



## Robert Thad Talley

June 22, 1939 - August 15, 2023

Robert Thad Talley, 84, of Moncks Corner, husband of Miriam Talley passed away, August 15, 2023, at his Residence.

Robert was born June 22, 1939, in Philadelphia, MS son of Joseph and Earline (Barnett) Talley.

Robert attended many schools including Canton High School, Furman University, Hines Junior College (AA Degree) and the University of Tennessee where he obtained his master's degree. He was named the sixth fastest man in the world at Furman University. He worked as a Teacher/Coach for many years at Brevard College, University of Tennessee, Arkansas State, Kansas University, The Citadel and the Baptist College before retiring from Knightville Elementary. He formed many lifelong relationships with his athletes. Robert was the former Deacon of Summerville Baptist Church. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing.

He leaves to cherish his memories to his wife, Miriam Talley; sons, Rob Talley (Lynn) and Clay Talley (Michaela); grandchildren, Anna, Elizabeth, William, Robert and Jacob; brothers, Jerry (Sarah) and Ken (Linda) Talley; his sister, Joann Taylor (Walt) Copper; his sister-in-law, Lorraine (Olin) Jones; stepchildren, Scott Strickland and Karen (John) Dills; step grandchildren, Jake (Megan Bilton and Alex (Katel McAfee) and four step great children.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Earline (Barnett) Talley and his wife of 52 years, Harriette L. Talley.

His visitation will be held at James A. Dyal Funeral Home on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 12 O'clock until 1 O'clock. Funeral service will be held on Monday, August 21, 2023, at James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel at 1 O'clock. Burial will be held at Plantation Memorial Gardens, Moncks Corner at 2 O'clock.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorials may be made to The Diabetes Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

## Burial

AUG **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Plantation Memorial Gardens  
3345 S. Live Oak Drive  
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Coach Thad Talley was a champion to the core. I met Coach Thad Talley when he visited my home in Lynchburg, Virginia in 1976 to recruit me via a Track & Field scholarship to attend The Citadel. That life-altering opportunity and his genuine caring style of coaching changed my life forever. Coach Talley's positive attitude and superb coaching helped me become the Southern Conference Champion in the high hurdles and to set records on the track that wouldn't be broken for over 38 years by Malik Diggs. Thanks to Coach Talley's help and some math tutoring from his wife Harriet, I graduated from The Citadel in May 1980 and became a helicopter pilot in the Marine Corps. Coach Talley's example as a christian strengthened my faith and fortified my heart in many ways. He invited me to Summersville Baptist Church to hear Clebe McClary speak one Sunday morning during my senior year at The Citadel. Clebe's courageous influence has been with me for the last 44 years too! To this day, every morning when I wake up, I still hear Coach Thad Talley yelling ... "What a day, what a day, what a beautiful day!" Rest in peace Coach Talley! Jim Scott - # 434-941-7375

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**Jim Scott** - March 25, 2024 at 12:21 PM

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“ I had the honor and privilege to run track under Coach Talley at The Citadel during the school year 1976 - 1977. Coach Talley instilled in me the value of challenging work, living life to its fullest and trusting in the Lord that he will always provide. A few years ago, I saw Coach Talley at Summerville Baptist Church and I introduced myself to him and thanked him for mentoring me at a youthful age and how the work ethic he instilled in me has carried over to this present day. Coach Talley will always have a place in my heart. Russell Revell

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**Russell Walter Revell** - August 31, 2023 at 11:39 AM

KD

“ Coach Talley was very special to me all through elementary school. Years later, he showed up at my high school graduation party with a cedar chest that he made for me to store my keepsakes. It was probably the most loving surprise I ever received. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful Christian man who certainly made a difference in my life and in the lives of countless children.

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**Katie DePope** - August 21, 2023 at 09:29 PM

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“ Coach Talley recruited me in High School for The Citadel. I didn't attend but got to work with him a year or so later at Baptist College. Such a fine man and he made this impact on me at 18 years of age..I am 65 now and still remember him and was very thankful for our association. I got a chance to visit him a few weeks ago and so very glad that I did.

*Coach will truly be missed.*

*Lee Fleming*

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**Lee Fleming** - August 21, 2023 at 12:40 PM

PW

“ Thad was my brother in law. Because my father did not approve of guns, Thad and my other brother in law Olin taught me how to hunt. Thad took me on bird hunts. Thank you Thad.

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**Patrick Whitworth** - August 21, 2023 at 08:30 AM

KW

“ Kathryn Nettles Wilson lit a candle in memory of Robert Thad Talley

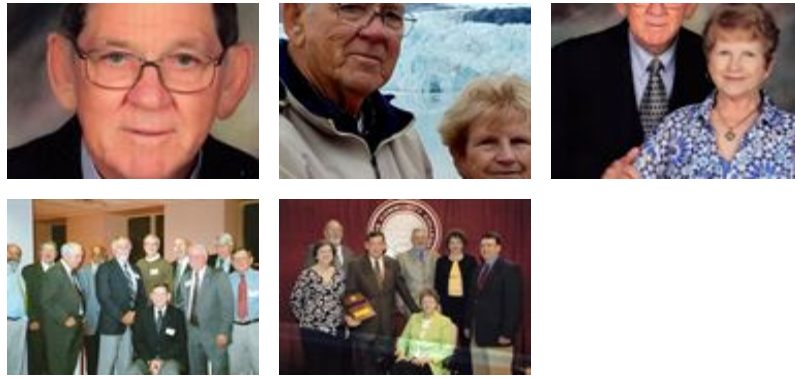


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**Kathryn Nettles Wilson** - August 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - August 18, 2023 at 02:16 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Brevard College Athletic Hall of Fame*



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**Bob Julian** - August 18, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Thad Talley.* ”



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August 18, 2023 at 09:10 AM