



## Frank Hinson

July 19, 1949 - August 22, 2025

B. Frank Hinson, 76, passed away on August 22, 2025, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina surrounded by family. Born on July 19, 1949, in Slater, South Carolina, he lived a life marked by quiet strength, deep intelligence, and enduring kindness.

Frank served honorably in the United States Air Force as a military policeman. Following his military service, he built a successful career as a construction superintendent—a role that reflected his strong work ethic and attention to detail.

A man of many interests, Frank had a lifelong passion for astronomy. His love for the stars led him to form lasting friendships within the observatory community. He shared countless nights of celestial observation with Hap Griffin, Gene Hunter, Steve Foster, Doug Lybrand, Paul Webb, Brian Peterson, Clive Lunn, John Hodge, and Thom Iwancio. These friendships were a source of joy and inspiration throughout his life.

He is survived by his son Josh and wife Donna; his sister Barbara and husband Ken Carter; his brother Alex and wife Eileen. He will also be fondly remembered by dear friends Mary Ellen and Jim Dover, Steve Foster, Michael Dearberry, and many other close friends whose lives he touched with warmth and generosity.

Frank was preceded in death by his father Broadus “Wink” Hinson; mother Bobbie McMullan Hinson; brother Larry Hinson; sister Debbie Childs; daughter Julie Hinson; and son Chad Hinson.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 5th at 2:00 pm at Howze Mortuary Chapel in Travelers Rest. A visitation will be held prior to the memorial service from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm. A graveside service will be held at Mountain View Memorial Park at 3:00 pm.

Frank was also known for his deep affection for animals—especially his beloved cat and companion, Smiley. In lieu of flowers or plants, donations may be made in his name to Foster Paws Rescue.

May the memory of Frank bring comfort to all who knew him and continue to shine as brightly as the stars he so loved.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park

7 Duncan Rd  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
(864) 834-3184

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Memorial Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Frank Hinson*



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**Pat Hawkins** - September 02, 2025 at 06:26 AM

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“ *To your family and friends, I wish I could be there to help celebrate you. I'll be attending my father's funeral that same day. I envision the two of you sharing cigars, drink of choice, and swapping Air Force stories up there in Heaven. I'll always think of you when I look up to the stars! Miss you already mi amigo! Signed, the other Frank from Lexington Ct.*

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**Frank Gonzalez** - September 01, 2025 at 07:13 PM

GB

“ *Gaynell Looper Bayne lit a candle in memory of Frank Hinson*



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**Gaynell Looper Bayne** - August 29, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JM

“ Joy McCarson lit a candle in memory of Frank Hinson



Joy McCarson - August 29, 2025 at 06:04 PM

AB

“ Annie Mae Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Frank Hinson



Annie Mae Blackburn - August 29, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Frank, I'm so thankful we met at Marsh/Bell and that our friendship continued for all these years. You will always be thought of with love and laughter. We shared some wonderful conversations. I will truly miss being able to call or text you. You were a wonderful person and friend. Love you, Mean it always! Amy

Amy Ballenger - August 29, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Hinson.



August 29, 2025 at 10:52 AM