



## Charles Owen Burch

July 8, 1925 - October 24, 2014

A funeral service for Charles Owen Burch, 89, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Steve Simmons officiating. Visitation will be held preceding the service at 1:00 PM at the Funeral Home. Following the service, burial will take place at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Burch went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 24, 2014 at the Hamptons at PineForest in Tyler.

Charlie was born on July 8, 1925 in Port Arthur, Texas to William J. and Agnes Armbruster Burch. He grew up in Port Arthur and attended Texas A&M University where he majored in Chemical Engineering. He served his country in the US Navy during World War II. After returning from the war, he graduated from Texas A&M and worked for the Pure Oil Company in Nederland, Texas. He met Mary Bess Guinn, a school teacher in Port Arthur, and they were married on June 16, 1951. They lived in Port Arthur, Texas, Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Beaumont, Texas before retiring to Tyler in 1991. After moving to Tyler, Charlie joined the Fifth Street Presbyterian Church.

Pallbearers will be Brian Burch, Robert Guinn, Robert Kanewske, Adam Cousins, Charlie Cousins and Andrew Cousins.

Charlie is survived by his daughter, Beverly Burch of Arlington, Texas; son, William Guinn Burch and wife Donna of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Brian Burch of Tulsa and Julie Burch of New Orleans; brother, Ralph Burch and wife, Dorothy of Port Arthur, Texas; sister-in-law, Beverly Kanewske and husband, Joe of Tyler; and brother-in-law, Robert Guinn and wife, Mary of Lancaster, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My husband Don and I thought very highly of Charlie and Mary Bess. Though they were our parents' ages we got along so well. We knew them from 5th St. Pres. Church. I used to cook for the Wednesday night dinner there and Charlie was my chief dishwasher. We had such fun working together and telling each other jokes. I also remember one day we had lunch with them at their house and Charlie was up on the roof doing something--in his late 70s or early 80s. I wasn't aware that Mary Bess had died. My husband and I are so very sorry--they were wonderful people.

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**Sanna Teer** - October 31, 2014 at 02:24 PM

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“ Oh the memories Dale and I have of Charlie and Mary Bess when they were at Beaumont Bible Church. We ate Sunday lunch with them after church at the Dragon Inn and the Dairy Queen after church Sunday night and laughed at Christmas white elephant gifts Charlie got - he managed to pick the present with a "bald" white rock in it that he said resembled him! We loved them both very much! Gail and Dale Westendorf

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**Gail Westendorf** - October 30, 2014 at 10:03 PM

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**Cherie** - October 27, 2014 at 06:24 AM

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“ *My heart is broken. But so thankfully blessed he is at peace. One of the finest men I know.* ”

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**Becky Cousins** - October 26, 2014 at 10:28 AM