



## Charles Williford

July 13, 1928 - February 18, 2010

A chapel service for Charles Ray Williford, 81, of Tyler, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Paul Powell officiating. A private family burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Williford passed away on February 18, 2010 at his residence in Tyler. He was born July 13, 1928 to Carl and Ruby Fletcher Williford in Wichita Falls, Texas. After high school, Mr. Williford graduated from Midwestern University with a Bachelors of Business and Economics. He served in the Air Force as an Auditor for 20 years, tours taking him to Japan, Germany and Korea. He was also a retired 20 year civil service veteran. Mr. Williford was preceded in death by his loving parents; the mother of his children, Iwana Thrailkill Williford; and two daughters, Janet Johnson and Pamela Hastings He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Pat Adams Williford; daughter, Vicki Williford Long and husband James of Norman, OK; sister, Sammye Williford Craigo and husband Ronnie of Santa Clarita, CA; grandchildren, Anthony Johnson, Joi Luzania, Phoenix Long Cullens, and Spenser Sakurai. He was loved dearly by his extended family and cherished for bringing their mother Pat, much happiness. Mr. Williford loved life and people and always had a grin on his face. He and his wife Pat, traveled extensively, loved to dance and to laugh together. He will be dearly missed by many loved ones...our comfort is in knowing that he is dancing on streets of gold above. We love you Charlie! Visitation is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at

Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas  
75703. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

“ Dearest Pat,

*It really hit us hard, Friday night at Frankston, when we received word of your sorrow. Our hearts ache with yours at the lost of Charlie's smile and wit he shared with us as we roamed around the dance floor. You and Charlie demonstrated friendship and kindness with your visit to Barbara in Health South Rehab, when you brought her a chocolate shake after her accident. Your acts of neighborliness and kindness have declared gratitude for having known Charlie.*

*So we ask, What is Dying? Let me suggest it's something like this:*

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!"  
"Gone where?"*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "Here she comes!"*

*And that is the way it is with dying.*

*We will see one another again, we will see Charlie's grin and sparkling eyes as he greets us when we too cross that sea and hear Charlie's glad shout; "Here she comes!"*

*Pat, we put our arms around you with hugs and kisses to support you in your sorrow. LOVE,  
Roy & Barbara*

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**Roy Cooper** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Charlie loved his life and his family and everyone loved him. We will all miss him!  
Love, Rick*

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**Rick Hurst** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Now Charlie will waltz with the angels until you get there. It was a pleasure and an honor to know Mr. Williford and he will be deeply missed. In our thoughts and prayers. Felaine, Jim Cross and Henry Yarbrough*

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**Jim and Felaine Cross** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *WE LOVED YOU BECAUSE YOU LOVED OUR AUNT AND YOU LOVED US. YOU ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON YOUR FACE AND WERE READY TO HAVE FUN. AND WE ESPECIALLY LOVED YOUR POSITIVE ENERGY!!! YOU WILL BE MISSED!! CAROL*

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**CAROL HENRY** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dearest Charlie...my Step Father:

*Thank you for giving my Mom 6 of the happiest years of her life...for loving and caring for her like a prince. Thank you for accepting our side of the family as your own and for loving us. Words cannot express how much I will miss your sweet smiling face and your ever ready laugh and enjoyment of life!!! You were an example to us all to live life to the fullest..I love you Charlie and you will always be in my heart. My comfort is in knowing you are "there" in heaven...and we will see you again one day. All my love,  
Jeannie*

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**Jeannie Adams** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *I was the Budget Analyst for the Morale and Welfare branch at Bergstrom Air Force Base.Mr Williford was the Supervisor of the Accounting Section, Quality Control Section,and Budget.He shared his knowledge with all employees and had many recognition awards. He worked with the higher ranked Officers, as well as enlisted personnel.Mr. Williford was one excellent person to work for and with. He did not like his staff to be late for work, and if you were late he would sit at your desk, and he would politely say good morning and go back to his office and you knew not to be late again. I enjoyed his method of office procedures, 15 minutes prior to leaving your desk was clean, the days completed work was put in the left draw and the unfinished work was in the right draw. Very articulate man.  
I will miss sending a birthday card every July 13th.Respectfully Mary*

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**Mary Colvin** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Pat your joy and love for life have always amazed me and been a testimony to others of Christ's love in you. Charlie was a perfect match for you from God. He was always smiling and ready to go with you on his arm.

Our heart breaks for you and all the relatives. You will see him again and rejoice with him in heaven. Know we are praying for God to give you his strength, peace and comfort through this difficult time.

Love, Lucy and Terry

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**Lucinda and Terry Linder** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Pat I guess Charlie wanted snow??? ha ha  
Love, Lucy and Terry

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**Lucindaolinder@suddenlink.net** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Aloha, Pat

*My most sincerest sympathy to you. Needless to say, I was shocked (and still in shock) to hear of Charlie's passing from Mary. I was just about to send you dates that I would be available for your visit to Hawaii (mainly, the Big Island). I know how much Charlie wanted to visit this island and wanted me to met you.*

*Charlie and Mary were one of the first people I met when I relocated to Texas. I worked with Charlie at the MWR Division at Bergstrom where he was the Supervisor of the Accounting Division before I transferred over to the judicial department. Although I didn't directly work with Charlie, he was a major part of my office.*

*Instead of enjoying this Hawaiian paradise - - Charlie is in God's paradise where he is looking down on us. He will forever be in our hearts. A true friend I shall never forget. My thoughts and prayers to you.*

*- - - - Aloha, Jeye*

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**Jeye Moore** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To my friend Pat,  
I have been so blessed to have experienced events in your life over the past ten years. I love seeing how you handle every thing with grace as a "lady" should. You remind me of my grandmother in that way. I will always remember your "love story" with Charles, how you met, how you felt, how you made the decision to marry him.and so enjoyed life with him. It was one of the sweetest stories I've ever seen, a true romance. I will always remember Charles' smiling face, as it so resembles the smiling face of my granddad that is displayed in my home. It's amazing how much they looked alike and not only did they look alike but both had the same sweet personality and love for life and dancing. I'm so glad Charles had so many funny cute things about him that you and I can remember on fridays as I do your hair(on pizza night). I hope that also like my grandmother, when you think of Charles, as she thinks of my granddad after his passing, you will always have more smiles than tears because of the memories and because of looking forward to seeing him again.  
-with love- Didi

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**Didi Feagin** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM