



Mr. Charles Edward Coffey

June 28, 1934 - August 24, 2015

Charles Edward Coffey, aged 81, of Shelbyville, went home to be with the Lord on August 24, 2015 around 9:15pm at his home. Services will be held on Saturday, August 29th at 1pm at the First Christian Church of Shelbyville, Tn.

Charlie was born on June 28, 1934 in Bedford County to Gladys Victory and Dewey Coffey. Charlie was the 5th of 10 children. Charlie served in the army, and was both a successful college football coach and businessman, as well as loving father and husband to 4 children.

He last served as Head Football Coach at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. and founder and owner of Nationwide Express Trucking Company before retiring.

He was a proud grandfather of 10, and great grandfather of one. Charlie had been a member of First Christian Church since he was 7 years old and a follower of Christ for as many years.

Coffey was preceded in death by his parents and several of his siblings. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Mai Coffey and his two daughters and two sons:

Suzanne Mielke of Charlotte, NC, Cindi Johnson and husband Rush Johnson of Charlotte, Mike Coffey and wife Christy of Shelbyville, and David Coffey

and wife Tanya, also of Shelbyville, TN.

Survivors also include his treasured 10 grandchildren, Matthew Mielke of Charlotte, Meredith Crenshaw and husband Chas, of Greenville, SC, Charlie Coffey of Shelbyville, TN, Hunter Johnson of Daytona Beach, FL, Emily Feldbruegge and husband Adam, Peter Johnson of Charlotte, NC, Kathleen Coffey of Nashville, Parker Johnson of Knoxville, TN, Allie Coffey of Shelbyville and Mary Elizabeth Johnson of Charlotte, NC. Charlie has one grandchild, Levi Crenshaw of Greenville, SC.

Brothers and sisters: Preceded in death Marie Coffey and husband Robert King; Preceded in death Ray Coffey survived by wife Evelyn; Survived by Dot Coffey whose husband Quincy Dooley is deceased; Survived by Shirley Coffey whose husband Frank Davis is deceased; Survived by Betty Coffey whose husband Haywood Russell is deceased; Survived by Peggy Coffey and husband Herbie Gibson; Survived by Evelyn Coffey Methvin.

Visitation with the family is Friday, August 28th at the First Christian Church at 4-7pm and again from 12-1pm the day of the funeral.

Charlie's grandsons will serve as his pallbearers. The Reverend Tom Henry will officiate. Charlie died as he had lived, fighting. He was a good man and he made a difference.

Memorials can be given to the First Christian Church of Shelbyville, TN. or the Church Street United Methodist in Knoxville, TN.

Tribute Wall



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Edward Coffey.*



August 28, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ *Two many memories to share. A true and trusted friend. Our deepest love and prayer support to his precious family. Bobby and Joyce Moore*

Bobby Moore - August 28, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ *Charlie Coffey was a wonderful friend and neighbor to me from years ago. His wife is one of my dearest friends. We have always stayed in touch throughout all the years. With deepest sympathy - Jo Outlaw.*

Jo Outlaw - August 28, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ *We have never known more kind folks than Charlie and Mai. Jack recalls the days of coaching with Charlie at UT with fondness. Both of us have some of our best memories with Charlie the last year. Peace be with all the Coffey family. Jack and Rose Ann Kile, Knoxville, TN*

Jack & Rose Ann Kile - August 27, 2015 at 07:41 PM

CP

“ Claire P. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Charles Edward Coffey.



Claire P. - August 27, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BB

“ BJ Biggers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Charles Edward Coffey.



BJ Biggers - August 26, 2015 at 05:32 PM

BS

“ My respect for Charlie Coffey continues to this day, even though I worked for this good man many years ago. I shall appreciate his kindness to me always.
Bob Scruggs

Bob Scruggs - August 26, 2015 at 03:12 PM

AL

“ Charlie was Chair of Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee of the UT Board of Trustees when I was appointed in 1999. There were few women and no new board member orientation at that time. Charlie was very welcoming to me as a new trustee. Later when I became chair of that committee, he was my mentor. As a Middle Tennessee businesswoman, I respected the very successful company he founded. However, my greatest respect for Charlie came from his family values. I grew up in a family business. It takes strong family ties for a family to work together on a daily basis. Mai, David and Mike, we are thinking of you, your sisters and extended family as you celebrate a life well lived by a TRUE UT VOLUNTEER!

ANDREA J LOUGHRY - August 26, 2015 at 02:51 PM

PE

“ We will remember Charlie as a man who was devoted to his family and as a person of tremendous spiritual strength. While Charlie was a leader throughout his life, above all else, he was a follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are thankful to have known him and to be blessed with the friendship and love of his dear family.

Pandora and Alan Elam, Phoenix, Arizona

Pandora Alan Elam - August 26, 2015 at 10:47 AM

HS

“ Charlie leave a very real legacy. I see it in his wife, children, and grandchildren. For me, I will never forget the many lessons he taught me during a long drive to Indiana, sitting in the sauna after tennis, or on many other occasions. If I could boil it all down to one word, it would be "passion". I am glad he was and will forever remain in my life.

Harold Segroves - August 26, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Edward Coffey.*



August 26, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ *My heart felt wishes go out to Mae, Mike, David and their families during this difficult time. I was fortunate too work for Mr Charlie Coffey at one time & always admired his nack he had for business. He was a true professional and caring man. May God Bless the Coffey Family!*

David Kuka

david kuka - August 26, 2015 at 08:25 AM



“ *Mrs. Coffey and family, I am so sorry to hear about Coach. I had the opportunity to play with him at VT. He was a good man and will be missed. God Bless. Dave Strock*

Dave Strock - August 25, 2015 at 06:31 PM

LT

“ after being told of the tragedy by neighbors and the THP, charley and Mae were the first to come help me through the tragic death of my husband, Bill Majors, Sr. and his fellow coaches, Bob Jones, and Charley Rash in 1965 at a railroad crossing in Knoxville TN. I am forever indebted to their love and concern. such a good friend to Bill - Charley, you are remembered with love and appreciation.
Lynnie Majors Tunnell, Dalton GA.

lynnie Majors Tunnell - August 25, 2015 at 06:02 PM

DF

“ Donny King, son Bobby King and family. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Charles Edward Coffey.



Donny King, son Bobby King and family. - August 25, 2015 at 03:51 PM

TP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Coffey family. The memories of meeting Mr. Coffey (or Coach Coffey) at Virginia Tech while my brother was going to college near there will always be special. Getting to know the entire Coffey family upon their return to Shelbyville was a blessing to me. Although time and distance have made the connections less frequent, I will always remember Mr. Coffey and his legacy of children who became great friends to many.

Tracy Pack - August 25, 2015 at 02:50 PM