



Mr. Robert "Chic" S. Webb Jr.

September 17, 1929 - September 23, 2013

There is a code of an old-fashioned southern gentlemen, the public code - loyalty, respect, honoring your word, and giving back to your community, and the private code - family, God, Carolina, your dog, fishing and golf. Asheville lost one of these men on Monday morning, September 23, 2013 with the passing of Chic Webb at 84.

On the streets of Tacoma Circle and Griffin Boulevard, the son of Stan and Elizabeth Webb forged some of the life-long friendships that anchored his life. He was the oldest of three children, the adored older brother to Betsy Reeves, his sister, and Charlie Webb, his brother. Many early mornings and afternoons were spent with his father and brother, learning to place the fly just so on the stream to entice the rise and strike of a trout. The love of the woods and water was a family tradition begun by his grandfather, Charles A. Webb, who was instrumental in the formation of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park.

He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Between captaining the track team, bonding with the "Dekes", and the Naval ROTC, he found the love of his life, Jean Williamson. They raised four children- Julia Webb Gaskin, Stan Webb, Laura Webb, and John Webb, and then had the time to spend with each other, a camping trip out west, rambling down long gravel roads looking for that trout stream, adventures in New Zealand and Chile with dear friends, or quiet time at Cedar Creek. In time they had six

grandchildren and they were there for the games, the plays, the concerts.

Chic continued the family business, Webb Insurance. In his typical style, they held a New Orleans style parade when the business moved from the old office on Church Street to a new building on Asheland Avenue. As a boss, he valued his employees as an extended family. He often said he might not be the most aggressive salesman in the world, but he took pride in his honesty and the fact that people trusted him.

He was President of the Asheville Jaycees, the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina, served as an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church and on the Board of Visitors at his beloved Carolina. He supported and gave back to the community.

Chic was fun, a trait he inherited from his mother. You might find him riding down the street around Christmas with Santa in the passenger seat or, at Halloween, putting a witch at the front door to spook young trick or treaters with her crackling laugh and flashing eyes. You could often find him listening to jazz and the big band music of his youth. But careful during those Carolina games - it was only OK to talk if they were winning.

After his diagnosis of ALS "Lou Gehrig's disease" in February, he was supported by family, friends and a wonderful Home Health Care Team from the VA hospital. Their knowledge and care allowed him a high quality of life until nearly the end. The Home Health Care Team is an example of government at its best. Chic lived a long life, and he lived it fully and well.

A memorial service officiated by Reverend Mark Burnham will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday September 28, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, 40 Church Street with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Private interment will be held at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial gifts can be made in memory of Chic Webb to Home Based Patient Care (HBPC), c/o Volunteer Services, Charles George VA Medical Center, 1100 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC 28805; Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter of the ALS Association for patient services, 4 North Blount St. 2nd Floor, Raleigh, NC 27601, www.CatfishChapter.org or YMCA of WNC, 53 Asheland Ave, Asheville, NC 28801.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Robert "Chic" S. Webb Jr.*



Morris Funeral Home - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Robert "Chic" S. Webb Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Jean, Julia, Laura, Stan, John, and family,*

I have been thinking about you and about Chic today and wish I could have been at there today to hug you and share wonderful memories. Mom told me about the service; it sounds like it was a wonderful tribute to a terrific man. Know that I am thinking about you in the days ahead.

*With love,
Carey Baumgarten*

Carey Baumgarten - September 28, 2013 at 08:19 PM

DL

“ Dear Laura and Webb family,

We are both saddened to learn of your father's passing. He wore BIG SHOES and has left a wonderful body of work, friends, and goodwill. Way more than most mear mortails. We will be thinking of you and your family and will treasure our on personal mamories, all the more. All our love

Dave and Jeanne Lewter

Dave and Jeanne Lewter - September 28, 2013 at 11:46 AM

SF

“ TO JEAN AND THE FAMILY

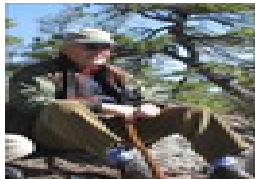
I HAVE KNOWN CHIC FOR MANY YEARS OF MY WORKING AT BILTMORE FOREST COUNTRY CLUB. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN AND A TRUE FRIEND. WE ENJOYED WORKING ON THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB. HE IS MISSED BY ALL OF US.

SHEILA FENDER GOLF SHOP

SHEILA FENDER - September 28, 2013 at 11:18 AM



“ 19 files added to the album Chic Webb



Morris Funeral Home - September 27, 2013 at 08:56 AM

RL

Chic Webb was the definition of a true Southern gentleman! I had the honor of working at Webb Insurance during my college years back in the 1980's. Even after all those years, when I would see him, he always remembered me and was so kind! Chic was the most honorable man I have ever met and I feel privileged to have known him. His family is a tribute to the wonderful person he was - may your memories of him bring you peace during this difficult time. God bless~ Rebecca Williams Lasher

Rebecca Lasher - September 27, 2013 at 02:44 PM

BA

Chic Webb was a legend in our community and Jean still continues as a legend for their many leadership contributions... and a family that carries forward those contributions. We are not able to attend the memorial services due to other commitments but we are there in spirit and love. Becky and Ed Anderson

Becky Anderson - September 28, 2013 at 09:29 AM

JL

“ Jean and family, my heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time of grieving. I'd come to the visitation, but have suffered a fractured vertebra and cannot get out now.

Chic has been a great husband and father to you and your "kids" and I will remember you in my prayers. Love, Jane Anne Luther '49

Jane Anne Luther - September 26, 2013 at 10:49 AM

AR

“ I called him "Bob" and he called me "gal". We disputed over this for years. I said I am not your "gal". He laughed and said and I am not your "Chic". What a wonderful man to work with. He wanted everyone taken care of no matter what we had to do to make it happen. If all businessmen in this world today had his integrity, loyalty and faithfulness it would be a joy for people to go to work. God bless all his children, grandchildren and his precious wife, Jean.

Much regards,
Alice Roberson

Alice Roberson - September 26, 2013 at 09:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Chic" S. Webb Jr..



September 26, 2013 at 08:04 AM

BG

“ So sorry to read the news today. Asheville has lost a leader, respected businessman and family man. If I were not in Canada, I would be with you for the service for my friend.
Bob Gelder

bob gelder - September 26, 2013 at 06:54 AM

TS

“ As many have already shared, Chic was a true southern gentleman. What an example to all as he treated everyone with respect & consideration. May God provide comfort & strength to the family.
Tedd Smith

Tedd Smith - September 26, 2013 at 06:43 AM

DA

“ Sorry for your loss. I only knew Robert from being his Nursing Assistant for his last few days here with us. I could tell from talking with him he was a good , caring person with a wonderful family. My prayers are with you all. *Debra Peck from Carepartners*

Debra Peck Nursing Assistant - September 25, 2013 at 05:31 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away”. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.

Ana - September 25, 2013 at 04:25 PM

AB

“ Jean and family,
I am so grieved to see that you have lost your husband and father. I, of course, knew Jean, Julia, Laura and John all from Camp Illahee Days; and "Chic" was our family's insurance agent for many, many years and our family knew "Chic" from the Asheville School. I am sure that my dad either taught him French, directed him in the choir or coached him in tennis or perhaps all three!!! He was a "fixture" in the Asheville Community and will be missed.
My heart and prayers are with you all.....
Abby Bates

Abby Bates - September 24, 2013 at 09:16 PM

CP

“ When I Googled Southern Gentleman, my friend Chic's picture came up. He always personified dignity and grace. Sharing basketball tickets in the DeanDome at UNC for well over twenty five years has been a pleasure. I will always remember his happy smile.

With all respect,

Charlie Price

Charlie Price - September 24, 2013 at 02:43 PM

JC

“ Jean and family,

So sorry for your loss. My enduring memory is of Chic and Rusty walking on Amherst, or Rusty's pulling would be more apt. Chic always had a smile and a pleasant word for any neighbor.

Love and light to you,
Jean Clayton

Jean Clayton - September 24, 2013 at 11:21 AM

CS

“ Although I have known Chic for many years my most recent memory of him was as a fellow participant in the YMCA's Early Birds exercise class. Chic was a faithful attendee and was always in good spirits. Everyone who knew him will miss his enthusiasm for keeping fit and his love for the Tar Heels and his special wife, Jean. My thoughts are with his family. Cissie

Cissie Stevens - September 24, 2013 at 09:20 AM