



Charles Richard "Charlie" Reid

November 18, 1940 - October 14, 2013

Charles "Charlie" Richard Reid

Longview--Charles "Charlie" Richard Reid;72, lifetime resident of Longview, Texas, passed away October 14, 2013 at home with loved ones. Memorial service will be held Saturday, October 19th at 10:00am at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. Officiating services will be done by lifelong friend's; Billy Bolt, Charles Keasler, Bill Thomas, brother, Donald Reid, and several others.

Charlie was born November 18, 1940 in Longview, Tx to George Kirkland and Pauline Ruth Reid. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Alice Mae and Catherine "Kitty" Stapleton, and a brother Robert Reid.

Charlie attended Spring Hill schools until he graduated in 1959. He lived in a small house across the street. Their home was the hangout spot for all the local kids back in the day. He was an outstanding member of the football, basketball, track, and baseball teams which led to him being elected Mr. Spring Hill by popular vote. He was also chosen as Most Athletic by his senior class, Top Lineman by area newspapers, All-District in football and chosen as class favorite on other occasions. He was part of a group called The Shop Boys, which included his lifetime friends. He competed in Geometric designs, as a sample of introductory drawing. After high school, he attended Paris Junior College on a football scholarship.

In 1961, Charlie married his childhood friend since 1946, Jo Anne Summers. The two were soul mates his entire life. They wed on March 14, 1961 at Elmira Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Spring Hill, Texas. Together over 52 years they shared a life time of memories, laughter, and special times with their children and grandchildren.

He was a Carpenter for 50 years, trimming houses, building cabinets, and beautiful "Gone with the Wind" staircases. He could make anything out of a piece of scrap wood. He was very well known in the East Texas area for his talents. He spent the last several years with Hallsville Independent School District where he left his legacy. He retired in November 2012 due to illness. The beautiful things he built at HISD are a constant reminder that he was there. The memory of him will live forever in the hearts of his friends and co-workers at HISD. He had a knack for stealing hearts everywhere he went. He never met a

stranger. If you had the pleasure of meeting him, you either became a lifelong friend or a new member of the family. He never said an unkind word about anything or anyone. He was so full of love for this life and everybody he met in it. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was beautiful inside and out.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jo Anne Reid. His daughters Charlotte Jo Minor and husband Mark Allen Minor of Longview; Cathilene Hoffman and husband Edward L. Hoffman of Gladewater; Christen M. Bruce and husband Robert L. Bruce of Marshall. Grandchildren, James "Eric" Minor and his wife, Britnie. Devon Michael Bruce, Jessica Erin Hoffman, Joshua Lane Bruce, Jacob Edward Hoffman, and Julia Elise Hoffman. Great-Grandchildren; Tristin Michael Stanley and Kaidin Allen Minor. He is also survived by his furry children, Red and Sassy.

Charlie is also survived by his brothers, John Kirkland Reid and wife Hazel of La Place, Louisiana; Donald Walter Reid and wife Cheryl of Walterboro, South Carolina; Sisters Paula "Polly" Ritchey and husband Frank of Leesburg, FL; Georgia Warr of New Cumberland, PA. He held a special place in his heart for his sister-in-law, Terry Lynn Akin and her family for the unconditional love and support she provided. She was at his bedside with his wife and children when he went Home. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, along with a host of special friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to Heartsway Hospice of Northeast Texas, 4351 McCann Road, P.O. BOX 5608, Longview, Texas 75608. Special thanks to Dr. Charles Martin, Dr. J. Chastain, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Couch and Dr. Nirmal at Texas Oncology of Longview.

Comments



“ Charlie, I never knew ye, but you raised some great kids. One in particular is special in my mind - Cathilene. She cares about people and it's so unexpected in this day and age. She gives of herself and it seems like it's always in abundance. Where does that come from? Maybe her own inner strength, or maybe it was a bit of your guidance, but you gave her life and the world is grateful. God Bless you, Charlie. See you in Heaven.

-just a friend of Cathilene's (Frank)

Frank - December 11, 2013 at 07:44 PM



“ Well Old fart you have not left my mind in over a week now. You and I have had many conversations and a few agreements, Rest assured they will be handled. Ol' man I know how much you loved each one of your girls and Jo Anne. I do know the talks we had were full of reflections and joy. You have me looking at myself and where I want our future to be. I want to thank you for the memories and the times we spent together.

I can sure tell you that Chris misses you terribly. You mean so much to her and she thinks of you every minute of the day. She still talks about the times she has had with you and I am so glad you were her dad and that she got so much of you in her. She has your big heart and that is why it is so hard for her. I see so much of you in her and I could think of no better role model that she could have had..

You will not be forgotten anytime soon. I can see you being remember for generations to come. I can tell you the pictures alone will bring up many conversations; and no I will not destroy them. :-) I know the grandkids will tell their grandkids about you because it will always be the fond memories they share. You would have been so proud of Josh for getting up at the memorial and speaking. He was awesome, but I know you saw it all.

Ol' man i know you were not ready to go and we were not ready for you to go. I have thought about that too. I guess there was just some mansions up in heaven God wanted you to work on for some special angels. You were always that way, being sure it was done right.

Charlie I miss you, I hate you are not here with us. I wished you never had the last two years. I really wish you were still with us to go to new places see some new things and to continue giving you the devil.

Please rest easy to know we will handle things here the way you want them. You would even be proud of Jo Anne. She is doing pretty good considering she lost her best friend. No matter what we will see she makes it day by day. that is how we are all starting.

I know I have rambled but there is so much going through my brain when I think of the short time I had you in my life.

I want to thank you for Chris and being the PEEPAW to my boys. Thank you for being the man you were. Thank you for being the friend to me you were. Thank you for the love you have given to my family. We all Love you very much.

There is so many things I could say to you Charlie but you know what those are. Know you will always be there.

Love ya;

Robert





“ I will miss you Chaelie, you have been a friend that everyone needs to have in their lives. I thank Jesus for the time you have shared with us and all the sweet memories I will always remember. Thank you for your great strenght and kindness through all your family. Thanks you. Until me meet again. God Bless us all. Your friend Mary Surrency

Mary Surrency - October 21, 2013 at 01:18 PM



“ My heart goes out to each and everyone of you thru this difficult time. Never had the chance to meet him but knowing how wonderful all of you are shows how wonderful a man he was. GOD gained a real soldier when he took your daddy home. Live each day fully with the legacy your daddy has left you to live by and share every memory with your children and grandkids. They say time heals the wounds eventually. I will continue to pray for your healing.



allan pye - October 21, 2013 at 07:05 AM



“ I miss you Daddy.....I can't believe tomorrow will be a week since we lost you..I have not been prepared for this....like Christen said, I never thought of doing this for you. The memories of the rides in the country, lake trips, fishing, vacations and family gatherings have been flooding through my brain. You are always the person who would stand out at any event. You could hear your voice and laughter above everyone elses. Your "I heard that" "Hey, What's going on" has been echoing in my head. I want to cry every time I think of you, not only because I wish you were here; but because of how proud I am to be your daughter. I wish I thanked you for all the times you were there for me, Mark and Eric. You shared a special bond with Mark from the day we started dating...more like the son you never had. He has some wonderful memories of you two working together and you teaching him how to build and work with wood. He shares the same kind of passion you had for building something with pride and giving to others, working outside and being that person everyone can count on. For 32yrs you were a hero to him, it has been like losing his own Dad all over again. For 11 yrs, Eric had you as Grandpa by himself before you became Pepaw to all the other grandkids. You will always be "His Grandpa" and he will always cherish the things you built for him during those years and like Mark, he has inherited the same passion for creating with wood. You have left your legacy with everyone you touched in life. I truly don't know how we will go on without you, but we will because that is what you would want us to do. When we are all together, I know you will be there...I see you so much in all of them. Your presence is so strong. You were the finest example of what a true man should be. Dependable, honest, caring, loving, generous, hardworking, and just flat out Awesome. The mold was broken when you were created.

I could go on and on about you daddy....I think we could write a book about you...there is so much that can be said about a man who really didnt say a whole lot, but whose actions spoke volumes.

I love you so much and will miss you everyday of my life. ?

Your daughter,

Charlotte Jo Reid Minor ?

Charlotte J Minor - October 20, 2013 at 10:30 PM



“ Charlotte J Minor lit a candle in memory of Charles Richard "Charlie" Reid

Charlotte J Minor - October 20, 2013 at 09:19 PM



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Christen - October 18, 2013 at 10:58 PM



“ Wow Daddy.....Never EVER thought I would be writing one of these for you. You were suppose to be with me forever. I was suppose to always be your "Shadow". I will always cherish the memories I have of you. All my life you have made me smile. Your "I heard that!" and "Dammit boy!" still echoes in my mind. You worked harder than any person I know, and not once complained. You loved life, people and in return, were loved back by many. I am so proud to say that you are my Dad. You were every sense of the word. I had so many great times!!! Whether it was going by the gas station and getting a baby ruth and an RC for our trip to the city dump, or going fishing at the Fenton's house, I cherished my time with you. You also took me to see Dirty Dancing at the movies and were the ONLY man in the theater! Not many dads would do that. When I was at my lowest, you picked me up. I'll never ever forget the time you went to Kmart at 5am on Black Friday to get the free 102 Dalmation coloring book and stickers for Devon. They were only giving them out to the first 25 customers and you wanted him to have one. You put dalmation paws around the trim in the back walk-in closet, added a ceiling fan and paw prints all over it, just to make Devon a room at your house! You were so generous and unbelievably kind. You truly were one of a kind, Dad. Last but not least, as terrible as it sounds, I will miss Josh calling you "Old Fart" and you calling him "Young Fart" in return. Your relationship with my boys and Rob were so priceless. I'll cherish every memory you gave me, every selfless act you did, and the fact that your smile was so contagious. I never wanted to know what life would be like without you Dad. It isn't going to be an easy adjustment. I love you with all my heart. You were a beautiful man inside and out. I want to thank you for everything you ever did for me. I've said it once, Ill say it again, "God is good.....he blessed me with you."

P.S. Every time my phone says "DROID", I can still hear you saying it too.

You make my heart smile..... Christen

Christen - October 18, 2013 at 10:51 PM



“ Christen lit a candle in memory of Charles Richard "Charlie" Reid



Christen - October 18, 2013 at 10:28 PM



“ Our dear brother Charlie has left so many good memories for all of us to keep in our hearts forever. His wonderful smile & laugh, the way he would say "hey, what's going on" & " I heard that", will always bring smiles to our faces. We will miss him forever & will have him in our hearts always.

Rest in peace little brother,
Love,
Polly & Frank

Paula Ritchey - October 18, 2013 at 02:29 PM



“ Paula Ritchey lit a candle in memory of Charles Richard "Charlie" Reid



Paula Ritchey - October 18, 2013 at 01:48 PM



“ Christen, Robert, Devin, Josh & Family. Praying God's peace & comforting presence over each of you each day. - Bryan & Karen Tarjick & Family.



Bryan Tarjick - October 18, 2013 at 01:31 PM



“ My dear Uncle Charlie was a blessing to all, especially his family. I have sweet memories of visits in Michigan and Texas, water skiing, and climbing a tree to fetch me some mistletoe. I love how he asked us kids for "some sugar" as we shared a hug. His smile and laughter will always stay with us as we face the days ahead. Till we meet again, we send our love to, and prayers for all the Reid family.

Lea Ann Elliott - October 18, 2013 at 01:06 PM



“ Charlie your whistling always gave a sense of safety and security to your James girls. I know that some of us met you at the gates of heaven, and that you will be watching closely those of us left behind. I truly cannot express in words how much your presence impacted my life, and I was truly blessed to be one of your James girls. My love for you is the treasure I hold close at this time.

Debbie

Deborah James - October 18, 2013 at 12:53 PM



“ Louise Stansbery lit a candle in memory of Charles Richard "Charlie" Reid



Louise Stansbery - October 18, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ Thinking of you all in your time of loss. May God bless you all and provide you with peace.
Love you

Louise Stansbery - October 18, 2013 at 12:34 PM



“ Jim & Robin Ousley lit a candle in memory of Charles Richard "Charlie" Reid



Jim & Robin Ousley - October 18, 2013 at 09:01 AM



“ As the baby sister and. Resident Drama queen of the house. -I will never forget Charlie and Donnie terrifying me of east Texas bats on Warm summer evenings waving mops, brooms and blocking the door to safety..assuring me.so those bats would pull out my hair! And Charlie loved jumping out with shaving cream on his best scary face and the louder il screamed the happier he was....I never saw him angry, in a bad mood, or say an unkind word throughout my childhood. I have missed his love and protection for decades but found him, Jo and their family a few years back. For me This was. A Homecoming I will cherish unril he welcomes me Home one more time. My Hero

Georgia Warr - Baby sister - October 17, 2013 at 04:57 PM



“ So glad we got to visit this Spring. My heart aches for you all and wish I could be there for you. God bless.

Lynn Ritchey - October 17, 2013 at 01:57 PM



“ He was a. Pleasure to work with,he will be missed

mike bell - October 17, 2013 at 01:46 PM



“ Charlie would come over to the cafeteria ever once in a while for a "food hand out " and we would talk and laugh, one day I was fusing cause I kept knocking my telephone off the desk cause their wasn't enough room so he went over to the shop and built me a telephone stand. It was so sweet and thoughtful of him. We all loved him in the kitchen and always looked forward to his visits. He made my life a lot happier

Earlette Poindexter - October 17, 2013 at 01:40 PM



“ Love you Uncle Charlie!!

pjs - October 17, 2013 at 01:31 PM



“ I remember the Old Fart he and I always picked on each other, and helped each other with any kinds of work. If he was still here I would still help him!

Josh Bruce - October 17, 2013 at 01:19 PM



“ To my precious Charlie I will never forget the special times You, Joanne, Gene and Me shared. We had some fun didn't we and I'll always remember our first dance. You taught me how to two step and we thought we looked good whether anyone else thought so anyway. So much love!! I will miss you forever but smile when I think of you. Thanks for the Memories..

Terry Akin - October 17, 2013 at 11:52 AM