



## Robert Louis Chandler Sr.

February 12, 1937 - January 2, 2021

Robert Louis Chandler, Sr., 83, died peacefully in his sleep on January 2, 2021 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Robert was born February 12, 1937 in Corinth, Mississippi to Cicero and Inez (Shipp) Chandler. When he was only 13-years-old, Robert began operating a crane and wrecking ball for the family business, Chandler Wrecking Company (now Chandler Demolition Company), in Memphis, TN. He attended Christian Brothers College where he studied accounting. Over the next 50 years, Robert was involved in all aspects of the family business, including bookkeeping, demolition, managing crews, and mentoring the next two generations of the Chandler family business. Robert demolished several well-known buildings across the Mid-South. Even after retirement, he was often seen around the job site or office imparting his wisdom.

Above all, Robert was devoted to his family. He married Marilyn Diane Mills on October 4, 1958. Robert and Marilyn had four children: 2 girls and 2 boys, for whom he provided a loving home and good education. His children and grandchildren remember him as an honest, strong, kind, and compassionate family man with an unwavering sense of loyalty. He lived a life committed to personal integrity which he demonstrated daily through hard work and sacrifice. He was an honorable man who put his family's needs before his own. He displayed his love for Marilyn over the nearly 55 years of their marriage which culminated in his role as her sole caretaker for several years until she passed. He saw his wedding vows as his lifetime promise and wore his wedding band until his death.

Robert was fascinated with genealogy and documented his family back to even before the first century. He was passionate about helping his family succeed and encouraged them in all their pursuits. As a young man, he enjoyed bowling, coaching his sons' baseball and basketball teams, and teaching his daughter to golf. Robert was a Christian and attended Cross Roads Baptist Church in Westmoreland, TN.

Mr. Chandler is survived by his 2 sons: Robert Louis Chandler, Jr. (Tamara), of

Westmoreland, TN and Christopher Mills Chandler (Marty), of Kingsport, TN; seven grandchildren: Brandon (Magan), Bryce, Paige, Ryan, Michael, Blake, and Elizabeth; one great-grandson: Bexar; and by his sister, Frances. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marilyn, his daughters Pamela and Dawn; and his siblings, Agnes, Ernie, Walter, James, and Lou.

Visitation and funeral are scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, TN. Visitation is 12-2pm. Funeral service will begin at 2pm, with Pastor Jay McDonald officiating.

Pallbearers include Brandon, Bryce, Blake, and Ricky Chandler; and Dan and Micheal Bulone. Honorary pallbearers are Elizabeth, Magan, David, and Tim Chandler, Paige Taylor, and Bobby and Donnie Caylor.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Robert's life. Service will also be available remotely online. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

The service will can be viewed by clicking the link below:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/44898>

The Chandler family would like to thank everyone for their love and support.

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery

5668 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, TN, 38119

# Events

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**JAN 9** Visitation 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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**JAN 9** Funeral Service 02:00PM

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**Tamara Chandler** - January 11, 2021 at 07:17 PM

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“ From 1985 - 1987 I worked as a busboy/dishwasher at The Dutch Pancake House. Mr. Chandler was the night manager there. He was a real pleasure to work for and I thought the world of him. He would work all day at The Chandler Wrecking Company and then spend his evenings dealing with customers and employees at the restaurant. I ran into him at Walgreens in 2010. At the time I had not seen him in over 20 years. We laughed and talked about old times. During the time I worked for him I didn't realize the influence he was having on me and how that would help me in the coming years. At the time, I just knew that he was a good man and that I liked him. I was just a teenage boy when I worked for him with many life lessons still yet to be learned. Thanks Mr. Chandler for being one of the good guys in this world. Rest in peace!

Woody Brackeen

**Woody Brackeen** - January 09, 2021 at 11:09 AM