



Charles Lewis Aber

June 13, 1927 - December 17, 2020

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

A celebration of life for Charles Lewis Aber, 93, of Tyler, will be held Monday, December 21, 2020 at Whitehouse Cemetery with Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Charlie was a loving husband and father who had been blessed with a givers heart. He never met a stranger. He did forget names but never a face. He had a passion for helping others; for sharing his God given abilities to provide joy and pleasure for others and often quoted scripture to contribute assistance to others.

Charlie was born in the year of our Lord, 1927, to Scottish parents, Charles Lewis Aber Sr. and Elizabeth Russel Aber. He was profoundly proud of his Scottish heritage, and was blessed to have been able to spend considerable time in Scotland over several years. He was widely known for his willingness to share one of his God-given abilities – that of blowing the bagpipe – with any church who desire to have piping a part of their service. It was with distinct humility that Charlie expressed his sincere gratitude of having been privileged to share his pipes in numerous Tyler churches. Additionally, Charlie was favored to serve many area functions i.e. East Texas Medical Center celebrating 65 years of service to this community; dedication ceremonies of several Southside Bank facilities, various veteran rituals, etc. He served our country during WWII in the Marine Corp, FMF Pacific, and participated in the initial incursion into North China. He was a graduate engineer; a member of

various engineering societies, and authored numerous technical articles. A profound love for his father prompted Charlie to follow his father's and grandfather's footsteps in the construction industry. It was this industry that brought him to Tyler in 1979. During the succeeding years, he was privileged to serve as construction manager of major additions and complete renovation of E.T.M.C.; construction of the E. TX Cancer Center; the creation of Lakeland Medical Center – Athens, TX, and various other ETMC Facilities in Texas. Also, Charlie served the Southside Bank by overseeing the building of numbers branch banks.

Subsequent to retiring from the construction enterprises, he opted to become active in raising horses and cattle similar to what his kin did in Scotland. His grandson Cody was the motivation for this activity, which proved to be quite successful. However, Cody went to be with the Lord at an early age, prompted by the absence of his beloved grandson Cody, he terminated the livestock operation and applied much of his time to God's work and woodcarving. Charlie was a former member of Green Acres Baptist Church and a current member of First Presbyterian Church; a member of Tyler Lodge #1233, Sharon Temple, Director of TASCA, active in various Scottish and livestock associations. He gave freely to Habitat for Humanity, Bethesda Clinic, and others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles L. and Elizabeth R. Aber; wife, Joyce Aber; a brother, Richard Donald Aber; and by his grandson, Cody Allen Grissom.

He is survived by his late life love, Beverly Ohren of Tyler; His son, Rev. David R. Aber and wife Gwen of Huron, Ohio; daughters, Linda Aber of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Cynthia Gail Aber and Sandra Lee Aber both of Whitehouse; and by grandchildren, Dana and Drew Aber, Courtney Jennings, Tiffany and Paxton Cruz; and his loyal companion dogs, Baxter and Brittain. In lieu of flowers and in keeping with Charlie's desire to help others, the family suggests memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church 230 W. Rusk St., Tyler, Texas 75701 or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Whitehouse Cemetery
401 Memory Lane
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charles Lewis Aber



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 21, 2020 at 04:36 PM

LS

*Charlie was a great man,one you could admire,always a gentleman. We met at the "Cowboys for Christ "meetings.One of our favorite things to do was the Lufkin horse sale every fall.Breakfast at "Fullers"then off to the sale. We ran out of gas one morning going down because we were "talking " and I had forgotten to fill up after breakfast we coasted around the curve and thankfully into an EXON station.Everytime I go that way I tell my wife that story. There are very few men left like Mr Aber.My life has ,and will be ,always better because of knowing him.
Larry W Smith.*

Larry Smith - December 24, 2020 at 04:23 PM

DR

“ I met Charlie at church. We often sat together and he was always such a gentleman. I have one of his beautiful hand carved crosses hanging on my living room wall.

As I got to know him better he shared lots of wonderful stories with me. We talked about health issues, WWII and his service, his heritage, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our love for Him.

I have a funny story about Charlie and me. I was making a special gift for my mother who I lived with. I needed some help with the project and Charlie said he could help. So I went over to his house several different evenings (I worked during the day) so we could get this project finished and I also left it at his house as my mother was nosy and I didn't want her to find her gift. Anyway, since mother had never met Charlie and didn't realize he was much older than me, she decided we were romantically involved!

When Christmas came and I gave her the gift and told her how Charlie was helping me, she told me about her suspicions. Charlie and had had a good laugh over her suspicions.

I loved Charlie as a dear friend and brother in Christ. I know he will be greatly missed by many as he touched many lives.

Donna Rayborn

Donna Rayborn - January 16, 2021 at 01:50 PM

WM

“ William MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Charles Lewis Aber



William MacDonald - December 22, 2020 at 02:20 PM

WM

Good friends for many years , lasting memories x

William MacDonald - December 22, 2020 at 02:21 PM

FS

“ *Fiona De Sousa lit a candle in memory of Charles Lewis Aber*



Fiona De Sousa - December 22, 2020 at 02:18 PM

JL

“ *I met Charlie Aber many years ago when he was a patient of my late husband, Dr. Brock Lutz. I was privileged to be invited to one of his woodworking shows. I was amazed at his skills and his beautiful projects. I am fortunate to have acquired several of his works over the years that are currently in my home. My children also met Mr. Aber and enjoyed his works as well. They also have some of his works and treasure each one. Charlie always greeted us with a smile and took an interest in all of our lives. We will remember him as a true gentlemen and a fine man with a giving heart. Just knowing him over these short few years was a blessing. Our deepest condolences to his family and dear Beverly.*

Julie, Katie, and Brock Michael Lutz (family of Dr. Brock Lutz)

julie b lutz - December 21, 2020 at 10:54 AM

CB

Charlie was both a friend and customer of mine. We had some very long visits when he came to the lab. I was fortunate enough to obtain one of his Santa's that I gave to my daughter. He was so meticulous about his woodwork and it had to be perfect.

Carolyn Batten - December 22, 2020 at 10:50 PM

JL

“ *Julie B Lutz lit a candle in memory of Charles Lewis Aber*



julie b lutz - December 20, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JL

A donation has been made to Habitat for Humanity in honor of Charlie Aber from the family of Dr. Brock Lutz.

julie lutz - December 23, 2020 at 03:25 PM