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**F**uneral services for Charles Lindsey "Charlie" Stansell, 85, of Longview, will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 2013, at Greggton First Baptist Church. Charlie went to be with his Lord on August 19 after a short illness, and his family and friends rest assured that he was greeted with the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Charlie was born in Pittsburg, TX, May 16, 1928, to Elton and Gertrude Stansell. In 1948, after having served two years in the Marine Corps, he married his beloved wife Peggy of 65 years. A graduate of Pine Tree High School and Kilgore College, Charlie went to work for Texas Eastman where he was supervisor of production and planning in the Polyethylene Department, retiring in 1986 after 34 years.

While at Eastman, Charlie organized the Eastman Industrial Band. He had been president of the Pine Tree Band, even leading it for a time during the war years when the director was drafted. Always particularly enjoying this kind of music, he also played in the Kilgore College band and a USMC band.

After settling in Pine Tree, the couple joined Greggton First Baptist Church where they were very active teaching Sunday school classes, going on mission trips, and participating in lay renewals across several states. Charlie also served on countless committees, and as a deacon, chairman of the deacons, and trustee.

However, throughout the years Charlie was best known by the church and community in an unofficial capacity simply as an humble servant of the Lord. He served wherever he was needed – from driving the church bus, to opening and closing the church doors, to greeting visitors, to cooking and delivering food to the sick or needy, to sharing produce from his wonderful garden or taking non-driving members to appointments. No task was beneath him, and he did his work in a quiet, unassuming way so as not to draw attention to himself. People saw that above all, Charlie loved the Lord, and what he did was to please Him.



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Charlie was the most loving husband, father and grandfather. He led by example, teaching the Golden Rule by living it and thereby leaving the family a strong Christian Heritage. His warm, friendly smile and his loving words were constantly encouraging both to family and friends. He taught love and acceptance and never said an ill word of anyone. He always found something worthwhile in each person. Charlie is survived by his wife Peggy and their three children, son David Stansell; daughter Debbie Gail and her husband, James Carpenter; daughter Paula and her husband, Bill Maxwell. Grandchildren include granddaughters Jacquelyn Carpenter, Cher Ratay, Lindsey Carpenter, Sandy Bishop; grandsons Josh Stone and Jason Maxwell; great granddaughters Konstance Mason, Brooke Presley, Madalyn Carpenter and great grandson, Taylor White. Other family members are his sister Felicia and husband Jack Moore; brother Eirial Stansell; brother Vance Stansell and his wife Mary Jane, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Wednesday evening at Rader's Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m. Rev. Kevin Bright and Rev. Bobby E. Moore will conduct the funeral service on Thursday followed by burial at Grace Hill Cemetery.

The family thanks Bert Ratay and Jim Kendrick of Longview Regional and their staff for their exceptional care – in particular the Heart-Vascular Unit nurses and attendants, and all his doctors, especially Dr. Warden, Dr. Frase and Dr. Bill Taylor . Also deeply appreciated are the many prayers, visits, and acts of kindness from his family, friends, ministers and church family that made his last days more cheerful. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Greggton First Baptist Church Benevolence Fund.

A memorial book may be found online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy & family, my thoughts & prayers are with you at this sad time. Charlie was a wonderful Christian person, boss, friend & like a second father to me while I worked for him many years at Eastman. I know he is rejoicing in Heaven right now!##imported-begin##Kathy Lilly Hearn##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were so sad to hear about Charlie's passing. Not sad for him as he has gone to a wonderful place, but sad for those who will miss him. Peggy, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray the Lord will bring comfort to you in the days ahead. We know these earthly goodbyes are sooo hard. We rejoice that even though we now grieve, we will see our loved ones again and rejoice together. "...you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you"- John 16:22 Praying you may know the joy of the Lord in the days ahead. With all our love dear friends,##imported-begin##Carlos & Nicole Fast & girls##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Debbie and family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss and know that you are in our prayers. Praying God will comfort you and guide your family through these difficult days.##imported-begin##Reagan & Brenda Wyche##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the family of Mr. Charlie, Mr. Charlie was a wonderful person who always gave of himself, he will be sorely missed by many. My prayers are with your family. Darwin Cooper##imported-begin##Darwin Cooper##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Mr. Stansell from Greggton FBC. He was always so kind and welcoming. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. ##imported-begin##Jennifer Edge Blalack##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I worked with Mr. Stansell at Eastman. He was always such a joy to be around. He would brighten my day. I could tell right away that he loved the Lord and was a Christian. I know you, his family and friends, have a lot of good memories of him. May they give you comfort in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Darlene Beene##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Wonderful thoughts of you and Charley through the years. Phil always said if there was a Christian witness to be made, Charley did it. He also enjoyed being a charter member of the Eastman band with Charley. My dad, Lloyd Todd thought the world of him. Now they can laugh together and recall lots of Eastman happenings. Peggy, may all these sweet memories posted be a comfort to you today and in the days ahead. Barbara and Phil Gilbert.##imported-begin##Barbara Gilbert##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. Mr Charlie always had a smile on his face no matter the circumstance. He blessed many and I know he is rejoicing with our Lord!##imported-begin##Stephanie West Richardson##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Charlie believed it, lived it and is now with the One whom he loved so very much. As much as he adored and loved his family here on earth, he is face to face with his God today and must be so very happy. Miss Peggy and all, we love you and are better people for having known Charlie Stansell and witnessed his example of Christ on earth. You will be in our prayers today and in the days to come.##imported-begin##Pamela & David Moore family##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

We were so saddened to hear of Charlie's passing. We are devastated that we will not be able to come to the services, but we want you to know how sorry we are and we have been praying for you. We love you and we know that Charlie is home now with the Lord.Zac and Jamie Hales##imported-begin##Jamie Hales##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy and family,i consider it a privilege to have known Charlie and his message is in my heart and will live forever##imported-begin##nancy spivey##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear about your loss, Charlie was a wonderful man. Terry Ragan##imported-begin##Terry Ragan##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy and family,Tom and I want you to know we are thinking of and praying for you at this time of great loss. Charlie was one of the finest examples of what a Christian should be and had a true servant's heart. We were recipients of that service on more than one occasion. May you find comfort in the assurance that he is in the presence of his Heavenly Father that he served so faithfully.##imported-begin##Tom & Denise Hillman##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

We are all better people for having known and loved Charlie Stansell. He was one of a kind and he will hold a very special place in my heart forever. I love you Mr. Stansell and may you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Susan Berry##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy and family,Our family was so saddened to hear of your loss. Charles's life was a testimony to his faith. We love you guys! James and LeAnne Oliver##imported-begin##James Marcus Oliver##imported-end##

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