



## Charles Edward Fatherree

June 14, 1932 - May 5, 2020

Fatherree, Charles  
Brooklyn, Michigan

Charles Edward Fatherree, 87, passed away May 5, 2020. Known to his friends as Charlie, he was born June 14, 1932 in Lockesburg, Arkansas to Frank and Viola (Brackett) Fatherree. After graduating early from high school, he joined the United States Navy where he served proudly during the Korean War. Following his discharge from the Navy, Charlie was in Michigan visiting one of his brothers, when a chance meeting introduced him to the love of his life Virginia Ploch. On March 5, 1956, twelve days after they met, Charlie and Virginia were married in Texarkana Texas. Returning to Michigan, Charlie found work as a crane operator and soon found his skills in demand to set structural steel for many prominent buildings in the greater Detroit area. After settling in Brooklyn, Charlie put his woodworking skills to use building various items. Most were for his home, but if a friend or family member wanted something, and "wasn't in too big a hurry to get it" he would gladly build it, and over the years produced a variety of cutting boards, rolling pins, and even ironing boards that found their way into the homes of friends and family members. Charlie made annual trips south for family gatherings, and would often visit whatever part of the country his son happened to be in.

Charlie is survived by his son Curtis Fatherree of Brooklyn; his sister Shirley Hatch and brother Kenneth Fatherree, both of Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Virginia, four brothers and one sister.

Charlie's family held a private viewing at Eineder's Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Brooklyn Chapel. It is the family's request that any memorial contributions be made to a charitable organization. Please leave a message of comfort for Charlie's family or sign his guestbook at

<http://www.einederfuneralhomes.com>.

# Comments

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“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Charlie. My husband worked with Charlie and we had good times with Charlie and Virginia in there motor home when she retired. I know he will be missed.

Live  
Bill and Mary Wisneski



mary wisnski - June 26, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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“ I was very sad to hear of charlie's passing, we are neighbors and my growing up was around him some. Charlie always had great stories to tell and when he dug his pond he showed me how to operate the dragline. As I grew up and started working I would sometimes stop in and talk with him and he would insist on showing me a new car or truck he had purchased and it was always top of the line for him. Many places I worked he would have great stories about a job, people I worked with he knew, and work he had done there. I even have some beautiful furniture in my home that was made by him. Whenever I drive by the airport I always look at the control tower and think of him and that was one of the jobs he was proud of. You will be missed and rest easy my friend.

Chris Yops - May 22, 2020 at 01:44 AM

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“ Uncle Charles was a fascinating man. I loved his stories, especially the ones he would tell about his big crane days. You are gone but never forgotten.



Kim Hamling - May 16, 2020 at 01:38 AM



“ The best memories of Uncle Charles was listing to his stories. The best ones were from his crane operating days. He lead a fascinated life. He is gone but not forgotten! Love you Uncle Charles! Love, Kimberley

**Kim Hamling** - May 15, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ Uncle Charles 83rd Birthday, we got the Ladies at On the Border to sing to him.



**Sarah Onstott** - May 14, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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“ One of our favorite memories of Uncle Charles is the day he came to Arkansas to get his Sadie.



**Karen Hale** - May 14, 2020 at 10:23 AM

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**Karen Hale** - May 14, 2020 at 09:54 AM

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**Karen Hale** - May 13, 2020 at 09:39 PM