



Robert "Bob" Austin Polk

September 4, 1947 - May 20, 2026

Robert Austin Polk, 78, of Summerville, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Born on September 4, 1947, in Effingham, South Carolina, he was the beloved son of the late Oather Mindon Polk and Nora Esther Polk.

Bob shared 55 wonderful years of marriage with the love of his life, Ginger Reynolds Polk. He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Bob earned his master's degree and remained a lifelong Gamecocks fan. Bob had a dedicated career in education. He began his career as a teacher before later serving as a principal at Alston Middle School and guidance director at Summerville High School. He was respected for his leadership and devotion to helping people, especially students. Bob was known as the life of the party, always ready to tell a joke or make someone smile.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ginger Polk; his children: Leah Reason (Shelby), Blake Polk, and Kelly McDonald (TJ); his grandchildren: Maddox Patrick McDonald, Emma Grace Reason, Myers Polk McDonald, Benjamin Reason, and Connor Reason; his siblings: Christine Weatherford and Denise King; as well as numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his loving granddaughter, Arnette Kinley McDonald; as well as his parents.

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 6pm until 8pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. The funeral service will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026, beginning at 1pm at Bethany UMC, 118 W. 3rd S. Street, Summerville, SC 29483. Burial will immediately follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Reachoutandread, <https://www.rorcarolinas.org>

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethany United Methodist Church
118 W. 3rd S. Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

MAY **29** (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens
11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. He was a true treasure to the school system. Thank you for all the help, guidance and understanding that you showed to my children over the years. You will truly be missed.* 🙏🙏🙏

Vivian Williams - 2 hours ago