



Charles A. Gunter

September 14, 1946 - June 9, 2025

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:30 am at Stewart Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, TX, 75703, on Friday, June 13, 2025.

Entombment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery Mausoleum.

Charles “Charlie” Arnold Gunter was born on September 14, 1946, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Soledad “Lala” Alexandria Chavez and Arnold John Gunter (WOJG). After his father’s passing, Charlie was raised by his mother, step-dad, William “Bill” Conway (T/SGT). and beloved Grandparents, Nora and Glendon Clark. Nora and Glendon played a huge role in shaping his business sense and love of family.

Charlie's early life was shaped by his family's military service, leading to a childhood spent in many places: Rantoul, Illinois, at Chanute Air Force Base, then onto Tainan, Taiwan. The tropics of Taiwan brought cultural differences and adventure. Charlie and his dad climbed mountains with the scouts, enjoyed beaches, and the beautiful rainforests. He would often discuss the gorgeous landscapes there. The family moved stateside to Abilene, Texas, and he graduated from Cooper HS in 1964. He went on to earn a BBA from Texas Tech University in 1969 and pursued postgraduate studies at Southern Methodist University.

He married the love of his life, Brenda “Kay” Stewart, on May 14, 1967. She

was his forever princess. Charlie cherished Kay. Together, they built a strong and loving family. They had two children: Christie Lanell Gunter-Joy (b.1968) and Charles "Eric" Gunter (b.1970).

Charlie began his professional career as an industrial engineer with LTV Aerospace, contributing to the manufacturing of the Corsair II and remanufacturing of the F-8 Crusader, both of which served in the Vietnam War. In 1971, he joined Cameron Valves (formerly Sterling Faucet, later Cooper Cameron), where he served in numerous leadership roles over three decades. His career took him to Tyler, Houston, OKC, Long Beach, Edmonton, Mexico City, and beyond. He eventually served as the Director of Operations for the Western Hemisphere.

A respected member of his field, Charlie was a senior member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the Institute of Industrial Engineers, and the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

Charlie believed in giving back. He served on boards and councils across Texas and Oklahoma, including the Tyler Economic Development Board, United Way of Greater Tyler, the Missouri City Chamber of Commerce, and the Lake Tyler homeowners association. He was a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Charlie lived the dream and retired at 57 years old! Charlie and Kay built their dream home on Lake Tyler, where they spent their happiest years. Lake Tyler had been the family's Happy Place. Boating, Fishing, Fourth of July, Holidays, Birthdays, Graduations, BBQ's. Dad would make sure the grounds looked immaculate, the boathouse was ready to fish, and the boat was full of gas! Lessons were taught and stories were told.

He cherished every moment with his family. After God, they were the most

important. He taught them how to work hard, love deeply, leave a legacy, love nature, fish, boat, hunt, ski, and take care of each other.

Charles was preceded in death by his mother, Soledad "Lala" Chavez Gunter-Conway; father, Arnold J. Gunter; step-father, William "Bill" Conway; sister, Emilia "Emily" Conway-Byington; grandparents, Nora Coats-Gunter, Clark, and step-grandpa, Glendon Clark. He is survived by: the love of his life: Brenda "Kay" Stewart-Gunter of Tyler, two children, Christie Gunter-Joy (Larry Joy) of Tyler, Charles "Eric" Gunter (Hon. Debra "Debby" Franks-Gunter) of Tyler, three grandsons; Devyn McBride Rumbos (Alejandro Rumbos) of Jackson, WY, Charles Christopher Gunter McBride (Allison McBride) of Bentonville, AR, and Charles Cole Gunter of Tyler.

Pallbearers will be: Devyn McBride Rumbos, Charles Christopher Gunter McBride, Charles Cole Gunter, Alejandro Rumbos, Don R. Long, and Guy Stewart. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Alexander Parkhurst, Blair Stewart, William "Billy" Gardner, and R.C. Luce.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-7:00 pm at Stewart Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, TX. 75703, on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice or the Alzheimer's Alliance of Tyler.

Charles Gunter: A Life Well Lived

He cherished every moment with his family or as he called it: La Familia!

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Mausoleum

2455 Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles A. Gunter



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 12, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 12, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Charles A. Gunter.



June 12, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BS

“ Blair Stewart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles A. Gunter.

Blair Stewart - June 12, 2025 at 10:28 AM

BS

“ Blair Stewart purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat* *hiphyllum* for the family of Charles A. Gunter.



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YF

“ Yona Fleming purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Charles A. Gunter.



Yona Fleming - June 10, 2025 at 10:22 PM

SR

“ Sandra Joy, Ginger, Rhonda & Richard purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Charles A. Gunter.



Sandra Joy, Ginger, Rhonda & Richard - June 10, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Charles A. Gunter.*



June 10, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Aunt Bobbie, Rob and Sharon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles A. Gunter.*



Aunt Bobbie, Rob and Sharon - June 10, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *Michelle A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles A. Gunter.*

Michelle A. - June 10, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles A. Gunter.*

June 10, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles A. Gunter.*



June 10, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ *Charlie has been a cherished friend and neighbor for several years. We've shared many good conversations on numerous topics but Charlie always put his faith in God and love for his family above all others. He was so proud of you all. We will all miss him but are blessed to have had such a friend.*
Arona & Gordon Bryson

Gordon Bryson - June 10, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ *The Jimmy Jay Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Charles A. Gunter.*



The Jimmy Jay Family - June 10, 2025 at 02:55 PM