



Charles Wayne Arant

February 9, 1943 - April 5, 2018

Charles Wayne "Charlie" Arant, age 75, of Monroe, went home to be with his heavenly father April 5, 2018.

The service to celebrate, honor, and remember the life of Charles will be held by the Arant family Wednesday, April 11 at 2:00 PM at the Davis Funeral Chapel, 1003 East Franklin St. Monroe, NC 28112.

Mr. Arant was born February 9, 1943 in Union County, North Carolina, the son of the late Odell and Grace Arant. Charles served as an aircraft mechanic for the United States Air Force, including two tours in Vietnam. His passion for aviation continued long after he left the military as he began a career with Eastern Airlines in Atlanta, GA. Returning to North Carolina to work for Piedmont Airlines and eventually USAir, Charles' love of flying led him to found Mid State Aviation in Monroe, NC. where he continued to work long after retiring from the airlines. Charles exuded a hard work ethic combined with a strong belief in doing things the right way, and treating others with warmth and respect. A recipient of the FAA Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award for over 50 years of safe and dedicated service in aviation, Mr. Arant always remained humble and true to doing things by the book.

An active 32nd degree mason, Charles was also a proud Shriner.

Survivors include his loving wife and co-pilot of almost 53 years, Patricia Arant. Two brothers; Roger Arant and wife Brenda of Charlotte, NC, Mitchell Arant and wife Frances of Monroe, NC, two sisters; Emma Thompson and husband Joe of Lancaster, SC, and Norma Arant of Marshville, NC. Charles is also survived by two sons; Doug Arant of Charlotte, NC, Stan Arant and wife Cherie, the parents of Charles' three grandchildren; Xavier Arant, McKenzie Arant, and Hailey Arant, all of Gulf Breeze, FL. There are also numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Arant was also predeceased by his first born son, Russell Wayne Arant, who died in infancy, and now they are reunited in eternal life..

Although flowers are appreciated, the family requests that donations in memory of Charles Arant be made to the Shiners Hospital of your choice.

Davis Funeral Service of Monroe is honored to be serving the Arant Family. An online guest register book is available at www.davisfuneralservice.com

Tribute Wall

EB

“ A great man that will be missed and I was very fortunate to have known him through all the years. Charlie provided & helped so many form their aviation career paths and I was one of those. If there was a daunting maintenance task at hand Charlie had a workable solution that only he could imagine. So many times I always felt like I was a page behind when he explained something technical. Charlie always looked beyond for answers and I am thankful that I was inspired by him to do the same. Behind every strong man there is a supportive family and my prayers go out to them. ”

Eddie Bryant - April 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Our deepest and sincerest condolences to the family. Words alone can not ease the pain when grieving the loss of a love one. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away” . May God give you and your family comfort in your loving memories and in His promise that soon we will never experience losing our loved ones in death and we will be able to see them again once they resurrected as per John 5:28-29. May these words give you a new hope, with deepest sympathy and warmth of heart.

Ana - April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Thoughts and prayers will continue going out to the family.

Kim Harris and Family (Bob, Kim, Garrett and Meghan) - April 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Prayers for all..God bless!

Neal & Lucille Medlin - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ AD Reid, did not see your 2nd post until today. I first met Charlie in the Spring of 1988 working the Ramp for Piedmont Airlines. I started my A/C Mechanic time as an Avionics Tech at GSO Avionics shop in January 1990. Because USAir abolished the majority of Line Avionics jobs, with the exception of around five stations, I knew I had to obtain my A&P. My first times at 1NC6 was in May 1988, and then majority of my time was late 1989 through early 1991. I remember numerous guys that Charlie took under him in 1990 after the merger of Piedmont and USAir. Charlie was very willing to help anyone that really wanted to become an aircraft mechanic. I certainly tested his patients in 1990 when I was stripping the felt off the top of a dashboard on a 152. Charlie had just painted the A/C about a week before White with dark Blue stripes. I accidentally spilled way too much acetone on my piece of scotch-brite, and the acetone ran down the Pilot's side causing the Blue to bleed into the White paint. Charlie actually wanted to run me off and never let me return, but he allowed me to strip the area where the paint was bleeding together and he assisted me in re-painting that side of the A/C. I cannot remember exactly how many guys got singed off, but I knew it was a lot for the period of time that i was there. I highly doubt that there is another Top A&P/IA mechanic out there that will take the amount of time that Charlie did to advance others in aviation maintenance.

Al Sams - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ An INDOOR GARDEN BASKET was ordered on April 11, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Al Sams... In Charles own words... "Tell me about it"... I can relate to your post for he too helped forward my aviation career... and when at the Mid-State hangar I ate his snacks... and drank his drinks... there is no telling just how many of us are out there... Charles was rough around the edges but he always had time to pull up a chair, enjoy a cup of coffee, and talk to a friend...

AD Reid - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Tom and Linda Bevis it was a pleasure and honor knowing Charles he will be extremely missed. RIP



Tom and Linda Bevis - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Many fond memories of my Arant cousins. Was so very sorry to learn of Charles' death. Prayers for all of you

Martha Ruth Timmons Rollings - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I owe my career as an Aircraft Mechanic with USAir/US Airways to Charlie. He trained and taught me what it takes to be an aircraft mechanic with integrity. I learned a lot of lessons the hard way working for Charlie at his hangar and under him as my Lead in Heavy Maintenance, but they were well worth it. There were a lot of fun memories working for him too. I remember down at his hangar Charlie would rag on me saying that "all I did was eat". Eddie Bryant and I would show up at his hangar around 9:00 - 9:30 (late as usual) and I would be still eating my breakfast. Then by 11:30 I was talking about where we were going for lunch (and while working on airplanes I ate his snacks). To you Charlie, "Sorry I never did get back down there to attach that vent door on that 172 that I began replacing. I remember you sending me a picture of the new vent door lying on your toolbox and you were waiting for me to attach it to the A/C". My son Alex is currently enrolled at PIA here in Myrtle Beach, and on Wednesday the 4th of April I said to him that I wanted to get him up to CLT in the near future to meet you. Sadly, he will not have the opportunity to meet the man that is responsible for his father getting into aviation maintenance and which ultimately led him into the same career. I will miss you greatly Charlie.

AL Sams - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I am so sorry for your loss of your loved one. May God give you comfort in this very sad time.

Emma R Medlin - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ God Speed. Mr. Charles Arant

Larry Swaringen - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EK

“Charlie was one of the best friends I've ever had, I miss him deeply. We spoke many times on the phone, he shared his thoughts and jokes by email daily. He always had a smile and his phrase, "tell me about it" will always be on my mind. Condolences to his family and deep love to Miss Pat. I cannot imagine the world without Charlie in it. This is indeed a very sad time.

Ed Kirkley - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AR

“Charlie was instrumental in helping me to get my A&P and also helped me tremendously in advancing my aviation career. I visited him recently and enjoyed sharing my past few years in aviation and reminding him that my son was now 16 years old... we both laughed at how quickly the time had gone by... I will remember Charlie as a friend but also as a second father... as he taught me so much about the difference between airplanes and aviation. For those of us in the aviation community, we will miss pulling up a chair and enjoying a cup of coffee with "Charles"... but more so the laughs we had with "Charlie" and memories at Arant field... 1NC6

AD Reid - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“We were so sorry to hear of Uncle Charles passing, he will be missed. We are unable to be there but will be praying for you and the boys.

Alan, Marie, Mark, Cindy and Dale Sanders - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ To the family: May the God of all comfort be with you at this difficult time. Please be assured of the promises that the Bible gives at Revelation 21:4, Isaiah 26:19, John 5:28-29. May you find comfort in knowing your loved one is resting safely in God's limitless memory.



E. Bennett - April 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May God lift you up and know that we are praying for the family. With love and prayers from his cousins, Yvonne Arant Miles and Ronnie, Julie Y Miles Helms and Chass.

Julie Yvonne Miles Helms - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Beautiful biography of Charlie. My deepest condolences to his friends and family. He was of the best example of great people in this world. Thanks be to God for him, he brightened many lives and will be fondly remembered and dearly missed.

Debbie Blankenship - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Oh, Patricia! My heart broke when Carolyn told me of Charles's accident and death. Gerald and I have fond memories of our friendship. Prayers for God to comfort you and all of your family. Love you, my friend.

Gerald and Carolyn Brook - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our prayers and love to you and family.

Jerry and Lillian Mullen - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ I had not seen Charles in years but always remembered him..we all grew up together (his brothers and sisters)in what we called Newsome Flats. His dad and mine were best of friends; to all the family my heart go out toall of you.. God bless youÂ Larry Elms

larry elms - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers.

Janice Pressley - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ My thoughts and prayers for his family. Charles was a good fiend and a great manhe will be missed!

Greg Pethel - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

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“ An ELEGANCE AND SIMPLICITY STANDING SPRAY was sent on April 9, 2018Sorry for you loss, our prayers are with you and your family.
Friends and co-workers at Site 5

Expression of Sympathy - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *A SOPHISTICATION WILLOW BASKET SPRAY was sent on April 9, 2018 Michele and I pray for Charlies peace and Eternal Rest. He was a wonderful person, a good Man and a great Friend. He will be deeply missed! Ed & Michele Kirkley*

Expression of Sympathy - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *A DIGNITY IN WHITE PEDESTAL ARRANGEMENT was sent on April 9, 2018 Dear Arant Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you at this sad time.
With much love and support,
Walsh Family*

Expression of Sympathy - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Sending our sincerest condolences in the loss of your beloved Charlie.Â May God comfort you and give you peace during this sorrowful time.*

Nelson, Krissy, and Carrigan Price - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Karen Belk - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I worked with Charlie for many years and he was as good a friend as I've ever had. Visited with him last month and we had such a fine time talking over our lives. I am deeply feeling his loss and my sincerest condolences to the family of this good man. Peace be upon him.

Garrett Fulton - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I am really going to miss seeing Charles!!! Every time I would see him I would say "Hey ole man" and then he would say " Hey ole woman". We use to go to the same Church so we had lot of opportunities to share our personal hellos. Prayers and love â ¤, Pat

Elizabeth High - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Charles was a great friend and neighbor when I lived on Austin-Chaney Road. Â He once took me on a flight that I have never forgotten. My prayers for his family.

Greg Hayes - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Charlie will be so missed, we became friends as we all have a great love of birds our parrots Ricky and Lucy loved Charlie so much!Â



Ron & Rae James - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Karen Belk lit a candle in memory of Charles Wayne Arant*



Karen Belk - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Praying for the family*



Amy Rogers - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *So sorry about your loved one's passing.Â May God bless and comfort you, as only he can do, at times such as this.Â With Christian love, Gail Mullen. (a friend of Carolyn Sanders)*

Gail Mullen - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Thinking of you all....With love, Brenda Hinson Hartis(Joe and Alene Hinson)*

Brenda hartis - April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM