



## Charles Blackburn

December 2, 1936 - May 15, 2012

Charles Burian “Chuck” Blackburn, 75, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died May 15, 2012, at Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Born December 2, 1936, in Pinsonfork, Kentucky, he was the son of Andrew Jackson Blackburn and Noleeka Meadows Blackburn. He moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1986, and from Rogers to Siloam Springs in 1996. He was a real estate agent. Chuck graduated from Power and Light Gospel School of Evangelism and was ordained in 2001.

He also worked as a contract painter for several years and from 2002 to 2007, he worked part-time at Wasson Funeral Home. Chuck married Mary Jane Pettie in Siloam Springs, on October 26, 1996. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Siloam Springs. Chuck was an avid sports enthusiast. He ushered at University of Arkansas Razorback football games, basketball games, gymnastics, as well as track meets. He was also a high school basketball and football referee for 30 years and was a member of Arkansas Officials Association. Chuck coached church league and little league sports. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gerald Blackburn, Ernest Blackburn, R. Edgar Blackburn, and sister Madalyn Crandall; infant sister Mary Blackburn; and two infant brothers, William and Brian Blackburn. Survivors include his wife Mary Jane of the home; daughter, Luanne Niedermann and husband Gary of New Brighton, Minnesota; son, Gregory Blackburn of Shoreview, Minnesota; step-son, Christian Pettie and wife Gina of Pine City, Minnesota; step-daughters, Stacey Gibson and

husband Dan of Springfield, Missouri, Amy Owen and husband Paul of Georgetown, Texas, Cara Whorton and husband Brian of Muskogee, Oklahoma; brothers, Joe Blackburn and wife Nancy of Hardy, Kentucky, Burl Blackburn and wife Ruth of Hurricane, West Virginia; sister, Ruth Maynard of Grundy, Virginia; three grandchildren; and sixteen step-grandchildren. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 18, 2012, at First Assembly of God Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Pastor Gary Wheat officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs. Memorials may be made to First Assembly of God Church, Siloam Springs, Crossing Over Building Fund, 927 South Oak Hill, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761.

# Tribute Wall

TE

“ Dear family,

*I was so blessed to know Chuck and to work alongside him. He had a zest for living, always talking about God, the Bible and of course, the Minnesota ball teams. We laughed together and prayed together. I will cherish the moments we spent together.*

*May God surround your family with peace and comfort.*

*Love,*

*Tim*

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**Tim Estes** - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

DF

“ *Mary Jane and Family: I just found out about Charles's passing--I know there are NO words that can really help at this time, however, I Also know that Time and the Good Lord's healing hands will help you get through All... You two were the 'perfect couple'--You were an inspiritian to Bill and I and we felt very previliged to have been a part of your lives..My Prayers are with you that God will give you the strength and healing you need until you two will be re-united again...Love You--Daisy*

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**Daisy Sooter & Family** - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

LK

“ *Cara, we were sorry to hear of your step-dad's passing. Your family is in our thoughts & prayers. We love you all.*

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**Leroy & Karen Keigley** - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

MF

“ We have grown to love Chuck so much since meeting him at Church. He is a true warrior for God. You will never wonder if he is going to talk about Jesus or not because he was going to tell you about Jesus and what he can do for you. He will be missed by everyone that has met him.

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**MR & MRS JAMES FULLER** - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ Mary Jane & family, I love you & have had you in my conversation with Heavenly Father continuously in these days. I know you are saddened by Chuck changing his address to Heaven, but I want to honor him in love & know you do NOT grieve as the world grieves. Chuck is a very special man with a heart so tender toward the Lord who he loves so much. Though you will miss him greatly & we will miss him until we see him again, I can really "see" him with my heart now, so thrilled to be with his precious Saviour. He is experiencing REAL life, as this one is just a vapor. Yes, he beat all of us remaining here, on that trip to Heaven, but all of us who are trusting His Saviour & ours, Jesus Christ, will see him there soon. ("Soon & Very Soon!") I think of how Chuck enjoys Gospel music & now he's hearing the best of the best!!! He IS ALIVE, more alive than he ever was here. Who knows, maybe he's ushering, "reffing" a game, or playing himself in a game between "Peter's Waterwalkers" & "Paul's Preachin' Machines". God bless you, Mary Jane. I love you so much & am thankful for all you & Chuck have meant to Les & me throughout these last few years. I'm so glad the Lord Jesus made us sisters & brothers. Thank you, Jesus!

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**Les & Linda Schrader** - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

DM

“ *Mary Jane, I just wanted to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know. You are in my prayers and in my heart. Love you Darla*

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**Darla McGee** - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

DW

“ *Brian, Cara, Chase, Avery, Trey and family, we love you all and are here for you if you need anything. We are praying for you. Love Dale, Shirrell, Larson, Erik, Kelton, Brian and Trenton Wiggins*

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**Dale and Shirrell Wiggins** - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM