



## Charles Albert Bethea

April 9, 1943 - June 5, 2022

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4/9/1943 - 6/5/2022

Charles 'Charlie' Albert Bethea passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at his home in Darlington, South Carolina at the age of 79. Charlie was born in the McLeod Infirmary in Florence, SC on April 9, 1943, the son of Dr. William Spinks Bethea, Jr. and Mrs. Florence Manning Bethea.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Lawrence Albert Manning, Minnie Holland Manning, William Spinks Bethea, Sr. and Mary Belle Manning Bethea; his siblings Florence Manning Bethea Squires, William Spinks Bethea, Jr., James Lawrence Manning Bethea; and his daughter, Lynn Luckey Moody.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Janice Thompson Bethea of Darlington, his former wife, Patricia Segars (Goz) of Hartsville; his children William Benjamin Bethea (Tamela) of Hartsville, P. Ellen Bethea of Hartsville, his son-in-law Marshall Scott Moody of Walterboro; his grandchildren Jack Edward Bethea of Hartsville, Kathryn Ellis Bethea of Hartsville, Ericka Lauren Robinson of Hartsville, Sophia Grace Krawiec of Hartsville, Audrey Kate Krawiec of Hartsville, Janice Elizabeth Moody of Annapolis, MD, Marshall Scott Moody, Jr. of Walterboro; and his niece Gretchen Squires Allen of San Diego, CA, and his nephew Robert W. Squires, Jr. of Orlando, FL.

Charlie attended Latta High School, studied at Wofford College, and served in the Navy on the nuclear-powered warship the USS Truxtun DLGN-35 during the Vietnam War from 1964-1969. While onboard the Truxtun, Charlie and the Truxtun crew, along with the aircraft carrier the Enterprise, were deployed to the Sea of Japan in response to North Korea's seizure of the American ship the Pueblo. He worked most of his career for Carolina Power and Light as a Senior Control Room Operator and Senior Training Manager.

Charlie was a man of strong Christian faith and was an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church serving as an usher, Sunday school teacher, Treasurer and Deacon. Over the years, Charlie volunteered driving the church van transporting the group of ladies who fondly called themselves 'Charlie's Angels'.

As a loyal member of the American Legion in Florence, SC, Charlie volunteered in many roles. He served as Treasurer and Commander of the 7th District. The American Legion awarded him the National Achievement Award in 2017 for his distinguished service. He also served his community as a member of the Kiwanis Club.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with friends in quest of catching the 'big one'. He ran in the Cooper River Bridge Run 25 consecutive years along with various other races. He was also a long-time member of the Fitness Forum. He enjoyed time with his grandchildren, who affectionately called him 'Grumps'.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 11 AM at Trinity United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends following the service at The Grand Old Post Office. Lunch will be served. Burial will be held at 2 PM at Grove Hill Cemetery on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, PO Box 16, Darlington, SC 29540, American Legion Post 1 (Baseball Team), 3631 E. Palmetto Street, Florence, SC 29506, or to Lynn L. Moody Endowment for Mental Health & Suicide Prevention, 66 George Street, Charleston, SC 29424.

The Directors of Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home are honored to be serving the Bethea family.

The Bethea family cordially invites all Charlie's friends to lunch immediately following the funeral at The Grand Old Post Office across the street. This was Charlie's wish.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Buzzie Snipes lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**Buzzie Snipes** - June 23, 2022 at 10:59 AM

JR

“ *Janice,  
So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.*

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**Jennie & Bill Ratliff** - June 14, 2022 at 03:20 PM

PB

“ *Pat And Moon Bazen lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**pat and moon bazen** - June 12, 2022 at 03:09 PM

PB

*Sure will miss see Charles when we are outside walking. Always waving and speaking. Janice we are praying for you .....pat and moon bazen*

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**pat and moon bazen** - June 12, 2022 at 03:11 PM

JH

“ I will miss seeing Charlie ride through the neighborhood in his silver truck ... he was always willing to give a hand to others ... prayers are with the family .....

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**Julie Howle** - June 09, 2022 at 09:32 AM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss loved seeing him at American legion

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**Barbara Collins** - June 08, 2022 at 12:49 AM

JC

“ Sending thoughts and prayers for the family of Mr Charlie.. losing a good man is heart breaking..

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**Jonna Carter** - June 07, 2022 at 11:57 PM

LL

“ Ellen and family  
We are so sorry for your loss  
We are sending love, hugs and prayers  
Lawrence & Cindy Lowe  
& family



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**Lawrence & Cindy Lowe** - June 07, 2022 at 08:37 PM

KH

“ Kelli Hopkins lit a candle in memory of  
Charles Albert Bethea



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**Kelli Hopkins** - June 07, 2022 at 05:52 PM

JU

“ *Jean Underberg lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**Jean Underberg** - June 07, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Albert Bethea.*



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June 07, 2022 at 04:56 PM

DH

“ *Dale Heiden lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**Dale Heiden** - June 07, 2022 at 04:41 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Scarlet Shealy lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**Mark and Scarlet Shealy** - June 07, 2022 at 02:27 PM

PW

“ *What a great man, friend, running and fishing buddy, and mentor. Honored to have known Charlie. Prayers*

*Your buddy Paul*



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**Paul Worthington** - June 07, 2022 at 11:18 AM

DS

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. Charlie was a very nice person whom we enjoyed being around and talking with him Danny and Phoebe*

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**Danny and Phoebe Stokes** - June 07, 2022 at 10:27 AM

JB

“ *I also worked with Charlie at the Robinson Plant near Hartsville from 1979 to 1994. I connected with him again in my retirement through the American Legion. Charlie was a great mentor for me while I was starting out with the American Legion. Charlie was a fine coworker, mentor, and most importantly, a friend. He will be missed. John Benjamin, Hartsville American Legion Post 53*

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**John F Benjamin** - June 07, 2022 at 09:57 AM

LW

“ *Worked with Charlie while at the Robinson Nuclear Plant. He was a great person to be around. May he Rest In Peace.*

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**Leroy Watts** - June 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Albert Bethea.*



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June 07, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Stacy Beaver lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**Stacy Beaver** - June 07, 2022 at 12:39 AM



“ *Vickie Gimla lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**Vickie Gimla** - June 06, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Bethea*



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**Rick and Cheri Dunlap** - June 06, 2022 at 08:22 PM

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“ Fred H Sexton American Legion Post 1 purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Charles Albert Bethea.



Fred H Sexton American Legion Post 1 - June 06, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Albert Bethea.



June 06, 2022 at 04:51 PM

AW

“ Dear Janice, Ben and Ellen, I have so many wonderful memories of Charlie. Always with a smile. Bless you Janice. I send prayers and much love to you. Love, Anna



Anna Williams - June 06, 2022 at 03:57 PM

MW

My heart is broken , I'm going to miss him greatly. What an awesome friend he was . Mickey

Mickey Walker - June 06, 2022 at 04:28 PM

VG

Janice my prayers are for you going to miss Charlie ,God bless you and family. 🙏❤️

vickie Gimla - June 06, 2022 at 09:14 PM

DH

*Charlie you were a awesome man,and you will be missed.  
I'm glad I had a chance to you and Janice. 🙏💖*

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**Dale Heiden** - June 07, 2022 at 04:44 PM