



## Charles Southard

November 29, 1947 - May 25, 2011

Charles Henry Southard passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at the age of 63. He was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan on November 29, 1947 to Vernon Southard and Dolly Marie Pierce Southard and later was raised in the Texas Baptist Home for Children in Waxahachie. Charles remained an active member of the ex-children alumni of the Texas Baptist Home, and served many years as president of the alumni association and continued to serve in other capacities until his death. He had a passion for helping others, especially those in need. He had been a resident of Corsicana from 1981 - 2010. Charles was a beloved father, prideful "Papa Charlie", and he never met a stranger. He touched many lives and words cannot express the love we have for him. He will live in our hearts forever. We love you daddy and Papa Charlie and look forward to seeing you again someday. Charles was preceded in death by his parents Vernon and Dolly Marie Southard and a brother James Larson Southard. Survivors include his children: Cheryl Huitt and her husband Brad, Michelle Price and her husband Greg, and James Southard and his wife Mary. The loving mother of his children Janice Lewis Southard and wife of 44 years. And a special friend Thelma Huff and her family. Grandchildren: Brett, Brittany, and Cheney Southard, Claire, Wesley, and Abby Grace Huitt, and Emalee and Maycee Price. Brothers and sisters: Mary Southard White and her husband Richard, Doug Pierce, and Richard Southard and his wife Tina. He is also survived by his father-in-law and mother-in-law J.V. and Peggy Lewis. Brother and sister-in-law Jack and

Barbara Lewis and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Jeanette and Wesley Parish, and many nieces, nephews, and other family members. Visitation will be held on Monday evening from 6 - 8pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10am on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 in the Chapel at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne McKay officiating. Burial will follow at Eureka Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Hambrick, Rick Taylor, Clark Pickard, Chris Lynd, Clint Pickard, and Karl Pace.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Southard*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your families loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Tony & Lydia McKendree** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your father was such a nice and kind man. I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Gail Arnett** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart and prayers go out to you all. A long time friend and brother in Christ, Charles made a lifetime impression on me with his good nature and warm friendship.*

**Tony Stephens** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your family's tragedy. We have known Charles for years. He was a really good man. God has called another Son home. He will be missed but not forgotten. Ya'll are in our prayers. May GOD bring you comfort and peace in this time of sorrow and grief.*

**Robin Cruz** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. Your families are in our prayers.

*Ricky & Robbie Jennings*

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**Ricky & Robbie Jennings** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We are so sorry to learn of Charles's passing. We counted him among our friends for many years, and he will be missed. We extend our condolences to his loved ones.

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**Mary Jane and Weldon Plemons** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ it's such a loss as Charles was such a great man. So many memories of Charles and my father laughing at their odd jokes. But having known him makes my life richer.

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**Barbra Paul DeCapua** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Cheryl, James & Michelle , so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a nice man .I pray that God will wrap his arms around u all at this most diffucult time . Our love and prayers for your family .  
*From the Hines Family*

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**Reese & Lori Hines** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Michelle,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray that God holds you and your family in his arms and heals your heart.  
I remember being at your house when your dad was there. I remember all of us sitting outside and visiting. I loved listening and talking with him. I really thought a lot of him, he was an exceptional man.  
I know that time is standing still for you and words just aren't enough. I hope that somehow your memories will give you strength. I love you and I'm praying for you and your family.  
Terry Corbell

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**Terry Corbell** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To Michelle and the Southard family. I am deeply saddened by the loss of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in peace and understanding.

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**Julie Arteaga** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Charles. He will be so missed at Texas Baptist Home reunion. He was so much apart of it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wilburn and Marye Howell

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**Wilburn and Marye Howell** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Words can not express how we feel. Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jeff, Barb and Tommy Arnett

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**Barb McFarland-Arnett** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ We can not express the sorrow we fell.  
Please except our deepest condolences.  
We loved your Dad deeply,he will be greatly missed.

*His friends,Clark and Bridget Pickard*

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**Clark Pickard** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Words will never be able to be spoken to express how our hearts ache for you all. Charles was always there for a friendly smile and hug. We will continue to pray and support you all. He made a mark on our hearts and will not be forgotten!

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**Cindi and Rickey Sliger** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss.

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**ellen kelly** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Words cannot express the sorrow that we feel for your loss. Charles was a precious person and well respected. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.

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**Terry Paul, Jr and family** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ What a wonderful, loving man. I will miss him at our annual Homecoming reunions at the home. My prayers and condolences to all of the family.

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**Delores McMahan Fiore** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We want to express our sincere condolences. We have known Charles since 1982. He was always a true gentleman and the best friend anyone could have. He made the world a better place. He will live forever in our memories.

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**Wayne & Ruth Smith** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ James, Cheryl, & Michelle.... There are no words to express how I feel about your dad's passing. He was a wonderful man. Not only was he my uncle, but so much more. He was there for me through one of the hardest and emotional times of my life and I know that my life was enriched because he was a part of it. I know that he is in Heaven watching over us all! My prayers are with you through this difficult time. I love you all.  
Shannon, Christopher, & Cheyenne

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**Shannon Gates Weaver** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. May God give you peace and comfort.

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**Russell and Carol Warren** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Michelle and Gregg, Rene' and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. May God comfort your family.

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**Brent and Rene' Melton** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our hearts and prayers are with the family. I know Charles will be missed greatly.

Love

Margie & David Martin

Shelba (Pierce) daughter

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**Margie & David Martin** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ James and family...Hold tight to memories for comfort. You are in our thoughts. Peace, prayers and blessings.

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**Marshall & Denise Purifoy** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We had not known Charles very long. He was a caring man and will be greatly missed. We are so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our continued thoughts and prayers. God will comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. You have our condolences.

Peace be with you.

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**Donna and Frances Hodgkinson, Dawn Hodgkinson Tramel** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Everyone who knew Charles knew that he was a great man and all who knew him were blessed to have his friendship. May God wrap each of you in his arms and help you through your sorrow. Hang on to all the memories and he will always be in your hearts. We are so sorry for your loss. God has taken a great one home with him. May God be with each of you. Your families are in our prayers. Lean on God, each other and friends for comfort. We never understand these things but we know God has the big picture and that because of Gods grace and mercy we will see him again one day.

*God Bless you all,  
Marsha and Dennis Dickerson*

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**Dennis & Marsha Dickerson** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We are so sorry for your loss, your family is in our prayers.

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**Lynn and Karen Bottoms** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ I am so sorry you guys are having to go through this! Just know you are not alone, God is by your side and so are we. Papa/Daddy Charlie will be missed dearly. I am so glad I got my hug from him the Sunday before! He always was smiling and so loving. I know he loved each of you unconditionally and was super proud of his children and grand-children. Love you all bunches!

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**Natalie Robinson** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ I thought so much of your father. He was such a wonderful and caring man willing to help all he encountered. He was so kind when I lost my own father and he will be truly missed for his good humor and friendly smiles. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and your families. May God bless you all during this time of loss.

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**Niece Hansen** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ We are so sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorry. Charles will be missed.

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**Roger & Linda Tarvin** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.

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**Jeff and Lauren Hodge** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Southern family our deepest sympathy to each of you, you have been in our prayers and will continued to be. Charles helped get our home set up and has been back to do repairs in later years. I always enjoyed Charles' visit to Corsicana National Bank where I assisted him on many occassions, he and I had some long visits. Sorry I could not be with you during this time of grief.

*Love and prayers,  
Jaynie Johnston*

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May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ James, Cheryl and Michelle - We just want you to know that you are in our prayers at this time. Your Dad was the best butcher I ever had as well as a true friend - Caroline and your Dad go back to their school days - She grew up a few blocks from the Baptist Home and used to walk to school with the kids from Texas Baptist. The younger ones (your Dad) would stop off at the grade school and the others would go on to High School so she had known him for a long time. We will both miss seeing and visiting with him. Our love and prayers - Hugh and Caroline

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**Hugh & Caroline Fullerton** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We will remember Papa Charlie as a fun and happy man. As Katlin says, Crazy Uncle James' daddy...Our Prayers and thoughts are with you all and Charles as well.

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**Karrie, Ken, and Katlin Stapp** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ We are saddened by your loss. May God keep you close during this time. We know that Mr. Southard was very proud of his family. Each of you held a huge spot in his heart, as he did in yours. May your fond memories bring you comfort.

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**Pamela, Randy, Zachary, and Jacob Thomas** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Charles has been a friend of mine and one who always cared for my parents since the "home" days. He just spoke with "Mama Dill" on Mother's Day and told her he was very happy and enjoying life. I will miss his calls that we shared as well. My prayers for each is that you will find a peace that is not of this earth, knowing that Charles had Christ in his heart.

Ross

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**Ross Dill** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ We are saddened to hear of Charles' death and want you to know how much he will be missed. His calls and cards to Mom have always been very special to her and she was so glad to hear from him on Mother's Day. For the last forty plus years he always checked on Mom and Pop and we will always be grateful. Our prayers are with all of you during this time.

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**Andy Dill** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ DEAR JAMES & FAMILY  
YOUR DAD WILL TRULY BE MISSED, ALWAYS THE PERFECT GENTLEMAN. PLEASE KEEP THE FAITH THROUGH THIS TRAGEDY.WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY.

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**PEGGY DEEDS** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My sister and I played with Charles at the Orphanage Home. We are the grandchildren of CB and Clora Stanley. We both remember Charles as a great friend and playmate. I have a school picture of him and several of the other boys. I have kept it all these years. We are so sad to hear about his death and we are praying for all of his great family. God Bless all of you. He will be greatly missed.

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**Danna Stanley Cash** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Chery, Michelle, and James... Jerry lost his mother the same day your dad passed away so we are just finding out about your loss. We are praying for you and your families to feel God's comfort.

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**Jerry & Karen Ashcraft** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ I never got to know my uncle Charles. But I've heard so many stories about him but I was there at the funeral and I could feel the love from every single person no matter who they were or how they knew him. He touched many lives. We will miss him.

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**Cheyenne Vela** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Janice & family

So sorry for your loss

Janice, I think of you often. Come by & see me sometime at the library or give me a call

My best,  
Genell

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**Genell Willingham** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM