



Charles Moore Smith

December 5, 1944 - February 21, 2020

The poet William Hamilton Hayne penned these words:

“It matters not that Time has shed
His thawless snow upon your head,
For He maintains, with wondrous art,
Perpetual summer in your heart.

The life story of Charles Moore Smith was birthed in Rapid City, South Dakota. The boy, who would come to be known to all as “Charlie” was one of two children born to the late Charles James Smith, Jr. and Martha Moore Smith. Charlie was born in South Dakota where his father was stationed in the military during World War II. The family would relocate to Newnan as the war wound down and his father’s tour of duty was completed. Charlie graduated Newnan High School, class of 1962. Friendships formed during his school years would remain close and active for the rest of his life. In typical Charlie style, such close friendships would eventually be a prelude for serving as a pallbearer at a friend’s funeral. Since Charlie decided that his end of life story would not include a casket, we are uncertain of a title for these gentleman as it relates to his style of funeral. Public input is encouraged. For whatever title under which they serve, these lifelong partners in mischief and fun are Joe MacNabb, Pope Jones, Parnell Odom, Otis Jones, Joe Crain, Gaston Green, Bill Berry, Tom Farmer, Hunt Fulwiler and Walker Moody. Charlie continued his education after high school by attending The University of Georgia where he graduated in 1967. The Vietnam War would come into Charlie’s life as World

War II did in the life of his father. After college he enrolled in Officer Candidate School for the Air Force. He served one tour of duty 1968-1969 as a First Lieutenant (Quartermaster Corp). He was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Forces. Following his return home to Newnan after the war, he began a successful career in banking. Having come from a family of entrepreneurs, he presented a skill set that tailored his customers' business plans with financial services his bank could extend. In 1979, the premier printing company in Newnan, Murray Printing Company, was offered for sale and Charlie and Lynn bought the company. For the next years, it was Newnan's finest business of its kind. Charlie would soon embark on yet another career course as a bailiff in the local court system and was a welcoming presence in an environment that was often fraught with stress. He was still involved in the court system up until his death. Charlie and Lynn found a sound anchor for their faith in Newnan's Central Baptist Church. Charlie's faith statement was incredibly simple and brought into reference the way in which he lived his entire life. He firmly felt that the way to do what God wanted, and expected, of His people was to love God, love family, love friends. A scripture from the Book of Micah expounds the principal "What does God require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". While Charlie might not have had that passage on the tip of his tongue, he did have that thought process deeply embedded in his moral fiber. Charlie loved being a part of the rich tapestry of life in his beloved Newnan and offered himself for service as opportunities presented themselves. Charlie's most heartfelt activity, though was in his role as a trusted and admired family man. Charlie married Evelyn Cecelia Ratigan on June 10, 1967 and thus began a lifetime of love, adventure and dedication as he immersed himself in his responsibilities as a husband, father and grandfather. Life offered little preparation nor a handbook as he would find himself as a support person when Lynn's life in public service would expand as she became one of the driving forces in the Georgia state legislature. Charlie found life as a father to be a continuing source of amusement as he navigated

life as the only male in a house of three very strong women. Daughter Martha Lynn would marry Darren Scott Mitchell and present the family a grandson, Charles William Mitchell. Jacqueline "Jackie" Maria presented the family circle another son-in-law, Russell W. Baxley and another grandson, Francis "Frank" Ratigan Baxley. Surviving Charlie is a brother, James Cliff Smith and his wife Martha Duncan Smith. Their sons are Proctor Smith and his wife Stephanie, William Clifton Smith and his wife Michelle. Grandnieces and grandnephews are Josh (and Julia) Thompson, Martha Katherine (Katie), Annette Bentley Smith, Sadie Claire Smith, Patrick Clifton Smith, Thomas Christopher Smith. There is a wide and extended family of Lynn's Ratigan relatives. Of significant importance is Charlie's rays of furry sunshine, his dog Pawley, and before Pawley, Babe and Pebbles. Friends and family will come together on Monday, February 24, 2020 at one of Charlie's favorite haunts, The Redneck Gourmet at 11 North Court Square. A reception beginning at 2:00 PM will continue until 3:30 PM. The memorial service to share this good life story and to thank God for it will be at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary of Central Baptist Church on West Broad Street and will be led by Reverend Matt Sapp and Dr. Joel Richardson. For those who wish to honor this life with a memorial donation it is suggested that consideration be given to Central Baptist Church 14 West Broad Street Newnan GA 30263 or The Newnan Coweta Humane Society 608 US 29N Newnan GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Redneck Gourmet
11 N Court Square
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 251-0092

Service

FEB 24. 4:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Lynn, we are so sorry to hear about your beloved Charlie. Know that we keep you and your family in our prayers. May warm memories help bring peace during this difficult time. Love, Karen & Steve Kurtz

Karen Kurtz - February 26, 2020 at 02:55 PM

JM

“ Junie Austin Merkle lit a candle in memory of Charles Moore Smith



Junie Austin Merkle - February 26, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.



February 24, 2020 at 07:27 PM

TF

“ Lynn,
I am so sorry to hear about Charlie. He was definitely one of the good guys around Newnan; always met you with a smile. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Tommy Ferrell

Tommy Ferrell - February 24, 2020 at 06:48 PM

SM

“ Our deepest sympathies, to Lynn and their daughters..may Charlie rest in peace.

Steve and Nancy Mader

Steve Mader - February 24, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JB

“ Dear Lyn,
I am so sorry to hear about Charlie. During our years in Newnan, you and Charlie made us feel welcome, and I value the time, friendship and adventures we shared. He was so much fun! Your tribute is beautiful, captures Charlie's personality and heart, and describes a life well lived. Love to you and your family, Jan (Simpson) Burgess

Jan Simpson Burgess - February 24, 2020 at 03:10 PM

LR

“ Lynn,

Janet and I just learned of the news regarding Mr. Charlie's passing. The Robertson Family sends its heartfelt condolences during these difficult times. We will keep the Smith Family in our thoughts and prayers. May the peace of our Lord be with you all!

Larry and Janet Robertson

Larry Robertson - February 24, 2020 at 02:43 PM

MT

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Smith Family.*

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Michelle Anderson Treadwell and Family



Michelle Anderson Treadwell - February 24, 2020 at 02:04 PM

FF

“ *Our prayers are with the Smith family. We were shocked and sad to hear the news about Mr. Charlie. He was a great fellow.*

*Sincerely,
Frank and melody Farmer*

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - February 24, 2020 at 12:06 PM

LP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Love, Leigh Parson (SSEB).*

Leigh Parson - February 24, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.*



February 24, 2020 at 10:05 AM

DL

“ So sorry for your loss. Dan passed after a bad fall 12 years ago. My prayers are with you.

*Donna Lakly
Peachtree City, Ga*

Donna Lee Lakly - February 24, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.



February 24, 2020 at 09:20 AM

TS

“ The 3 UTC Amigos --Steve, Roger & Scot purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Moore Smith.



The 3 UTC Amigos --Steve, Roger & Scot - February 24, 2020 at 08:45 AM

ME

“ Lynn and family.
Know that you all have the love and prayers of the greater Bob Trammell family.
Not having known your husband and father personally, his obit portrayed a family man of love and service. May God give you His peace, friends and family their love, and may wonderful memories and time bring comfort now and in days to come.
Love and Blessings,
Ms. Bob Trammell

Menlia - February 24, 2020 at 08:39 AM

AK

“ Lynn, Martha Lynn and Jackie, I'm not sure where to start. Charlie was the best. He was funny, smart, witty and easily annoyed and those all fit together to form his great personality.
I absolutely loved working for him, and with him, at Murray Printing. We would argue like an old married couple, as Lynn would say, and then figure out how to handle the situation. Telling him that I was going to leave Murray was one of the hardest things I'd ever had to do.
I'm so glad that I had the opportunity to work for Charlie and to get to know him and Lynn. That has always been, and always will be, a sweet spot in my life.

Love and peace to all of you,
Angie Griffies Keith

Angie G Keith - February 24, 2020 at 06:43 AM

PC

“ Pam Clemons lit a candle in memory of Charles Moore Smith



Pam Clemons - February 23, 2020 at 09:07 PM

PC

Lynn & family, I am so sorry for Charlie's passing! With him sitting behind me for years at First national Bank, we had many memories & hilarious laughter. I know you will miss so much!! Peace & prayers to you & your family.

Pam Clemons - February 23, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.



February 23, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.



February 23, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.*



February 23, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ *Charlie and Lynn have been great friends to us since we moved to Newnan and were neighbors on Evergreen Drive. Lynn took me to the hospital when I had my daughter Ashley and we almost didn't get there in time even though it was only a couple of block away. Charlie and Lynn and Jack and I shared a wedding date and celebrated together. Charlie always had a ready smile and a good heart. It was a pleasure to be his friend.*

Pamela K Giles - February 23, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sending healing thoughts to all who loved and will miss Charlie.*

Nevelle Owens - February 23, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Lynn and family, so very sorry of Charlie's passing. Praying for your peace and strength in days ahead. May memories sustain you.*
Gerry McCoomb

Gerry McCoomb - February 23, 2020 at 09:32 AM

JL

“ *Joseph and Cynthia Lee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Moore Smith.*



Joseph and Cynthia Lee - February 22, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.*



February 22, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Moore Smith.*



February 22, 2020 at 04:22 PM

LC

“ *I am thinking of you and praying for you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Lauren Curry*

Lauren Curry - February 22, 2020 at 03:06 PM

JW

“ Lynn, Beth and I are so saddened to hear about Charlie. He was such a fine man and he always seemed so happy. We lift up prayers for you and your family in this time of grief. Love, Beth and Jimmy Walker

Jimmy Walker - February 22, 2020 at 11:53 AM

DN

“ Lynn, I m so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Denise Norred - February 22, 2020 at 09:44 AM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time. Susan and Ronnie Whatley

Susan Whatley - February 22, 2020 at 08:44 AM

SP

“ We are sooo saddened to hear about Charlie.. our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family... blessings and peace be with you..Susan and Billy Perkins

susan perkins - February 22, 2020 at 08:43 AM

MY

“ Lynn and family, so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Always enjoyed our conversations. Our prayers to you during this time. May our God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Mike and Bev Yeager

Mike Yeager - February 22, 2020 at 08:31 AM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Charlie’s passing. Our thoughts are with the entire family.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - February 22, 2020 at 06:40 AM

WT

“ Wilson And Jane Treadwell lit a candle in memory of Charles Moore Smith



Wilson and Jane Treadwell - February 21, 2020 at 09:26 PM

LH

“ I worked with Mr. Charlie at the courthouse and loved seeing him at work. He will certainly be sorely missed that's for sure! Mrs. Lynn I am so so sorry for your loss and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lena Hogan - February 21, 2020 at 08:32 PM

CR

“ Dear Lynn, Claude and I are so sad to hear of your beloved Charlie’s passing. Please know we have you and your family in our prayerspraying that our Lord Jesus will give you peace and comfort at this sad time as only he can do.

Claude & Brenda Raptis - February 21, 2020 at 07:50 PM

WS

“ I am so, so sorry to hear about Charlie. He was a smart man who gave so much to our community, and as a person, he always had a smile and a kind word. My wife and I will be praying for Lynn and all the family.

*Winston Skinner
Newnan, Georgia*

Winston Skinner - February 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry for your loss! May all your good memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Judi Worth

Judi Worth - February 21, 2020 at 02:29 PM