawley's Island, S.C., on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. Born January 13, 1935, in Muncie, Indiana, Sid was the son of the late Fred H. and Helen F. Coats. While a student at Burriss Laboratory High School, he was active in track and basketball as well as captain of the tennis team. At DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, Sid was a member of Delta Chi fraternity and an unmistakable, deep bass voice in its quartet of genial fraternity brothers, with whom he continued to keep in touch. He also enjoyed being a cook and chauffeur at Yellowstone National Park during his college summers. At DePauw Sid met his future wife Adrienne Nail (Coats), whom he wed after graduation in 1956.

The couple spent the first half of their married life in Niles, Michigan, raising their two children there. Sid was employed for 25 years at Kawneer, a division of Alcoa, as a research engineer and manager of the computer division. When the family moved to Greer in 1980, he became co-owner of a computer sales and consulting company. They quickly made lifelong friends of the "Creekers" in their Sugar Creek neighborhood and became members of the First Presbyterian Church of Greer, where they both sang in the choir and Sid served as Deacon. Sid also had a lifetime love of gardening and of fishing with family and friends, finding time to take an annual fishing trip to Ludington State Park in Michigan for thirty consecutive years. In retirement he enjoyed

traveling, especially to Hawaii and to Pawley's Island on the South Carolina coast. Devoted to his family, Sid especially enjoyed time spent with the four grandchildren he so adored. He was an extremely loving and patient caretaker for his wife Adrienne, who predeceased him in 2010 after a long journey with Alzheimer's Disease. Also predeceasing him was his one brother, Max E. Coats.

Surviving are his daughter, Cynthia Foreman, of Joliet, Illinois, and her two children, Jennifer and Brian; and his son and daughter-in-law, David and Beth Coats, and their two children, Allison and Matthew, all of Charlotte, North Carolina. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church of Greer, conducted by Rev. Brandi Casto-Waters, Rev. Ray White and Rev. Wayne Cole. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Wood Mortuary and immediately after the funeral service in the Fellowship Hall of the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Greer, 100 School Street, Greer, S.C. 29651. Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Mr. Coats will be so dearly missed in the neighborhood and in our hearts. He would always watch our huge halloween display every year from across the street and was always a sweet and kind neighbor. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Rob and Mim Dotson##imported-end##

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“ Our sincere sympathy to a beloved friend and neighbor in Sugar Creek. You will be missed by us and so many of your friends. Pete will miss you especially when doing yard work. May your memory be eternal. Our love##imported-begin##Peter & Cynthia Magiros##imported-end##

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“ David - so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I think I would have loved to hear him sing... our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Ruth Larson##imported-end##

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“ *David & Family:*

My deepest condolences on the loss of your father. I'm sure he was very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May you find comfort in your memories of all the happy times together.

All my best,

Jean Bell###imported-begin##Jean Bell###imported-end##

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