



## Charles Rutledge

July 19, 1931 - February 20, 2009

A Memorial Service for Charles Clayton Rutledge, 77 of Emerald Bay, in Bullard, Texas, will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 10:00 am at Emerald Bay Community Church with Rev. Jay Riley and Rev. Charles Vernon Scheffe officiating. Burial will be at Walker Memorial Gardens in Jasper, Alabama on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 2:30 PM. Visitation will be at Kilgore Green Funeral Home in Jasper from 1:00 to 2:00 PM prior to burial. Mr. Charles Rutledge passed away, Friday, February 20, 2009 at the Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born July 19, 1931 in Hillard, Alabama near Jasper to Paul Hobson Rutledge and Cora Blackwell Rutledge. He spent his youth near Oakman Alabama. He was a graduate of Oakman High School class of 1949. He then served his country with the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was assigned in Korea to the 10th Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. Mr. Rutledge then went on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Samford University. He was employed for over 30 years with United States Gypsum where he served in several management positions in the Southeast and Midwest. He was a member of Emerald Bay Community Church and a former member of the Southern Baptist church for over 50 years. He was an ordained deacon and held many leadership positions in the several churches of which he was a member. Mr. Rutledge was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign War, VFW and the American Legion. His hobbies after retirement were golf, fishing and reading. Mr. Rutledge was preceded in death by his

parents; his first wife of 35 years, Annette Jackson Rutledge; sister Willodean Rutledge Owens and husband James L. Owens; and brother James Edward Rutledge. Mr. Rutledge is survived by his loving family including his wife Gloria A. Rutledge of Emerald Bay, Bullard, Texas; two daughters, Lynda R. Vaughan and husband Charles, of Houston, and Joy R. Broadway and husband Chip of Richmond, Virginia; granddaughter Lindsay Grace Vaughan; five grandsons, Joshua Vaughan, Clay Vaughan, Hunter Vaughan, Jacob Broadway and Luke Broadway; stepsons Mike Shirley and wife Robin of Edmond, Oklahoma and Mark Shirley and wife Sherry of St. Joseph, Missouri; stepdaughters Marilyn Shirley of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Michelle Scheffe and husband Greg of Edmond, Oklahoma; step granddaughters, Katherine and Hanna Shirley and Annie Scheffe; step grandsons Charles and Andrew Scheffe; brother John Paul Rutledge and wife Betty of Oakman, Alabama; and sister-in-law Marie O'Rear Rutledge of Oakman, Alabama. Mr. Rutledge, wanting to leave a legacy for his children and grandchildren wrote his life story, "...And Now the Good Life." It is about more than his life on earth, but the good life that he will spend in eternity with his Savior, Jesus Christ. Pallbearers will be his grandsons and step grandsons. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Golden Tee's of Emerald Bay. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Monday, February 23, 2009 at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Charles Clayton Rutledge may be made to Family Bible Fellowship, "Burl Brown Memorial Mission Fund", P.O. Box 1556, Canton, Texas, 75103 or Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Joy,

*We have been praying for you this week and will continue as you go through the services of the week ahead. May you be filled with God's peace in the knowledge that your dad is now at home. I look forward to talking with you when you are able...until then my thoughts, prayers and love are with you.*

*Lisa*

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**Lisa Cullinan** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Joy - I was so sorry to hear about your father. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Debbie Bailey Slawinski*

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**Debbie Bailey Slawinski** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Joy & Family,

*Please know of my love and prayers for all of you at this difficult time in your lives. Your faith in God and the knowledge of His strength being perfect when our strength is gone will give you the needed comfort and peace to endure these days with grace. May memories of your loved one bring smiles to your heart, and may God hold you close in His loving arms now as only He can.*

*In His Love,  
Linda McNally*

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**Linda McNally** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PQ

“ Joy,  
Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family in the time. We love you and know that you're rejoicing in this time of sadness that your father is now healed and complete in Heaven.

*May God grant you comfort and peace during the next few days.*

*Blessings,  
Paul and Debby Quinn*

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**Paul and Debby Quinn** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Chip and Joy,  
Our sympathies to you all...We know you'll miss your Dad, but we hope you'll find comfort in the fact that he's celebrating now...Take care...

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**Ben and Jill Baughan** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. There is nothing more personal or holy than losing a loved one whp will spend eternity with the Lord. We are praying for you, trusting completely in God's sufficient grace and peace to love you through this difficult time. We love you, and look forward to when you are safely back home.

*Kathy, Mike, Sarah, Bryant, and Reeves*

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**Kathy Lowry and family** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time as you celebrate the life of your father and grandfather. We are sorry about your loss, but know that you find great peace in knowing that he has gone home and is meeting our savior!*  
*In Christ's love,*  
*Jason and Andrea Richardson*

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**Andrea Richardson** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Uncle Charles, you have always been in my thoughts & prayers, as all the family has been also. I know your in a better place now, He is holding you and the loved ones I miss so dearly.*

*Sending my thoughts, prayers & love to the family.*

*Love,*  
*Terrie*

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**Eddy & Terrie Watts & Family** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Joy and family,*  
*We are so sorry to hear of your father's death. He sounds like such a special person and we know your hearts are aching right now. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We pray that God will wrap His loving arms around you as you commemorate your father's life, and in the days to come as well.*  
*Ron & Carolyn Phillips*

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**Carolyn Phillips** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Joy and Family,  
Please know that we have been, and are continuing to uplift your family in our prayers during this difficult time. May the knowledge of being assured that your precious Dad is no longer suffering and enjoying being in the presence of Jesus give you hope and peace each day.*

*In Christian Love and Sympathy,  
Mary Williams  
Cool Spring Baptist Church*

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**Mary Williams** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult transition. I met your dad on several occasions and thought that he was a wonderful individual, dad and husband. He was very active in ministry and served God and others for many years. He was a true testament of what a man is and should be. He will be missed, but we will see him again. Love you all very much!*

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**Wesley Owens** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To Joy, Chip, Jacob and Luke,  
I'm so sorry to hear you've lost a beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather. He sounds like quite a man and I know you will miss him greatly. How very dear of him to leave a part of himself behind in the precious writing of his legacy to you all. I can't think of anything more fitting and wonderful for a believer to do for his dear family. May the love of friends and the presence of his last words uplift you and may you find comfort and peace in the arms of your dear Savior.  
We will remember you in prayer in the difficult days ahead.

*love you much,*

*Janet and Tommy Thompson*

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**Tommy and Janet Thompson** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Chip, Joy, Jacob and Luke:

*Even though death often comes without grace or warning, it never comes by surprise to the Creator. God in his infinite wisdom and sovereign power embraces His own with dignity and love and welcomes them home. His timing is far superior to our human understanding or comprehension and yet, we are left with the physical absence of one we loved so dearly. Glory be to God our Father who knows and understands the heaviness of our hearts at such a time as this.*

*May your faith in God alone cause you to stand strong on the promises of His Word and grant you peace beyond measure to hope without apprehension in His ultimate plan. Praise be to God for the joy that truly does come in the morning for those who are at home in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*I pray that God will sustain you in your sadness and carry you gently in your grief. May the celebration and cherished memories of your Dad/Granddad bring you comfort and give you great pause to rejoice and give thanks for the blessing of how he lived his life.*

*Remember these words and be comforted:*

*I am the resurrection, and the life; he who believes in me shall live even if he dies. John 11:25 NASB*

*In deepest sympathy and with continued prayers for you and your entire family,*

*Pastor Glen*

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**Glen Bohannon** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Joy,

*We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We pray that God will comfort you and your family and keep all of you safe as you travel. When you wrote our homeschool group to let us know that you had a special time with your Dad singing his favorite hymn and he recognized your voice, all I could think of was how much of a comfort that gave him to know his loving daughter was by his side. Your beautiful voice ushered him to Jesus and Jesus took him safely home.*

*In Christ's Love,  
Stephanie Frederick & Family*

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**Stephanie Frederick** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Thanking God today for the life of Charles Clayton Rutledge. Rejoicing for him, that he is finally face to face with his Savior. Praying for you, that your faith in Christ and the presence of His Spirit will sustain and comfort you. May Christ be glorified in the remembrance of his earthly life.*

*II Corinthians 2:9*

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.*

*With Love and Sympathy,  
The Scheidegger Family*

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**Deborah Scheidegger** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *hey joy... i'm so sorry to hear about your dad. my thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**lori kramer** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“Gloria, Lynda, Joy, Charles, Chip, Lindsay, Joshua, Clay, Hunter, Jacob, Luke, Mike, Robin, Mark, Sherry, Marilyn, Michelle, Greg, Katherine, Hanna, Annie, Charles, Andrew, John Paul, Betty, Marie:

*May the Lord sustain you and comfort you; may you be lifted up today on eagle's wings.*

*Thanks be to God for the indescribable gift we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith! We rejoice in the life of our brother in Jesus, Charles, in which his life been made complete! Victory in Jesus!*

*?And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.? Romans 8:28-30*

*We thank and praise God for you as we lift you up in prayer.*

*We love you so much!*

*Craig and Tammy*

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**Craig and Tammy Smith** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Joy,

*I am so sorry to hear that your sweet Dad has passed away. Your parents loved you so much! I remember the moment I tasted my first Snicker- doodle in your Mom's kitchen. Best cookie I ever ate! It was the first recipe I ever asked for. I still have it and now my daughter makes them. It was a lot of fun getting to live next door to you! We used to swing on the tire swing your Dad put up and, when we got hot, go in and spy on Lynda's calls. She was a real teenager and so cool! Our family prayed that you and your family will be blessed by all the family and friends that get to drop by today. Your Dad's picture shows the peace he has inside. What a incredible idea he had to make a book for you and your children! Much love, Laura*

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**Laura Mackintosh Shepard** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Joy,

*There are no words to express that it is with deep sympathy that I write. It is so very hard losing someone you have loved, someone who has always been in your life. No matter how much we try to prepare, we are really not prepared. It is by God's grace that we recall in our hearts the promises of God. "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself."*

*Your Dad is now in the very presence of God Himself. What joy, peace, and absolute perfect love is surrounding your Dad right now. It is God's promises I pray you will trust.*

*Thank you Lord for saving my soul,  
thank you Lord for making me whole,  
thank you Lord for giving to me,  
thy great riches so full and free.*

*Heavenly Father,*

*Please surround our precious Joy and her family with your bountiful love, perfect peace, and overwhelming presence. In Jesus name, Amen.*

*Love you Joy and we are looking forward to your being back with us at Cool Spring. I pray all will go well with the tests you have before you. God will hold you in his hands in this difficulty as well.*

*Your sister in Christ,  
Sue*

*P.S. Just think....your Dad has More than 90 minutes in heaven....he has all of eternity to praise and worship and dance and laugh....and he will await the gathering of the saints in God's time.*

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**Sue Park** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *My Dad and Charles's father were first cousins. I used to play with Willadean when we visited my grandparents, Houston and Molly Rutledge. My dad's name was Matthew Rutledge. Sorry to hear of Charles's death. Learned through the Birmingham Newspaper. The article was sent to me by my sister Sue Nix who lives in Birmingham.*

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**Marjorie Rutledge Hancock** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Lynda and Joy,  
I have just heard about your Dad's passing, and am so sorry to hear. I know what a hard time this must be, but also joyful in the knowledge that he has gone on to a better place. You all may not remember me. I am Larry and Liz Boggs' daughter. I have not seen or spoken with you all for many, many years. We were friends in Birmingham a million years ago when our dads were with USG. I remember going to your house and having you all over lots of times for Friday night dinners. Your mom and dad were both very special people, and my parents spoke about them often, even after we moved away from B'ham.*

*I now live in Atlanta with 3 children (John 23-now lives in NYC, Lauren 18 and Charles 15) and am married to Scott Justus from North Carolina. I would love to hear from you sometime.*

*Lisa Boggs Justus  
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**lisa boggs justus** - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM