



Charles William Racer

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Charles William Racer, 81, of Sperryville died Thursday, August 21, 2014 at his residence. He was born February 24, 1933 in Rappahannock to the late Fairella Racer, and raised by Ethel and Cleveland Ramey.

Mr. Racer was a Deacon at Slate Mills Baptist Church. He adored children so much that he drove a bus off and on from the 1950's to 2012. Farming was his passion; he loved his animals and making hay. His other passion were his two great grandchildren, Samantha Keys and Katlyn Haskins who lived with him. Above all, his family and wife of 59 years was his life.

He is survived by his wife, Maude Racer; his children, Debra Frye and her husband, Buck of Culpeper, William "Buddy" Dodson and his wife, Shirley of Sperryville; son-in-law, Jimmy Kilby of Culpeper; their foster son, Jacob Butler and his wife, Krystle of CA; his grandchildren, Christy Keys, Darren Dodson and Darlene Dodson, all of Sperryville, Kevin Kilby, Jeff Kilby, Jason Kilby and his wife, JoAnna, Cheryl Kent and her husband, John, all of Culpeper, Austin Butler and Cali Butler, both of CA and Ellis M. Frye of Front Royal; nine great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Charlene and Marie, and one daughter, Betty Kilby.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, August 24, 2014 from 6 to 8 pm at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 11 am at Slate Mills Baptist Church, 10 Church Lane, Boston, VA with Rev. Sandy Martin officiating. Interment will follow in Etlan Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Darren Dodson, Kevin Kilby, Jeff Kilby, Jason Kilby, Roy Atkins, Jr. and Posey Turner. Honorary pallbearers will be Jimmy Kilby, Buck Frye, Jacob Butler, John Coates, Ronald E. Johnson, Jr. and Mike Taubenberger.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the family, c/o Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA 22701.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Heartland Hospice of Warrenton for all their support and compassion.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



Events

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Visitation

Sunday, August 24, 2014

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



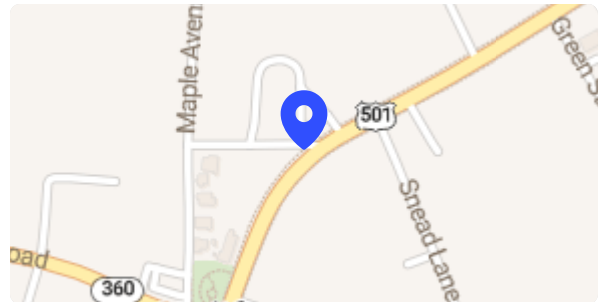
Service

Monday, August 25, 2014

11:00 AM ET

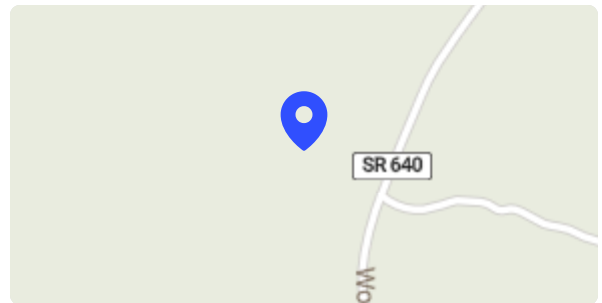
Slate Mills Baptist Church

10 Church Lane, Boston VA



Cemetery Details

Etlan Cemetery
VA





Tribute Wall

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SS

Sam Snead posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. The Lord said he would never leave us nor forsake us. Rely on that promise until you see him again .

August 26 at 10:43 AM

KJ

Kit Johnston September 3 at 4:19 PM

What a wonderful, sharing man Charlie Racer was. He shared stories of his youth with me once, long ago. He shall reside now in heaven. God blessed him in his life and blesses him now.

LT

Lou Thornhill posted:

God rest your sweet soul, Mr. Racer. What a wonderful man. Sympathy and prayers to your family.

August 24 at 2:11 PM

AS

Autumn Smith lit a candle in honor of Charles.

My thoughts and prayers are with Grannie, Christy, The Girls, & the rest of the family. May God give you all peace & comfort during this time. Pap was a great man who had the biggest heart and would do anything for anyone. I'm so thankful & grateful that he was apart of my childhood & life. He will be truly missed by so many. RIP PAP!!!



August 24 at 9:46 AM



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Christy Keys posted:

My Pappy was my hero, my rock, my best friend. He was known by many, and loved by even more! If you ever had a chance to get to know him then you for sure had a smile on your face and made a friend for life. He would give you the shirt off his back, and do whatever he could to help you! He lived his life to the fullest and made the best of everything possible. He always kept a positive attitude! He loved his wife of 59 years more than anything, she was his heart and soul. He would just look at her and smile and blow kisses at her. It was the sweetest thing. He loved his entire family so much! I had the joy of growing up with him and my grannie in his household from the age of 2, and I would not have had it any other way. He taught me so much during my lifetime and I will carry it for eternity. I had the joy of having my first child on his bday. He was a blessing to both my kids and to myself. When I lost him a piece of my heart died as well. But I know he is my guardian angel and is watching over Grannie, and the family. Pappy we love you and we will miss you so much!!!!!! love you my Dapper Papper!!!! I wont let you down!!

August 24 at 7:59 AM



Samantha Keys posted:

My grandpa was the greatest man that has ever lived, in my opinion. If you never got to meet him, then sadly you missed out on someone pretty amazing. he could make ANYONE smile. his presence on earth will be greatly missed and still loved, but im glad he's not in pain anymore, and is able to run around, bail hay and see his dog pete again. I love more than words can express pap!

August 24 at 7:48 AM



Melanie Kopjanski posted:

Charlie was one of our favorite people! His kind and gentle nature was notable and he took good care of Hanna, Maddie, Andrew and Ben. You will be so missed....we love you! We are sending prayers to the family as you move through this transition. God Bless you. Melanie, Hanna, Maddie, Andrew and Ben Kopjanski

August 23 at 5:27 PM



Anonymous sent a With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket to the Racer family.



August 23 at 3:37 PM



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BS

Brittney Smith posted:

Mr. Racer, while you weren't my bus driver, I had the pleasure of riding Bus #19 many times throughout the years and always loved to see you and your big smile. You truly were one of the best, always smiling and always so kind. I feel fortunate to have known you in my life. May you rest in peace with the angels in the heavens above. God bless you, Mr. Racer. My thoughts & prayers to your family.

August 23 at 12:53 PM

BC

Bob Chappell posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Charley Racer longtime school bus driver for the Rappahannock County Public Schools . He was the nicest - and funniest - person, and did a great job driving children safely to and from school. I visited Charley a couple weeks ago. Sad that I will be out of state and unable to attend his funeral. Charley. you will be missed! Bob Chappell

August 23 at 12:39 PM

TE

The Little Country Store, Etlan lit a candle in honor of Charles.



August 23 at 11:26 AM

MJ

Mary Ann Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Charles.



August 23 at 5:13 AM

MB

Mandy Bailey posted:

Mr. Racer oh how you will be truly missed. You were always such a bright happy soul and a pleasure to be around. I always enjoyed the wonderful talks and the laughs we shared together. Your presence always lite up a room. You will always be remembered as the sweet gentle bus driver who always had a stick of gum for his riders. You are so loved by so many. R.I.P. Mr.Racer.

August 23 at 3:51 AM



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KI

Kim lit a candle in honor of Charles.

August 22 at 7:44 PM



DW

Doug Weaver lit a candle in honor of Charles.

August 22 at 5:31 PM



FH

Felicia Herrera lit a candle in honor of Charles.

I want to extend my condolences to the family. But I know that Pap is in a better place without the pain and suffering. I also know that Granny misses her other half. But with Christy and the girls she will get through this trial. I love you all and deeply sorry for your loss.FELICIA HERRERA AND FAMILY

August 22 at 4:49 PM



JF

Jennifer Foreback lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Pap was always so welcoming when I would come over. He treated everyone with love and care, and he will be misses.

August 22 at 1:26 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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