



# Charles Leon McNeal Jr.

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**A** Celebration of Life for Charles L. McNeal, Jr. will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm. in the chapel at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. Rev. John Wallingford will officiate. Interment will be in Hallsville Cemetery following the service for family.

Charlie passed from this world to his eternal home on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. He was born on August 24, 1932 in De Soto, Mississippi to Charles and Grace McNeal. He lived in Mississippi until he entered the Navy in 1952. He graduated from Meridian High School and attended Meridian Municipal Jr. College.

Charlie worked as a motion picture projectionist at Royal Theaters in Meridian, Miss. from July, 1949 until he entered the Navy in April, 1952. He was moved to the 1st Marine Division 1st Battalion 5th Marines as the U.S. prepared for action with Korea. In 1956, Charlie left active duty and served in the Reserves until April, 1960. He had many exciting stories that he freely shared with family over the years about his time as he proudly served his country. He worked at a meat packing plant as a salesman. Then in July, 1957, after moving to Texas, Charlie joined the workforce with Texas Eastman where he was an operator. Charlie became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in 1962 and remained until his death. He was a Mason. Charlie dearly loved the Lord, his family, and friends. He never met a stranger and quickly invited people to call him PaPaw. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and swinging on his back porch.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Grace McNeal. Also preceding him in death is his wife, Lila Ruth McNeal, after having been married for 56 years. He leaves behind 2 sons, Al McNeal and wife Jan of Hallsville, Gregg McNeal and wife Dianne of Mt. Pleasant. Grandchildren Clay (Caren) with Charley and Callen of Tyler, Kyle (Ashley) with Kayden of Kilgore, Amanda (Matt) with Peyton of Marshall, Braden with Braxton of Church Point, LA, Christian of Decatur, GA, Madilyn of



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Hallsville, Ryan with Chase, Kyncee, and Austin of Hallsville, Brad (Jennifer) with Colton and Cooper of Hallsville, Lori (Michael) with Kaleb, Carter, and Landrie of Hallsville, Cody Matkin (Rachel) with Andrew and Brandon of Mt. Pleasant, MI, and Emily Scoville (Billy) with Corbin and Davin of Allen. Special friend, Peggy Fuller. He is also survived by relatives in Alabama and Mississippi.

There will be no formal visitation but you are invited to view at Rader Funeral Home on Friday, January 15 or before and after the service on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

Memorials may be made in Charlie's name to Macedonia Baptist Church at 4656 Page Road Longview, Texas 75605. Online condolences may be left at

[www.raderfuneralhome.com](http://www.raderfuneralhome.com)



# Tribute Wall

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**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

January 17 at 9:42 AM



**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.

January 16 at 9:47 AM



**Randy Fisher** posted:

Greg you know we are all going to miss your dad and our good friend around the many campfires still to come. I'm glad I got to know him and he always had a tale or saying that would just have everyone laughing. Please know that you remain in my prayers and we all know that he's entertaining the heavens until we meet again. Take care of yourself and your family and you know to call for a ear to listen or hand to help. Randy Fisher

January 17 at 3:00 PM



**Keith & Donna Blanton** sent a virtual gift in honor of Charles.

Dear Gregg & families: Oh my how we are so sorry to hear about sweet Charlie's recent passing. I worked with him in the No.#1&2 cracking plants starting in early-1980; he was the jolliest fellow with the sweetest smile one could have as a co-worker & a very long time dear friend. His heart & soul is with Jesus today (praise the Lord) & we both will see him again when Jesus calls us home!:pray: Keep Jesus as your "comforter" as He gives you 'peace within' now & always. All our love & sincere, deepest sympathy,Keith & Donna Blanton

January 17 at 11:48 AM



**Celeste Fears** posted:

Charlie always came in my place of business for his haircuts, and I will miss seeing him and hearing his stories. I just found out a few months ago we were neighbors. Charlie will b missed

January 16 at 2:22 PM



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BG

**Brian Gilchrist** posted:

Mr. McNeal will always hold a special place in my heart. I have many great memories of Mr. McNeal from childhood but at the top is riding my bicycle down the road to have a cold Dr. Pepper with him on the porch swing, deer camp stories as well as many funny calls and pranks. He was a man of God and never met a stranger. He will truly be missed. Roll Tide!

January 16 at 9:36 AM

WC

**Wayne Cooksey** posted:

To the family of Charles Jr. We will always miss his visits at the old home place at Hendon Alabama. He always had is in stitches telling some tall tales. We will always remember his wit and personality. Never met a stranger. We love him and will miss him so much. Donna and Wayne Cooksey.

January 16 at 8:43 AM

DB

**Dianna Bryant** posted:

Charlie was a great man that I always enjoyed talking to, always. We had a lot in common we both worked at the same plant and knew a lot of the same people. He loved when he could talk to me about the good old days. He always had a big smile and he loved to talk about his grands. I know you all will have a lot of great memoires. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

January 15 at 2:22 PM

DR

**Darla Rogers** lit a candle in honor of Charles.



January 15 at 11:59 AM

JP

**Justin Pace** posted:

I was lucky to meet Mr. McNeal this past summer. I enjoyed many conversations on the swing with him. My 3 yr old daughter was able to meet him as well one day. She sat down right next to him like she had known him forever. He talked a lot about his grandkids and his work at Eastman. I will miss being able to visit with him.

January 15 at 11:24 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McNeal family.



January 15 at 11:09 AM



**Wes Graham** posted:

So many years have passed since 1969 when Charlie and Lila came into our lives as neighbors. Al and Gregg I feel your pain in his passing. Helen, Susan and I send our deepest condolences at the loss of your dad, Mr. Charlie.

January 15 at 11:03 AM



**Mark And Debbie Gilbert** posted:

Al and Gregg and family, Deb and I just wanted to extend our heartfelt condolences to each of you. Charlie was a part of my life from a young boy. He always had a joke to tell and we have many fond memories to look back on. Certainly, he will be missed. Praying for peace, that peace that surpasses all understanding that will guard your hearts and minds. Love you guys!

January 15 at 8:07 AM



**Milo And Dee Miles** posted:

What a great man Charlie was. I know he is in planning camping trips, fishing trips and telling stories with his buddies. Our prayers are with the family.

January 15 at 7:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McNeal family.



January 15 at 7:31 AM



**Renee Nelson** posted:

Grandpa Charlie was a special person. I have so many memories of him, Every morning and about 50 times a day drinking coffee and telling stories at Palmers. RIP Grandpa Charlie You will be missed.

January 15 at 7:30 AM



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CH

**Carolyn Hitt** posted:

Jan and AI, we're praying for you and all the family as you mourn Charlie's passing. He was loved by so many. As part of your extended family, we loved visiting with Charlie at family gatherings. He entertained us with his stories, made us laugh, and encouraged us with his positive attitude. We will miss him! We love y'all.

January 15 at 5:34 AM

RB

**Reggie Bowers** posted:

I worked with Charlie for many years at the Eastman cracking plants. He was a good soul. Very sorry to hear of his passing.

January 15 at 5:16 AM

BH

**Brent Hale** lit a candle in honor of Charles.



January 15 at 3:00 AM

SG

**Stephen Gilbert** posted:

AI and Gregg my heartfelt condolences. Your Dad was always very kind to me. Lots of good memories growing up together in Lansing Acres. May God heal aching hearts tonight.

January 15 at 1:54 AM

MP

**Mitt Parrish** lit a candle in honor of Charles.



January 14 at 7:33 PM



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**Jo Ann Reese** posted:

Charlie was a very special person to me and my family, he will be so missed. I am so sorry that my family and I cannot be there for his service. I wanted to go see Charlie a while back and he insisted I not come because of covid, I know he would understand why I wasn't there. I am praying for comfort and peace for all of his sweet family.

January 14 at 4:28 PM



## Media

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