



Mr. Charles Stringer

May 24, 1943 - September 24, 2025

A loving father and friend to many, Charles E. Stringer had the personality and natural charisma to make friends in any situation. He received his heavenly wings

on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, as he went home to be with his Lord and

Savior. Charles spent his final days peacefully, surrounded by his family and caregivers.

Born on May 24, 1943, in Opelika, Alabama, Charles was the son of the late Hattie

Mae Stringer, a strong and devoted mother, and the late Dock Banks, a loving family man. We are comforted in knowing that his brothers—Mark Stringer, John

T. Stringer, Carl Stringer, and Calvin Stringer—were there to greet him at Heaven's door.

Charles leaves behind a legacy of love through his three children: CaSandra A.

(Vanwarden) Stanard of Fredericksburg, VA; DyWayne Michael Stringer of Opelika, AL; and Retired Lt. Col. L Michelle Stringer (Tammy) of Centerville, OH.

He was a proud grandfather to Vanwarden (Tre') Stanard III, Kennedy Stringer,

and Cameron Stanard. He is also survived by his sisters Annie Stringer and Margaret Lee of Opelika, AL; JoAnn (Freddy) Johnson of Columbus, GA; and Bettye Jean Shamel of New York; his sister-in-law Dorothy Stringer of Opelika, AL;

and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Baptized at an early age, Charles was a longstanding member of Bethesda Baptist

Church in Opelika until his health declined. A graduate of J.W. Darden High School, he initially was unsure of his path, but in 1963 he joined the United States

Army Reserves for six months before enlisting in the United States Army, beginning a 20-year journey of service and travel. His military career took him across the United States—Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina,

South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington State—as well as overseas to

Okinawa, Japan; Germany; and South Korea. After retiring honorably from the Army, Charles continued his service to the community through his work at the U.S. Postal Service, where he remained until retirement.

Charles was a lifelong learner, attending and graduating from several Army schools and institutions. He was also deeply social—wherever he went, he made

new friends. He loved westerns, playing cards and dominoes, and occasionally

trying his luck at the casino. He was active in the Masonic Temple and a proud member of VFW Post No. 5732.

Sandy, Michael, and Michelle would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Charles's caregivers and to Elizabeth Jones for the companionship and comfort

they shared with their dad.

Charles's life was one of service, love, and joy. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Fort Mitchell National Cemetery

553 Alabama 165
Fort Mitchell, AL 36856
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftmitchell.a
sp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftmitchell.asp)

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Lie in state

OCT 3. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (cst)

Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church
201 South 4th Street
Opelika, AL 36801

Service

OCT 3. 9:00 AM (CT)

Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church
201 South 4th Street
Opelika, AL 36801

Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Charles Stringer



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - October 03, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Stringer.



October 03, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ Sarah Young lit a candle in memory of Charles Stringer



Sarah Young - October 03, 2025 at 06:49 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying that God will sustain you through this trying time, in the name of Jesus the Christ. The Colquitts

Viola Colquitt - October 02, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Stringer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charles Stringer.

Jennifer Stringer - October 02, 2025 at 03:40 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Stringer purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Charles Stringer.



Jennifer Stringer - October 02, 2025 at 03:40 PM

GB

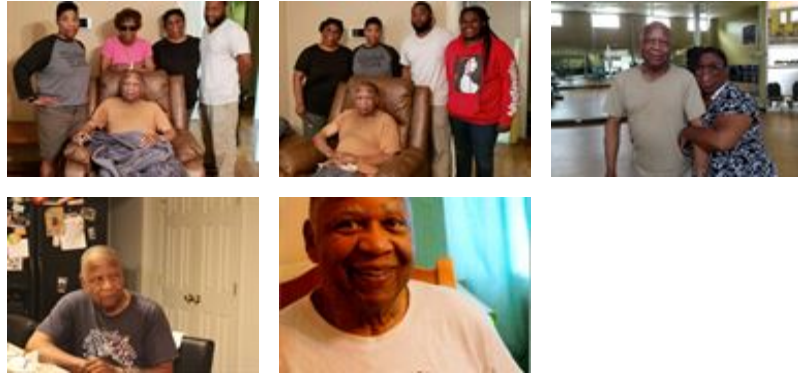
“ May the cherished memories of Charles bring you comfort in this time of sorrow. My deepest sympathies. Jennifer, Gail and Levan



Gail Burton - October 02, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - October 02, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Stringer.



October 02, 2025 at 11:09 AM

JS

“*Ladies and gentlemen, and family members of our classmate. I am saddened that I could not attend this solemn memorial in person but I grieve the loss of my friend and classmate and offer condolences to all.*

You are gathered here to remember Charles Edward Stringer—someone who touched us all in quiet, enduring ways. Charles wasn't the loudest voice in the room, but his kindness spoke softly and consistently, day after day. He had a way of noticing the small things: a friendly nod in the hallway, a thoughtful note, a helping hand when someone needed it most. Those moments added up, forming a memory we'll carry with us.

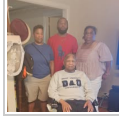
Charles believed in the good in people, and he showed it through his steady friendship, his loyal presence at our class gatherings and his willingness to listen. He didn't seek attention for his acts; he simply did what he felt was right, and in doing so, made our days a little brighter.

We will miss his quiet humor, his dependable honesty, and the sense of calm he brought into any room. Yet we also celebrate the privilege of having known him—the shared laughter, the lessons learned, and the memory of a friend who stood by us with a genuine, generous heart.

Charles, thank you for the moments we shared and for the positive imprint you left on our lives. May you rest in peace, and may all of us who loved you find comfort in knowing how deeply you were valued.

Farewell, dear friend. Until we meet again. I salute you honorable soldier! James W. Strickland and classmates of the J.W. Darden High School Class of 1961.

James W Strickland - October 02, 2025 at 10:55 AM



Mr. Strickland, thank you for your kind words and so sorry for the delay in responding.

CaSandra Stanard - January 07 at 01:28 PM

BA

“ *Bertha Allen lit a candle in memory of Charles Stringer*



Bertha Allen - October 01, 2025 at 08:53 PM

DC

“ *Dept of the Air Force PEO C3BM purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Charles Stringer.*



Dept of the Air Force PEO C3BM - October 01, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DC

“ *Dept of the Air Force PEO C3BM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charles Stringer.*

Dept of the Air Force PEO C3BM - October 01, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Stringer.



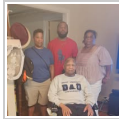
September 30, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ My condolences to the Stringer Family during this difficult time may you rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus !



Glenda Stephens - September 30, 2025 at 07:26 PM



Ms. Stephens, thank you for your thoughts during our time of bereavement and so sorry for the delay in responding.

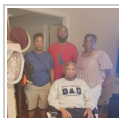
CaSandra Stanard - January 07 at 01:38 PM



“ Constance T.Echols&Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Stringer



Constance T.Echols&Family - September 30, 2025 at 06:25 PM



Thank you for the candle Ms. Echols and family. I apologize for the delay.

CaSandra Stanard - January 07 at 01:38 PM



“ Cynthia Moore lit a candle in memory of Charles Stringer



Cynthia Moore - September 30, 2025 at 05:59 PM



Thank you for the candle Ms. Moore and sorry for the delay.

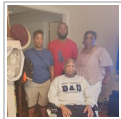
CaSandra Stanard - January 07 at 01:39 PM



“ Adrian/care taker sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Stringer



Adrian/care taker - September 28, 2025 at 08:29 PM



Adrian, thank you for all you did for our dad. We greatly appreciated your hard work and the candle.

CaSandra Stanard - January 07 at 01:42 PM



“ Adrian/care taker lit a candle in memory of Charles Stringer



Adrian/care taker - September 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM

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“ im adrian i took care of mr.stringer we talked a lot and i got to know the fam it was amazing the son too care of him with dif fam members the day my place of work called me i was hurt and i cried for 2 days i learned so much from him and the war talks to the fam talk we had this fist bump thing going on and he said i was full of it and he smiles but i loved him and all of his famley he will be missed but never forgotten much much love adrian keep your head up no matter what that is what he told me to tell his son he is free no pain got his wings and robe he was very proud of you and loved u so much

Adrian/care taker - September 28, 2025 at 08:23 PM

BC

“ Betty Stlnson Conway lit a candle in memory of Charles Stringer

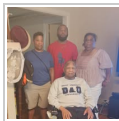


Betty Stlnson Conway - September 26, 2025 at 08:22 PM

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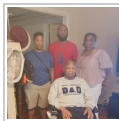
MAY THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP THE CHARLES STRINGER FAMILY 💜 Hattie A Randall CLASSMATE

Hattie A Randall - October 02, 2025 at 01:35 PM



Thank you for the kind words Ms. Conway and so sorry for the delay.

CaSandra Stanard - January 07 at 01:44 PM



Thank you for the kind words Ms. Randall and so sorry for the delay.

CaSandra Stanard - January 07 at 01:45 PM

JS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



James Strickland - September 25, 2025 at 07:02 PM

DS

“ Our condolences to the Stringer family and the Classmates of the J.W.Darden High School class of 1961. Charles was a loyal member of our Class gatherings at various hotels in Opelika and Phenix City. He will surely be missed but remembered by all. May the Lord continue to uphold the family during these difficult times. You will never walk alone! 🙏🌸🙏



Dr. James W Strickland - September 25, 2025 at 06:56 PM