



Charles Marion Alder, Jr.

November 9, 1936 - April 11, 2020

Rev. Charles M. Alder, Jr., 83, of Folsom, LA, died April 11, 2020, following a brief struggle with COVID-19. Born in Indiana Harbor, IN to Charles M. Alder, Sr. and Florence M. Alder, he attended high school in Wilmington, Delaware. His religious faith and love of music led him to the Pentecostal Bible Institute in Tupelo, Mississippi, where in the choir he met Pauline Jenkins, of Bogalusa, Louisiana, who became his beloved wife of 44 years.

After his graduation and ordination at PBI, Charles became a Pentecostal evangelist, ministering and pastoring in churches in Maine, Vermont, Delaware, and Connecticut. While pastoring, he and his wife also pursued degrees in Elementary Education at Greenville College in Illinois. Educational opportunities led Charles and his family to Folsom, Louisiana in the late 1970s. For the next 37 years, Charles taught gifted enrichment and academic classes at C.J. Schoen Middle School and Pineview Middle School. He retired from teaching in 2002, a favorite teacher to hundreds of students, and great friend to colleagues.

Christian service to others remained greatly important to Charles throughout his life. He used his musical background to organize and direct several annual Christmas cantatas at Shepherd's Fold Church of God in Covington, which were attended by hundreds of people in the larger community. Charles played the organ at church and gave piano lessons to at least 3 generations of children. In 2002, he, his wife, and several congregants established Shepherd's Care Ministries in Covington, where he served as pastor until retiring in 2017.

Next to church and family, Charles loved more than anything to travel. He made multiple trips to Europe with friends and family, visiting China twice also as a missionary teacher. He won't get to take that trip he had planned this summer to northern Italy, Vienna, and Prague.

Reverend Alder is preceded in death by his wife, Pauline (Jenkins) Alder, and his son Brent Dale. He is survived by daughter Dawn Cheri, son Charles Michael, grandchildren

Matthew (22), Joseph (20), Jacob (19), Westleigh (15), Victoria (15), and Rence (12), plus numerous beloved in-laws, nephews, & nieces.

His was a life well lived, in service to his family, friends, and students, but especially to his God. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 11 am at Shepherd's Care Ministries, 20115 LA-1081, in Covington, LA. Because of the state-mandated restrictions on public gatherings due to COVID, seating in the church is limited to approximately 150 people. Overflow seating and live telecast will be available in the church's Family Life Center, if necessary. Face masks are requested by the family. A light meal in the Family Life Center is planned for attendees following the service. Those who are unable to attend the memorial due to health concerns may view a simultaneous Zoom webcast at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82755968382>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Share a memory on the tribute wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com

Cemetery

Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory

2280 W 21st Ave
Covington, LA, 70433

Events

AUG	Celebration of Life	11:00AM
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	Shepherd's Care Ministries 20115 Highway 1081, Covington, LA, US, 70435	

Comments



“ Charles and his wife were my friend. He was so kind. You never saw him when he wasn't happy ..Pauline and I taught school together and our sons were good friends. She was also so helpful and kind. I will always will remember them.

Tommie Sue Anderson - August 01, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Charles was my partner in crime for many years teaching the gifted kids in various schools around the parish. I have lots of good memories of him and your mom. It was always a treat when we went out to lunch and would catch up with our lives. He was very proud of all three of his children. He will be missed!

Susie Wiedeman - August 01, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Partner in crime... This is accurate!

Micah - August 24, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ Uncle Charles was such a kind and gentle man that will always be remembered by our family. Without a doubt, it can be said he touched the heart of everyone he met. Michael and Cherie, we are praying for you and know that the wonderful memories you have of your father will comfort during your time of sadness.

Love, Terri Magee & Family



Terri Trusley - July 31, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ Brother Alder was a true man of God. I respected and loved him very much. I miss him already. He always lit up the room with his big smile. He is rejoicing with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. His family is in my prayers.



Debbi Cooper - July 21, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Theresa Penny lit a candle in memory of Charles Marion Alder, Jr.



Theresa Penny - July 20, 2020 at 07:41 PM