

## **Eric Rex Hennington**

Eric Rex Hennington, age 75, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Eric was born December 21, 1947 in Fort Worth, Texas to Betty Mabe and the late Rex Hennington. He was a proud Texan, born and raised, and attended Texas Boys Choir School, where he was trained as a Baritone. He later graduated from White Oak High School. Eric attended the University of Texas and Texas A&M. He moved to South Carolina in 1977, and worked for most of his career as a mortgage broker, retiring from Mortgage Worx. His favorite careers, however, were his time working in the amusement park industry for Six Flags over Texas and later as part of the opening of Six Flags over Georgia and Carowinds; along with his various roles with Lion Country Safari.

To know Eric was to love him. You could typically find him smoking meat on his smoker, savoring bourbon, and telling stories. Eric was famous for his smoked chicken salad and sharing it with friends and family. He was a SC Senior Certified BBQ Judge for the SC BBQ Association and loved sharing the art with others. Eric sang with Palmetto Master Singers, was an avid reader, a history buff, a woodcarver, and loved to travel, both locally and internationally. He was a member at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Irmo. Eric found great joy in spending time with his wife, Robin, his family and beloved pets, Tilly and Pixie. He is remembered as a storyteller and a funny, fun-loving, God-fearing man. He will be deeply missed by those who loved him.

Eric is survived by his loving wife, Robin W. Bowers; mother, Betty Mabe; daughter, Erika Dominick; son, Parker Hennington; grandchildren, Caleb Dominick, Rex Hennington and Olive Hennington; two great-grandsons, Clayton and Mayson; sister, Carrie Jacobs (Robert); brother, Billy Mabe, along with nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Rex Hennington; stepfather, C.W. Mabe and beloved pets, Tilly and Pixie Tinkerbelle Opal Viola Ivy Bowers Hennington, "Pixie".

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 3:00 PM at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington, followed by a reception for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Mission Lexington at [missionlexingtonsc.org](http://missionlexingtonsc.org)

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.elmwoodfhcolumbia.com](http://www.elmwoodfhcolumbia.com) for the Hennington family.