



## Boyd David Charles

November 17, 1935 - August 15, 2023

Boyd David Charles passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones at the age of 87 on August 15, 2023 at his home in Tallahassee, Florida. He was born to the loving family of James Robert Charles and Mae Quarles Charles in rural mountains of Etowah, Tennessee on November 17, 1935 and was the fifth of eleven children. He later moved to and grew up on a dairy farm in Sumter, South Carolina.

He graduated from Cross High School in Cross, South Carolina, then received his Bachelor's Degree from Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina and returned to school in adulthood to earn his Masters Degree in Counseling Education from Radford University in Virginia. He served in the Army Reserves for 6 years and had an honorary discharge. He had a long career in the banking and loan business in San Diego, CA, Jacksonville, FL, New Orleans, LA, and Sumter, SC. After graduating with his Masters Degree he worked in the counseling field in Roanoke, VA, Summerville, SC and Baton Rouge, LA. After retirement he worked at H & R Block as a tax preparer for 15 years.

Boyd is known for his bright blue eyes, friendly smile and going out of his way for family and friends alike. He had a deep love of the outdoors with his favorite pastimes being gardening, fishing and reading. Those were second only to his adoration of his wife Yolande and his passion for supporting family.

After raising 3 daughters, he stepped up and adopted two sons later in life and raised them as his own. He taught all his children the importance of family, and the values of hard work, honesty, and faith in God. From his fascination with words, he had a vast vocabulary and his love for music often meant him singing along with the classical country melodies. And he never met an apple pie a la mode he wasn't prepared to enjoy.

He and his wife, Yolande, of 40 years shared many past times including country western dancing, saltwater fishing, spending time with family and serving their faith community. Boyd touched many lives in his service to the Lions Club, and in his service with Yolande in Marriage Encounter and Marriage Prep for engaged couples, as well as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister and co-leader of the Small Christian Community group for St. Jude Catholic Church in Baton Rouge. In Tallahassee he served Blessed Sacrament Church in his participation in the Mens CHURP Group, which he loved dearly. He spent the last year and a half with family residing in Tallahassee, FL.

He is survived by his wife Yolande St. Pierre Charles, his children Cindy Lefleur (Mark), Cheryl Lewis (Jeff), Dennis St. Pierre Charles (Elizabeth), and Michael Charles, grandchildren Crystal Waddell (JB), Brittany Fleming, Brandon Dupont, Isabella, Serafina, Rachel and Maya and great grandchildren Kaitlyn, Sadie and Maggie, Haiden, Amy Lee and Luke and siblings Mildred Avin, Bob Charles, Tom Charles and Mary Jane McLeod.

Preceding him in death are his parents James Robert Charles and Mae Quarles Charles, siblings James Kimsy Charles, Francis Plemons, Gladys Wright, Juanita Griffin, Argia Rae Thames and Betty Thames and daughter Vickie Charles Dubose.

Boyd's family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Big Bend Hospice for being angels of care to Boyd and Yolande 24/7, being just a

phone call away as needed.

The celebration of his life will be at Blessed Sacrament Church in Tallahassee, FL on Thursday, August 24 at 11:30 AM. Entombment will follow in the Columbarium at Blessed Sacrament.

A celebration of his life will also be at St. Jude Catholic Church, at 9150 Highland Road, in Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, September 30th. Visitation will be 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, with a Funeral Mass starting at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to:

Blessed Sacrament Church, 653 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32308 or  
Big Bend Hospice, Inc., 1723 Mahan Center, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

The family is being assisted by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy, of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church  
9150 Highland Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

## Celebration of Life

SEP **30.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Boyd David Charles*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Boyd David Charles*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Boyd David Charles.*



September 27, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ *I met Boyd and Yolande when I first started my financial services business! Boyd worked with me for a short while as a life insurance agent! His love for Yolande and his children was always evident! I always enjoyed conversing with him and Yolande! He was a kind and gentle family man- I know he will be missed! Yolande, I pray that God will bless you with fond memories and give you peace! Love ya!..... June Lyle*

**June Lyle** - August 31, 2023 at 12:37 AM

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“ *Richard Kummerlowqe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Boyd David Charles.*



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**Richard Kummerlowqe** - August 22, 2023 at 11:23 AM



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August 21, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Boyd David Charles.*



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August 20, 2023 at 03:39 PM

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“ *You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Boyd was such a kind and gentle soul. He was always helpful and resourceful. I know he will be greatly missed.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Lisa Prescott** - August 18, 2023 at 11:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Boyd David Charles.



August 18, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ My deepest sympathy Yolande ❤️🙏🙏, I am thankful for sharing fun times with the two of you - Boyd dancing every song at Whiskey River such a great time and so many other fond memories to treasure ❤️🙏❤️❤️ . A perfect gentleman ❤️

Jennifer benoit - August 18, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ Yolande... I have such special memories always of you and Boyd.... Always laughing and happy together. I'll always picture y'all dancing together. I love y'all... you have always been such a special couple and special in my life.

Holly Cespiva - August 18, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ Boyd was a kind and gentle soul. His smile and laughter will be missed. Jimmy and Cindy Charles

Jimmy Charles - August 18, 2023 at 01:36 PM