



# The Conservation Corner

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## RAYMOND L. TUMBLESTON 1936-2016



Raymond L. Tumbleston

**Raymond L. Tumbleston** passed away on June 2nd of this year. Mr. Tumbleston was born in Ravenel, SC. Beginning in 1968 he established his farming operation and for over 40 years, he established and operated one of the largest farming operations that included soybeans, corn, vegetables, winter greens and the largest tomato production in Charleston County. Living in Edisto Island, he and his brand label was known as “Geechee Boy.” In 1984 Mr. Tumbleston was appointed Commissioner of the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District, where he served as Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. In 1996 he was named the Outstanding Conservation Farmer-of-the-Year by the Woodman of the World, then in 1997, Mr. Tumbleston was honored as “1997 Outstanding District Commissioner” across South Carolina! Along with Mr. Tumbleston’s numerous board positions held on other boards, to include his membership and his long tenure serving on the Farm Credit ACA Bank Board, he continued his pursuit of the preservation of our natural resources until March 13, 2013 when he retired from the District Board as an appointed Commissioner. He was quickly reappointed as an Emeritus Commissioner where he continued to fulfil his tenure of 32 years to Conservation. Mr. Raymond L. Tumbleston was committed to the preservation of our Natural Resources and he dedicated his life to conservation. He will be remembered as a kind-loving man who cared deeply for his church, his community, his work, and his loving family. **Mr. Tumbleston’s Conservation Legacy** will continue to be known for years to come.

