



## Charles Harrill

April 9, 1931 - August 15, 2009

Charles Gaston Harrill, 78 of 105 Oak Forest Drive, died August 15, 2009 at his residence.

He was born April 9, 1931 son of the late Earl and Leora Hill Harrill in Wadesboro, NC; he was a retired Air Traffic Controller, a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of Riverside Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Nelma Watson Harrill of the home; two sons, Charles David Harrill and wife Vanda of Senoia, GA and Joseph Mark Harrill and wife Tammy of Greer; a daughter, Cathy Stewart of Greer; two sisters, Juanita Carver of Rutherfordton, N.C. and Better McCuster of Tennessee; ten grandchildren, Charles Caleb Harrill, Ashlee Diane Harrill, David Andrew Harrill, Christian Stewart, Christa Stewart, Kamren Harrill, Karsen Harrill, Mandy Reames, Josh Merck and Cody Merck.

Mr. Harrill was predeceased by three brothers, Wilburn Harrill, John B. Harrill and Yates Harrill, one sister Virginia Hill.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Riverside Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Drew Hines and Rev. Marcus Buckley. Burial will be in Smokey Mountain Memory Gardens in Sevierville, Tennessee.

Charles (Charlie) grew up in Forest City, NC and went to Cool Springs High School. He was addicted to golf and started out as a caddie but quickly began playing well. After High School Charlie joined the navy and was stationed in Adak, Monterrey, Oklahoma City, and Pensacola. But he never stopped playing golf. He played a tournament at Castle Air Force Base with Gene

Little and Billy Casper in October of 1951.

He continued to play golf at Asheville Biltmore Jr. College while getting his associates. After graduation he transferred to the University of Tennessee where he fell in love with his wife, Nelma Watson. They were married on December 1956 and were married over 52 years. God blessed them with three children. Charlie loved golf but his greatest love was his wife and three children and grandchildren.

He became an Air Traffic Controller for twenty three years while still a scratch golfer and even running a golf course. Even with pulmonary problems at 68, he was a seven handicap, "if he could ride to the ball."

Charlie loved his Lord and was committed to his church, Riverside Baptist Church, Greer, SC-.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Monday at Wood Mortuary. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Riverside Baptist Church Building Fund, 1249 South Suber Road, Greer, S.C. 29651.

Online condolence may be at [www.thewoodmortury.com](http://www.thewoodmortury.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Riverside Baptist Church  
1249 South Suber Road  
Greer, SC 29650

# Tribute Wall



“ Uncle Charlie,

*I will always be thankful for the postive impact you had on my life. You were a role model to me and I appreciate you and your family being there for me after my mother passed away. I will always remember your smile and I will always remeber your kindness. Uncle Charlie I always knew that if I need anything that I could come to you and you would be there for me. I also am very thankful for you being an outstanding brother to my father "Austin Yates Harrill". I'm gald that I had the opportunity to speak with you on the phone a few yers ago before I transferred overseas, but I regret that I did not get to see in you person one last time before you passed. Just know that I loved you dearly and that I will miss you very much.*

*To the family I grieve with you in your time of sorry and I will pray that the Lord gives you comfort and helps you through your lose of a great husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.*

*Your Nephew,  
John E. Harrill###imported-begin##John E. Harrill###imported-end##*

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August 21, 2009 at 03:34 AM



“ Mrs. Harrill, Mark, Cathy & David,

*I just heard that Mr. Harrill past away. I'm so sorry that I was not able to attend his funeral. As you know I loved him dearly and felt as though he & Nelma help raise me. Oak Forest Drive was the best place to live. We were all family. If any of you need anything, please let me know. I love all of you with all my heart.*

*Sandy (West) Head###imported-begin##Sandy (West) & Morris Head & Lindsey Head###imported-end##*

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August 19, 2009 at 01:35 PM



“ Mrs. Harrill, David, Cathy, and Mark,

*Scott and I returned from vacation to hear about Mr. Harrill. We are truly sorry for your loss but rejoice in the ultimate healing that he has now experienced. As you may know, Dad passed away in July who suffered much the same way as Mr. Harrill and it has certainly been difficult for our family. I pray that you will find comfort in each other and all the kind things that I know will be expressed to you by all who knew him. It certainly brought me great comfort to hear how my Dad was loved by so many friends and co-workers as I know Mr. Harrill was.*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Scott and Karen McAlister##imported-end##*

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August 19, 2009 at 09:51 AM



“ Nelma, Mark, David, Cathy and families, Kyle and I are truly sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all during your grieving process. Mr. Charlie was a man of God and a true inspiration of courage and strength to everyone who knew him. Again, our deepest heartfelt sympathy are with you all(Nelma, Mark, Tammy, Kamren, Karson and family)##imported-begin##Amanda & Kyle Wood##imported-end##

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August 18, 2009 at 01:44 PM



“ Mrs Harrill & family,  
We always thought so much of Bro. Charlie. He was always so kind to us and I will never forget his encouragement to one of sons not to smoke. He really had an impact on him.  
Please know our prayers are with you in these days. Wish we were close enough to see you in person distance can't keep us from praying for you.##imported-begin##Jerry and Janet White##imported-end##

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August 17, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ Uncle Charlie is not really my uncle, but I will always remember him like that. The day Nite and I paid him and Nelma a visit - May 18, 2008 - there was sunshine and rain, but Uncle Charlie was in good spirits and very entertaining.

We all spent a very enjoyable few hours together. :)##imported-begin##John Kooy##imported-end##

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August 17, 2009 at 01:10 PM



“ Aunt Nelma, David, Cathy, Mark and families,  
We are so sorry for the pain you are going through now. We know so well how much Uncle Gaston (Charlie) will be missed by you and those precious grandchildren that filled his life with so much joy. For me, he was always gentle, humorous, distinguished, and kind. We all knew we were loved even with the distance and long intervals between visits. I'm so glad we got to see him and you two weeks ago. I can't come back for the funeral, but I promised Uncle Gaston that I would write to him...

Uncle Gaston, Goodbye. I love you. I bet you and Daddy are having a grand old time teasing each other over who's the best looking angel, and Grandma's just smiling with that twinkle in her eyes. Watch over us all.

Love, Wanda##imported-begin##Wanda Harrill Sweatt and Jensi (San Francisco, Ca)##imported-end##

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August 16, 2009 at 10:35 PM



“ Dearest Nelma and family,

I loved Uncle Charlie with all my heart and admired his strength and his courage in all his adversity's. His sense of humor will be missed and his love of family will never be forgotten and we love you all with all our heart and will proudly stand with you to send this giant of a man to his glorius send off to meet his maker and the rest of our beautiful family... ❤️##imported-begin##Carmen Lavender Skeparnis & family##imported-end##

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August 16, 2009 at 09:40 PM



“ Dear *Thelma & Family*,

*Judy and I are going to try to make tommorrow evening. We should be there about 7:30pm.*

*You will all be in my prayers.*

*Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara Harrill Rise##imported-end##*

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August 16, 2009 at 03:46 PM