



SFC (Ret) Charles Edward Franklin

December 10, 2011

SFC (Ret) Charles Edward Franklin, son of the late James Walter Cosey and Kathleen (Powell) Franklin, was born January 16, 1962 in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Charles grew up in Clarksdale until the age of 13 and then moved to St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1980, Charles enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 2000 after 20 years of service. He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. For his faithful service, Charles earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Army Commendation Medal (93rd Award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (w/num 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (w/num 4), Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge (Rifle M-16), Marksman Marksmanship Badge (Rifle M-16), and Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.

While serving in the Army, Charles obtained his GED and later received his Associate's Degree from Central Texas College while stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. After retiring from the Army, Charles began working as a civilian at Fort Leonard Wood. He was in charge of security for CDTF (Chemical Defense Training Facility) as Human Resources.

On January 30, 1982 in St. Louis, Missouri, Charles married the love of his life, Minnie Lee Alexander. They shared over 29 years of marriage together and five children: Charles Jr, LaToshia, William, Genever, and Geneva.

In his spare time, Charles enjoyed mowing his lawn, and reading. He especially enjoyed watching Sunday football with his grandson William. He treasured those times that he could play with his grandchildren.

As a young man, Charles accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was very active in his church, New Beginnings Revival Center and was Pastor Biggs' right hand man (Teacher's Pet) for the School of Prophets. He served as a minister for the church and loved his church family.

Charles went home to be with his Lord Saturday, December 10, 2011 in his home after a long bout with cancer having attained the age of 49 years, 10 months and 24 days. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Charles leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Minnie of the home; five children: Charles E. Franklin, Jr. (Megan), LaToshia Webb (Derrick), William Alexander, Genever Alexander (Darrin) and Geneva Dawson (Vincent) all of Waynesville, MO; three siblings: Willie Franklin (Rose) of Kennett, MO, Clarence Franklin (Michelle) of St. Louis, MO and Martha Jean Franklin (Calvin) of St. Louis, MO; four grandchildren: Kiesha Martin, La'Niyah Webb, William Hamilton and Derrick Webb, Jr.; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by one sister: Shirley and two brothers: William and Alvin Franklin.

Going Home services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2011 in

the New Beginnings Revival Center of Waynesville with Pastor Dan Biggs officiating. Soloist James Campbell sang “Something about the Name of Jesus”, Soloist Charlotte Wilson sang “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” and Soloist Jackie Galloway sang “Let It Rain”. Serving as escorts were the United States Army.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Fort Leonard Wood. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 AM (CT)

New Beginnings Revival Center
24675 Highway 17
Waynesville, MO

Visitation

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Beginnings Revival Center
24675 Highway 17
Waynesville, MO

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Charles Edward Franklin*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *SFC (Ret) Charles Edward Franklin*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Papa, we miss you everyday. We rest assured knowing we will see you again. I love you!*

Meg, Liam, Charles and Kiesha - December 30, 2013 at 01:04 AM



“ *Found the site intreesting.I've published something in my Parayil A. Tharakan Blog about Finland. You are invited to visit it.Abe.##imported-begin##Morten##imported-end##*

February 08, 2012 at 11:41 PM



“ *No more s***. All posts of this qulaity from now on##imported-begin##Rena##imported-end##*

January 20, 2012 at 04:48 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Charles and I were on Drill Sergeant duty together at FT. Leonard Wood in the early 90's. He was a great guy to work with. My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family.##imported-begin##Timothy E Girard##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 10:15 AM



“ Minnie, I am so sorry about Charles. I just found out....May God wrap his arms around you and give you comfort. Charles was such a special man, and I value yours and his friendship...##imported-begin##Tamara (Tami) Pich##imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 01:55 PM



“ May his spirit rest in peace, and may the family find comfort in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray for God's continued Grace and Mercy during the family's time of mourning of their beloved one.##imported-begin##Avery Woods##imported-end##

December 15, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ To the Franklin family, just wanted to thank Charles for his servive and dedication to our great Country. Thank you so much!!!##imported-begin##Richard Doyle##imported-end##

December 15, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Minnie I am so sory to hear of your loss. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family.##imported-begin##Rosemary Stuart##imported-end##

December 14, 2011 at 04:49 PM



“ Can't believe it's real, feels too much like a bad dream that I can't wake up from. I'm gonna miss you daddy. I know your in a better place up there with grandma and grandpa. Don't forget to tell all the family on heaven we said hi. Till we see each other again daddy I love you.
Your boo-bear.##imported-begin##Toshia Franklin ##imported-end##

December 14, 2011 at 03:02 AM



“ we will miss u. till we meet again I love You . Your son jr##imported-begin##charles franklin jr##imported-end##

December 14, 2011 at 02:19 AM



“ Charles My Brother, Drop your LBE, Loosen your chin strap...Go rest High on the Mountain...AMEN##imported-begin##William Archer##imported-end##

December 13, 2011 at 11:08 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May you find strength in each other and the Lord. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jc De Leon and Family##imported-end##

December 13, 2011 at 05:47 PM



“ Want to say im sorry to the family for there loss, Brother Charles was a wonderful man, he would ask me every Sunday how my dad was and after my dad passed he would ask every Sunday how my Mom was, he was a loving man, he is walking the streets of Gold AMEN###imported-begin###Jack Kelley###imported-end##

December 13, 2011 at 03:32 PM



“ Minnie,
I'm so sorry for your lost. You and your family are in my prayers.###imported-begin###Gerald and Marshel Alexander###imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 12:55 PM



“ You will be missed.###imported-begin###Denise Armstrong###imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 10:28 PM



“ Minnie I am sorry for the lost of a great family member, husband and father, he will be truly missed.###imported-begin###Patricia Powell Perryman###imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 07:28 PM



“ To the family of SFC CHarles Franklin, I so sorry that my brother in arms as left you for the Glory of Heaven! But we will miss him and we will know that he is here with us, by looking at the beautiful kids ya'll had together. We see him.through them. Minnie, my heart is broken for your lost. I will keep your family in prayers and that God will continue to bless your family. God Bless you and the family###imported-begin##SFC (Ret) Ira Entsminger (AKA: ET)###imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 05:28 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. He will be missed from family and friends and he is on lord's side looking down on all of you.###imported-begin##Nicole Odell###imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 11:47 AM