



Mr. Richard Burnett Cobb Sr.

November 20, 1939 - November 28, 2021

Mr. Richard Burnett Cobb, Sr, age 82 of Roswell, Georgia passed away on Sunday evening, November 28, 2021. He was born November 20, 1939, in Jacksonville, Florida, the son of the late Gilbert Lamar Cobb, Sr, and the late Jean Burnett Cobb. His family relocated to Atlanta in the mid-1940s. He was raised in the Druid Hills community of Dekalb County and graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1961. He married Gwendolyn Starr Roane in 1962. After college, he was employed by the engineering consulting firm of Kurt Salmon Associates from 1964 to 1971. In 1971, he joined the staff of Governor Jimmy Carter to assist in the reorganization of the Executive Branch of Georgia State Government and later served as Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Budget. He continued to serve in that role through the first four-year term of Governor George Busbee. He left Georgia State Government in 1978 to take a position with the American Petroleum Institute as Executive Director of the Georgia Petroleum Council. After serving 34 years for API, on the last day of the 2012 Georgia General Assembly, he was asked to remove his lobbyist badge and was escorted inside to the podium with Lt. Governor, Casey Cagle who praised him for his 34 years of service to the oil industry and the General Assembly. After retiring in 2012, Ric spent his time playing golf and spending time with his grandchildren. Ric was named to the Georgia Lobbyists Hall of Fame in the James Political magazine and in 2021 was named one of the top lobbyists in Georgia. Ric was once described as “a man possessing a Southern charm as smooth and sweet as a Georgia

peach and a wit that had the bite of moonshine.” He was revered and respected by his friends and colleagues, and detractors alike. A steady hand and calm demeanor were always his hallmark in addition to the “Cobb sense of humor.” When asked, Ric was always willing to share his Christian convictions and provide spiritual guidance.

In addition to his wife of 59 years, Mrs. Gwen Roane Cobb, he is survived by his brother Gilbert Lamar, Jr; daughter and son-in-law, Robyn and Mike Yawn; daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Julian Falls; son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Trish Cobb; 6 grandchildren: Avery, Isabelle, Campbell, Landon, and Lawson.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. from Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory in Roswell (12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA 30075). No visitation prior to the service, however, the family will receive friends after the service. Private family interment to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard Burnett Cobb Sr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Prayers for you and your family, Kim. Jan and Billy Dalton*

Jan Dalton - December 12, 2021 at 10:04 PM



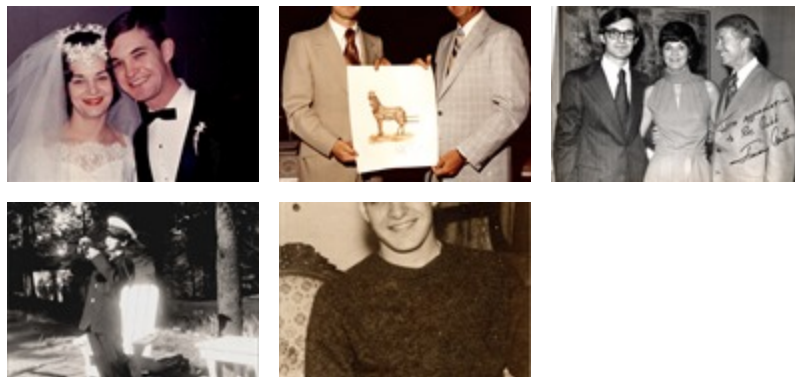
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Rick Cobb - December 08, 2021 at 03:16 PM



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Rick Cobb - December 07, 2021 at 06:41 PM

TK

“ Tom and I express our deepest sympathy in your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom & Debbie Kammerer.

Tom & Debbie Kammerer - December 05, 2021 at 09:38 PM

WR

“ My sincere condolences to Gwen and all of Ricks family! Rick was highly respected by his peers in API and we all enjoyed his sincerity and sense of humor! Bill Ross

William Ross - December 03, 2021 at 07:19 PM

KF

Mr. Ross, Dad always spoke so fondly of you. Thanks so much. Kimberly (Ric's daughter)

Kimberly Falls - December 05, 2021 at 01:22 PM

BM

What a beautiful tribute to a man who had profound and always incredibly positive influence on my life and the life of my family. Our love and prayers are with all the family - I miss your Dad so much, but his legacy of love and wisdom lives on and on. All our love and prayers for comfort and peace, Beth McMullan Mulhern for all of us (Americo and Kevin)

Beth McMullan Mulhern - December 06, 2021 at 12:02 PM

JT

“ Sandra and I wanted to extend our condolences to Ric's family. I worked with (and against..LOL) Ric for the 25 years while I was at the State Capitol. This best compliment I could pay him was that his word meant something, a characteristic not always shared by all of our counterparts. As had been said by others, Ric had a very dry sense of humor and you had to listen closely for some of his zingers. God Speed good friend.

Jim Tudor - December 03, 2021 at 06:46 PM

KF

*Thanks so much Jim!
Kimberly (Ric's daughter)*

Kimberly Falls - December 05, 2021 at 01:22 PM

CS

“ *I worked for Ric for 5 years as his office manager. He was always very kind to me and understanding of times when I had children issues because I was a single mother. He was instrumental in helping my son receive an appointment to the naval academy. He was always joking and wearing a big smile. Ric was so excited to become a grandfather.*

Carolyn Scott - December 02, 2021 at 04:42 PM

KF

*Carolyn, I remember you as dad's office manager and always spoke highly of you! Thanks for sharing!
Kimberly (Ric's daughter)*

Kimberly Falls - December 05, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CS

Was so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. If I still lived in GA I would have attended the service. The last time I saw Ric was when he retired. May Gods comfort you in the coming years.

Carolyn Scott - January 04, 2022 at 09:12 AM