



Charles "Charlie" Erwin Black

May 15, 1949 - February 26, 2026

Charles "Charlie" Erwin Black, age 76, passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2026. A native of Hamilton County, Charlie was a devoted member of Christway Church and a 1967 graduate of Red Bank High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy, a chapter of his life he carried with honor and quiet pride. He also retired from the Watts Bar Plant of TVA, as a machinist after 30 plus years of employment.

Charlie was an avid outdoorsman who found great joy in hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed tying his own flies and spending peaceful hours on the water. A skilled woodworker, he took pride in creating things with his hands. He also treasured the years he spent coaching his children in their younger days, investing time, patience, and steady guidance into their lives. His greatest joy, however, was his family. He deeply loved and cared for his grandchildren and found special happiness in the simple moments, even something as ordinary as cleaning the pool became a treasured memory when it was done alongside them. Charlie was a man of few words, but behind his quiet nature was a tender heart and an abundance of love for his family and friends. Charlie's life was marked by faith, service, craftsmanship, and steadfast love. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Janice "Jan" Black; his parents,

Chester and Katherine “Crawley” Black; and his grandson, Dakota Taylor.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Brenda “Langston” Black; children; April (Gene) Taylor, son and best friend, John (Amy) Black, Kris (Brian) Bales, Kelley Lawson; brother, Chester (Marcia) Black; grandchildren, Abbie Black, Danielle Molathati, Brianna Lenain, Josh Bales, Megan Bales, Jadis Lawson and Brendilyn Rochelle, several great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends for visitation from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Sunday, March 1, 2026, in the parlor of the funeral home and from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM on Monday prior to the service. A memorial service will be held Monday, March 2, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel of Wilson Funeral Home with, his nephew, Minister Jim Black officiating. Interment will be on Wednesday at 1:00 PM, March 4, 2026, in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. US Navy will render military honors.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Ducks Unlimited at <https://www.ducks.org/get-involved/memorial-giving>.

Condolences may be left at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home, Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Visitation

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Tribute Wall

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“ RED BANK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 HAS MADE A DONATION IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE TO DUCKS UNLIMITED FOR \$75. WE ALL LOVED CHARLIE AND WILL MISS HIM. SUZANNE HAWTHORNE HUFFMAN

Suzanne Huffman - March 04 at 03:42 PM

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“ Terrance M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Charlie" Erwin Black.

Terrance M. - March 02 at 01:46 PM

DM

“ Danielle Molathati purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Charles "Charlie" Erwin Black.



Danielle Molathati - February 28 at 02:43 PM

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“ Aaron, Megan and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Charlie" Erwin Black.

Aaron, Megan and family - February 27 at 05:07 PM

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“ Aaron, Megan and family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Charles "Charlie" Erwin Black.



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JM

“ I grew up on Hill Road in Red Bank and Charlie and his brother Chester were my neighbors. Then years later my wife and I moved to Ooltewah and once again Charlie and I lived close to one another. We had a lot of great conversations talking about the good old days living in Red Bank. Charlie was a good baseball player as well, he was a good hitter. Rest In Peace my friend, you will be missed.



Jim McMillan - February 27 at 06:57 AM