



Charles Erwin Carter

January 14, 2015

Charles Erwin "Charlie" or "Cowboy" Carter, age 79 of LaFayette, went home to be with his Lord and daughter on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

He was born April 29, 1935 in Dalton, Georgia., to Roy Alvin and Noma Mae Turner Carter, moving to Chattanooga six weeks later on the death of his father. He grew up in Chattanooga, attending Jefferson St. Elementary, East Side Jr. High (where he played basketball and was a member of the band), and Chattanooga High School. As a teenager, he worked as a life guard at the Industrial Y.M.C.A. He joined the Navy in 1952, serving 4 yrs. as an airman electrician and crew member on navy jets patrolling the Atlantic Coast from the Carribean to the Artic.

Upon Leaving the Navy, he attended Carson Newman College for one semester before going into the retail Business. He was manager of one of the first stores to open in Brainerd Village, and later managed one of the first stores to open in the Walnut Square Mall in Dalton, Ga. After moving to the LaFayette Area, He opened his own business, selling guns and CB radio equipment, but had to close his gun shop due to illness. When he recovered from his illness, he went to work for Harriet-Henderson Mills, from which he retired in 1997.

Charles loved to tell stories jokes and make people laugh. He never met a

"stranger", and never left them without inviting them to the church he loved, "his" Cowboy Church of LaFayette.

He was preceded in death by his father; mother, Noma Mae Carter Dillard; step-father and "Dad" he didn't have to be, Milton B. Dillard; beloved daughter, Lori Robin Carter (Rick) Everette.

Cowboy was survived by his loving wife, of 55 yrs., Joyce Ann Leonard Carter; daughters, Joy Lyn Carter (Tony) Hammons of Hopewell, MS and Stacy Elaine Carter Lucio Moreno-Haro of LaFayette; grandchildren, Joshua Carlos Lucio, Hannah Alexis Lucio, Robin Gabrielle Lucio, Angelina Joy Chal Lucio, and Francisco Andres Moreno-Haro all of LaFayette; great grandson, Lucas Isaiah Lucio of Chickamauga; sisters, Virginia Jo Carter (Mack) Mahan of Chattanooga; Daisy LaDell Carter of LaFayette; brother, Randy Lamar (Irene) Dillard of Grovetown, Ga; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

The funeral service will be held at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Cowboy Church of LaFayette, 196 County Line Rd. Rock Spring, Georgia 30739. Interment will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, all day on Monday and prior to leaving for the church on Tuesday.

Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-Wallis Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

Tribute Wall

RF

“ my little cowboy buddy will be greatly missed ,but he will never be forgotten, all the good times and the rough times are always not very far away, i will remember him every time i look at a cigar, and some of the great times while we smoked them together, and listened to his jokes and his life times out and about.
you will be loved and missed but not forgotten, the other brother
randy t.

Randy & Cindy Thrasher - summerville, GA - friend - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ You was always a great man to be around I will miss u I still remember that time u caught that table on fire and bubba running to the house to get water saying fireman I love you mr. Carter rest in peace go ride that bull in heaven cowboy !!:)

Kaitlyn bailey - Lafayette, GA - grand sons friend - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Charles when him and his family moved across the road from me at age 7. Stacy, Lori and myself quickly became the closest of friends. They were like my second family. Joy was older and moved away. They included me in all family activities to which they did alot of neat things. They referred to my family as their own too. Charles treated me to a steak dinner on my eighteenth birthday to which my young son opened the exit door of the restaurant and set off the alarm. I rode to school with them each day and needless to say Stacy and I got into quite a bit of trouble, lol. As we grew older and went our own ways, i frequently would see Charles at trade day and other places to which i always received a hug and a new story. God rest his soul, if you knew him, he had a heart of gold. Much Love and memories to each of you.
Love, Lisa

Lisa Barfield - Trion, GA - Adopted Daughter - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Joy and family, we are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Marvin and Judie Frank - Percy, AR - cousin to Joy - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ He was good to my son and my son thought the world of Cowboy . Rest in peace Mr.Carter You will be missed by many..

Nancy Bailey - LaFayette, GA - my sons friend - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My favorite memory was always getting hugs from him before and after church at Cowboy church. He always made me feel like I was wanted there and made me feel like I wasn't alone. He was a great man, always telling jokes, and making you smile and laugh. RIP and I will see you one day when I breathe my last breath and meet you at Heaven's gates. I will be expecting my hug.

Bridget Fino - Ringgold, GA - friend - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM