



Charles Ray Wilkins

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Charles Ray Wilkins passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Beloved father of Michael Wilkins, Susan Wilkins, Robert Wilkins and his wife Gloria, and Jennifer Baethke and her husband Andy; grandfather to Victoria Wilkins, Margaret Baethke and Emily Baethke; brother of Verlie House and her husband Richard and Jim Wilkins and his wife Gail; brother-in-law to Fran Keeler. He was preceded in death by his wife, Victoria Bass Wilkins; his parents, Houston and Vesta Wilkins; his sisters, Dot Panter, Edna Dutsch and Betty Keeler; and his brother-in-laws, Red Panter and Johnny Dutsch.

A loving husband, father and friend, Charles dedicated his life to serving children and families in his community and provided unending support to his family and friends. A deacon at Red Bluff Church, he was a teacher at Dalton Elementary School in Baton Rouge, LA and Principal at Bellingrath Hills Elementary School in Greenwell Springs, LA.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 3:00 PM at Red Bluff Church, 15204 Hwy 1078, Folsom, LA 70437.

Visitation AT THE CHURCH will be on Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Bellingrath Hills Elementary School (Charles R. Wilkins Fund) or Red Bluff Church Building Fund.



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SB

Sharon Browning posted:

There really aren't words to describe the loss I feel. Though our paths crossed rarely in recent years, Charlie was one of those "forever" kind of friends. He also played the roll of "boss" during the years I worked at Bellingrath, and to me and many others... he was kind of a father figure, tho not many years our senior. He was a very wise man who imparted his wisdom in love and through example and was respected by all. Thank you to his sweet family for sharing him with so many... for so many years. You will remain on my heart and in my prayers in the days ahead. Love, Sharon Browning

May 23 at 7:00 PM

HD

Henry N. Denham posted:

Charlie was a great person. I first meet him when I was in college working at Avondale Scout Camp. When I started teaching we became closer. When I was named principal of Greenbrier, I relied on him for advice and guidance. We were close during my 26 years at Greenbrier. He was a blessing to all that knew and came in contact with him. I know you ,his family, will miss him. I am very sorry for your loss. Paula and I will keep you in our prayers.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

SW

Shirley Gottschalck Watkins posted:

SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT CHARLES. YOU HAVE MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU. I AM A DISTANT COUSIN. GROW UP WITH VIRLIE. SHIRLEY JOURDAN GOTTSCHALCK WATKINS

May 22 at 7:00 PM

GB

Gene Branch posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you...Charlie was very important in the lives of my family. A very underappreciated man, educator and administrator. We all loved him.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

PP

Penny Patke posted:

Mr Jim we are sorry for your loss. if you need anything, we're always a call away!! Penny, Derek and Harrison Patke

May 21 at 7:00 PM



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LT

Lance Thompson posted:

In 1997 when my mom and dad relocated from Chicago to Covington you were the perfect neighbor. I mean you and Vicky. Since that time I always drove down from Dallas twice a year to visit my parents. I saw you twice a year and I am honored for those long conversations that we had about politics, sports, taxes or about life in general. I was here visiting mom about four weeks ago and I walked over to visit and you were painting your house. We talked about two hours while you were standing on the platform painting. I will never forget that conversation. The memories of your father will be with me for life. I wish to extend my sympathy to your family during this difficult time. Lance Thompson Plano, Texas

May 21 at 7:00 PM

BE

Brytton Baker Eldredge posted:

My heart goes out to your family. I feel so honored to have known Mr. Charles Ray. Please know that you are in our thoughts & prayers~

May 21 at 7:00 PM

PC

Pat Corie posted:

A top notch Principal and longtime friend. I know you, his children, have many happy memories.

May 21 at 7:00 PM

LP

Lance Pontiff posted:

We are saddened by the loss of your father. We pray you are consoled that your father is now with his heavenly father. Lance and Cindy Pontiff.

May 21 at 7:00 PM

JL

Jason Lewis posted:

"Mr. Wilkins" was my elementary school principal in the 70's. I still remember when he would visit our classroom to chat with the students. When you are six, having the principal chat with you up close was like talking with a gentle giant. He was that powerful guy whom gave spankings to bad kids (so we heard), though he came down to us and we could see the other side of him in person. He'd talk about things like doing the right thing, even when no one was looking. It's been several years since I've seen him, but I've kept those memories and his influence with me.

May 21 at 7:00 PM



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DL

Deanna Loftus posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

May 21 at 7:00 PM

KL

Karen Lebouef posted:

Susan, My deepest condolences to you and your family. Karen Williams LeBouef (Tink)

May 21 at 7:00 PM

MM

Mary Sue Meador posted:

Charlie Wilkins was a teacher where my husband, Robert J. "Bob" Meador was Principal at Dalton Elementary School in Baton Rouge. He was a wonderful person, teacher, and Principal in East Baton Rouge Parish. He taught one or more of our six children. Everyone loved and respected him and he will not ever be forgotten. My prayers and thoughts to his wonderful children and family. Mary Sue Meador

May 21 at 7:00 PM

PP

Paul Peters posted:

May God bless your family and help you find rest in this time of great loss. Bobby, Gloria--you know we love you guys and share in your sorrow. Paul and Monica

May 21 at 7:00 PM

SB

Susan Brown posted:

Charlie left such an indelible impression on my life as a person and an educator. He was unconditional love at it's finest. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

May 21 at 7:00 PM

KG

Kevin And Mary Anne Gallagher posted:

All our love and thoughts are with you now and always. Love Kevin and Mary Anne.

May 20 at 7:00 PM



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Richard Warner posted:

I hadn't seen Charles Ray in years. He was always such a nice guy. My sincere condolences to his family.

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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