



Raymond L. Tumbleston

February 28, 1936 - June 2, 2016

Raymond L. Tumbleston, 80, of Meggett, SC passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, June 2, 2016.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 3 o'clock PM at Christ St. Paul's Church Cemetery, 4981 Chapel Road, Hollywood.

Raymond was born in Ravenel, SC to George W. Tumbleston and Otto Caddin Tumbleston the 3rd of 6 children. Raymond started his farming career working for Mr. George W. Hills on Johns Island then moved to his beloved Edisto Island to continue the legacy of farming the rich soil of the Botony Bay, Point of Pines, Sunnyside Plantations and Little Britton Island. Known as the Geechie Boy, he grew and packed tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons and cantaloupes which were shipped throughout the United States, Canada & Puerto Rico. Raymond was a pioneer in the advancement of technology integration for the improvement of agricultural practices. In 1967 Raymond was awarded as the Young Farmer of the Year and during his lifetime he received awards and recognitions along with serving on many agricultural, horticulture, and conservation committees and boards. Most noted he was appointed by two United States presidents to serve on Agriculture Advisory boards and Governors of South Carolina for Farm Workers Labor Commission and Insecticide Advisory Commission. He served the Soil & Water Conservation Board, Farm Credit Board, AgSouth Farm Credit Board, First

Union Bank Board, South Carolina Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau Federation, Agricultural Society of South Carolina, Clemson University Board of Visitors, Ag. Economic & Curriculum Board at Clemson University, SC Association of Conservation, SC Horticultural Society, SC Tomato Association, Charleston County Planning & Zoning Committee. In his community and church he served on the Country Day School Board of Directors, Lions Club of Edisto Beach, Deacon of Edisto Beach Baptist Church and Elder of Edisto Island Presbyterian Church. Raymond and Carla built a legacy for their children and grandchildren and retired from farming in 1998. "There are some people in life who others instinctively flock around for they generate sincerity and good feelings in all. Rather than dwell on life's hardships, they emphasize the good. They give more than they take. And they've always got a new joke and a friendly pat on the back for anyone who comes their way. Edisto's "Geechie Boy, "Raymond Tumbleston, is such a person. At a quick glance, one finds Tumbleston to be a lighthearted sort of fellow, but he's very serious when it comes to his deep commitments to his Lord, family, community and work."

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Carla Bowman Tumbleston, his son Raymond L. Tumbleston, Jr. (Liz) and his daughter Deanna Tumbleston Barteet (Dannie), 4 grandchildren Danyelle Barteet Blitch (John), Melanie Tumbleston Bryant (Travis), Emily Tumbleston Prichard (Lytle), Joseph Daniel C. Barteet; 10 great grandchildren, Ayden Tumbleston, Jakob Tumbleston, Valen Bryant, Ellie Blitch, Peyton Davenport, Clara Grace Blitch, Miranda Jenkins, Will Prichard, Amelia Blitch , Dominic Bryant; 2 brothers, George W. Tumbleston, Jr. , Benny L. Tumbleston (Alex) one sister Mable Tumbleston Hill (Mackey). He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Burnett Leroy Tumbleston, Roy Harmon Tumbleston.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Agricultural Society of South Carolina: PO Box 80984 Charleston, SC 29416, or a charity of one's choice.

Special thanks to his care givers Janelle and Amber.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

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MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery Details

Christ St. Paul's Church Cemetery

Yonges Island, SC

Previous Events

Graveside

JUN 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Christ St Pauls Episcopal
4981 State Rd S-10-1160
Hollywood, SC 29449
(843) 889-2820

Tribute Wall



“ Raymond L. Tumbleston

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ I will always remember those summer days talking at the packing shed. Also you and OB Sanders yelling at the referees at the Country Day ball games. Good times. God bless. You always had a warm smile for me and my family.

David and Kim Spooner - June 06, 2016 at 07:21 PM



Belton Sanders

David and Kim Spooner - June 06, 2016 at 07:23 PM



“ Linda Bowman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond L. Tumbleston.



Linda Bowman - June 06, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ Raymond was the epitome of a true southern gentleman. The world is a better place for having Raymond in it.

Lee Walker - June 06, 2016 at 04:57 AM

DE

“ One of the finest men I have ever known! Know I will see him again one day!

Diane Edwins - June 05, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond L. Tumbleston.



June 04, 2016 at 10:46 PM

AB

“ Raymond Lanier sat behind me in grammar school. We went to the same birthday parties and he rented Little Brittain from my brother Tolly. Mable and I played in the school yard together. Loved them both.

Anna Taylor Blythe
Adams Run

Anna Taylor Blythe - June 03, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ Mr. T., you and Joe Minshew were my step daddy's. I will never forget your smile, and a wink when you knew Melissa and I did something wrong. After I finally grew up you took me to the side and told me if I ever wanted to be a good putter at Stono Ferry I should always approach the green looking at all angles and then approach my putt. You always had the biggest hug for me even when you never realized I needed it so much. Mrs. Carla you are just as special as EVER, I love you two.

Missy Walker - June 03, 2016 at 05:19 PM

BG

“ Raymond and I served on several different boards together . He was always an asset to anything he served on and was an active participant in the discussions.
He was a good friend , a gentleman , and he will be missed .
Ben Gramling Gramling ,SC

Ben Gramling - June 03, 2016 at 05:14 PM



Marti
Cook

So sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers for your family.

Marti Cook - June 04, 2016 at 09:05 AM

RS

Thank you, Raymond, for the 18 years of friendship and the opportunity to work for you. You were one of the most gracious and giving people I have known~~~an amazing mentor, especially to those in need. Thank you for bringing me to Edisto!

Ronnie Sparks

Ronnie Sparks - June 05, 2016 at 08:02 AM

JS

“ Sorry to hear of Raymond's death..it was a privilege to have known him and his family...

Joyce Edmondson Southwell - June 03, 2016 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ One fine southern gentleman, who supported others, Mr. Raymond will be missed but not forgotten. Through faith in the one that made and saved each of us, we will fellowship again. My thoughts and prayers are with this fine family.

God Bless,

Ronnie Summers

Ronnie Summers - June 03, 2016 at 02:48 PM

BR

“ Raymond was definitely one of a kind. He was always friendly to everyone and everybody who knew him, loved him. When he was on the Board at CDS, we could always count on him to be level headed and fair. He will be missed.

Barbara Wright Richardson - June 03, 2016 at 02:29 PM