



Charles Ray Harper

January 5, 1952 - December 5, 2016

Charles Ray Harper, 64 of Red House, passed away Monday December 5, 2016 at CAMC Teays Valley Hospital, Hurricane.

He was preceded in death by his father Oscar Wallace Harper and step-father James Cash.

Charlie was a well-known sports writer in the area, most notably with the Hurricane Breeze. While he covered all the high schools in Putnam County, arguably his favorite was his alma mater, Poca High School. He was a wealth of knowledge when it came to the Poca Dots, whether it was the history of the school or a sports record, Charlie was the man you came to for the answer. A true sports fanatic in every sense of the word, Charlie was also a fan of the WVU Mountaineers. In his spare time, Charlie had a love of history and considered himself a “professional genealogist”. He was a member of the Lions Club in Eleanor and Scott Teays and was a recipient of the Leonard Jarret Fellowship. Charlie was also a member of Riverside Baptist Church, Red House. He was a one-of-a-kind personality and will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Harper Cash; siblings, Mack Boggess of Hurricane, Leon Harper (Lynn) of Bancroft, Boyd Harper (Valerie) of Poca, and Debbie King (Rex) of Red House; step-sister, Angela Ogden (W.A.) of Alexandria, VA; step-brothers, Mark Cash (Marsela) of Pennsylvania, and

James Cash Jr. of Winchester, VA. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00pm Sunday December 11, 2016 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield with Pastor Michael Hanna officiating. Burial will follow in Center Point Cemetery, Liberty.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service, Sunday at the funeral home.

Visit Charlie's tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories and stories with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3624 Winfield Road, Winfield is honored to serve the Harper family.

Cemetery Details

Centerpoint Cemetery

Route 34 North
Liberty, WV 25124

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield
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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Ray Harper*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I just learned of Charles' death. I want to echo what so many others have said about him. He was an extremely generous man with his time and his knowledge. When I was doing research back in the 1990s for my wife's family, I was fortunate enough to learn about his interest in genealogy and his connection to my wife's family. He and my wife Ella--named after the sister of Charles' great-grandmother--were double 3d cousins through the Nuckels and Moore families of Jackson County, West Virginia. We corresponded on Prodigy and via "snail mail" for an extended period of time back in those "old days," before the advent of ancestry.com and other genealogy websites. It was a time when finding ancestral connections required spending a lot of time in libraries, courthouses, and other public and private repositories of family information, and was a very time-consuming and challenging task. Not only did Charles provide me with a wealth of family information about my wife's family, but he also took the time to send me photo-quality copies of old family photographs, which my wife still has and which she treasures more and more as the years go by. My family will forever be grateful for his generosity.*

Jim Dubelko - January 06, 2019 at 03:05 PM

DL

“ I just found out about Charles. He was the most generous person sharing his genealogy information. I met him on an online genealogy website and because of him I discovered my family history. I will never forget him emailing all this family info and all of a sudden there popped up a picture of my great grandmother! Our great grandparents were brothers who married sisters. It was so wonderful that I got to meet him a couple of years ago. Rest in peace Charles Ray Harper and thank you for helping me discover my family that hailed from beautiful West Virginia.

Sincerely,
Dana Lorenz

Dana Lorenz - March 06, 2017 at 08:21 PM

HW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Boyd and his family in the passing of his brother. May God give comfort to the family in their time of sorrow.

Harold and Joann Walker

Harold Walker - December 11, 2016 at 12:57 PM

CD

“ CJ Wiley and Barbara Dawson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Ray Harper.



CJ Wiley and Barbara Dawson - December 09, 2016 at 03:02 PM

JY

“ During my years of coaching at George Washington Middle School, I never came across a more reliable and supportive human being. He was right there with us step for step during our undefeated football season in 1992. I'll always remember this wonderful man.

Jeffrey Young - December 08, 2016 at 09:25 AM

RR

“ I have known Charles for many years. We are related through numerous family branches and shared a lot of family information with each other. We used to travel to the country together to find old family home places and discover family graves. Charles was the one who invited me to join The Upper Vandalia Historical Society. We used to meet over at Gino's and chat...before we both had health problems. I would sometimes take him home and visit with his mother who knew all of my family. It was a special time. Charles was so very knowledgeable about much of the history of Putnam County as well as Poca High School. I am going to miss this dear friend. He was a very fine man...who everyone seemed to love. The world has lost a wealth of knowledge that will go with him. I am so thankful he took the time to share just a bit of this with me. Rest in peace my good friend. Your journey is complete.

Ronald W. Roberts - December 08, 2016 at 01:04 AM

RA

“ Ron, Cookie and Betsy Allen purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Charles Ray Harper.




Ron, Cookie and Betsy Allen - December 07, 2016 at 09:18 PM

 Vivian Binford

“ I haven't seen him for a long time, but defenetly have fond memories . So sorry to his Mom and Boyd who I heard was so good in helping to care for him, and to the rest of the Harper family, so sorry for your loss. Vivian Binford.

Vivian Binford - December 07, 2016 at 06:49 PM

 Samantha Sayre

“ When I was a student and a coach for Coach Osborne in boys' basketball then a coach in volleyball, Mr. Harper eas such a supporter. He always win or lose had a story to tell. Usually had a lesson to go along with it. Loved the Poca football book he put together and how he treated my dad. Will miss him.



Samantha Sayre - December 07, 2016 at 05:50 PM

DN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time...Debbie and Ms. Harper, I pray that God takes His arms and wraps that securely around you the next few days as I know you must let Charles go home now...

Donna Newman - December 07, 2016 at 04:33 PM

DN

“ Donna Newman lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Harper



Donna Newman - December 07, 2016 at 04:24 PM

DS

“ I don't have no memory of him. I just know he was a wonderful person. When my daughter cheered he was always at the football games. Everyone liked him. So sorry for your loss and prayers to you all. Love and hugs.

Debbie Snyder - December 07, 2016 at 04:13 PM

BA

“ Charlie was indeed well known for his sports writing. He wrote several very nice articles about my son and his team mates when my son played baseball at Poca High, WVSC, and WVU. Thank you Charlie, you will be missed. From Ray and Becky Asbury.

Becky Majors Asbury - December 07, 2016 at 03:24 PM

DI

“ My deepest sympathy to the family during this time of sorrow. The best Friend a bereaved person can have is our Creator, Jehovah God. Pour out your heart to him in prayer because "he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) Moreover, he promises that all who do so will have their thoughts and feelings soothed by "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." (Philippians 4:6,7)

Diane - December 07, 2016 at 12:41 PM

PR

When i was a child we called him Badge. He was like a uncle to us. Even as we grew older he was always Badge to us. Always a kind man. Was our Santa one year at my grandmothers house. Her name was Mildred Randolph who always seen him as one of her boys. R.I.P uncle badge much love!

Pamela Randolph - December 08, 2016 at 07:51 PM