



Charles Lawrence Benton II

January 23, 1965 - October 11, 2019

Charles Lawrence Benton II, age 54, of Spring City, passed away early Friday morning, October 11, 2019 at his home in Spring City. He was born on January 23, 1965 in Dayton. Charles was preceded in death by his father, Charles Lawrence Benton, Sr.

Charles was raised in Rhea County and lived in Knoxville from 1983 to 2015, returning to Rhea County in 2015. He was a 1983 Rhea County High School graduate and a 1989 UT college graduate. Charles was a defensive back and punt returner for the TN Vols. He found his calling and dream job as Career Exploration teacher at Rhea County High School and is remembered by students for his caring, his hugs, athleticism, and friendly nature. Charles coached football, baseball and basketball previously. He was a “Vol for Life”, TN letterman from 1983-1986 and “Voice of the Eagles” for basketball. Charles loved Rhea County Eagles sports and was passionate about the TN Vols. He above all, loved his wife, daughter and family and had a strong faith in God. Charles was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Charles is survived by his wife of 26 years and high school sweetheart of 38 years, Kim (Kelley) Benton, of Spring City; his daughter who was his whole heart, Jayden Benton of Spring City; his mother, Noralean (Cowley) Benton Huddleston of Spring City; his two brothers, Stewart (Renee) Pugh of Cleveland and Carlos (Candace) Benton of Chattanooga; his sisters, Katrina

Benton of Spring City and Angela Abrams of Georgia; his grandmother, Kathylean McDonald "Katie Momma" of Spring City; many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Charles will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. James Guthrie and Rev. Rusty Revis officiating. He will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton.

Please share your memories of Charles on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com .

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Monday after 5:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Petersburg Cemetery

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I remember meeting Charles, Katrina and his Mom when he played football with my brother Barry for the Red dogs. He was a great and boy could he play football. he always had a smile and friends with everyone. Maybe he'll run onto Barry up there in heaven and talk some football. Love to Katrina, his Mom, wife and daughter.



Robin Simpson Barcus - October 30, 2019 at 03:50 PM

SK

“ Sha Kelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II



Sha Kelley - October 17, 2019 at 11:06 PM

SK

“ Sha Kelley lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II



Sha Kelley - October 17, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - October 17, 2019 at 10:29 AM

SK

“ *Sha Kelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Sha Kelley - October 16, 2019 at 10:25 PM

SK

“ *Sha Kelley lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Sha Kelley - October 16, 2019 at 10:22 PM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sonya Jenkins - October 16, 2019 at 09:39 PM

AR

“ Final goodbye to my VFL brother. We came into UT the same year and both wore number 20 for 🏀 and 🏈. We had some good times. I met a lot of people through CB and they were all as cool as he was and loved that dude to death. Condolences to the family especially his wife and daughter who in his recent texts always bragged about them. We will miss you my brother. One final Deuce Zero up for number 20! 🕊️ 0

anthony richardson - October 16, 2019 at 01:33 AM

TB

“ Words can't express my sincere condolences to Kim and the family of teammate and brother Charles. We often times take life situations and life itself for granted, but then reality hits home in the most unbelievable way. When we lose a brother and teammate way to soon.

Rest In Peace my brother . You will be missed! My DB brother...
VFL#TerryBrown#14

Terry Brown - October 15, 2019 at 10:34 AM

SK

“ Heaven sure got brighter!! I will forever miss your smile & hugs!! You were an Amazing man & nephew. 🙏🏻🙏🏻



Sha Kelley - October 15, 2019 at 08:31 AM

SK

“ Sha Kelley lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II



Sha Kelley - October 15, 2019 at 08:28 AM

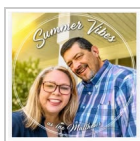
JG

“ My former classmate and friend..... You will be forever missed! Rest In Peace....you have earned your wings!

Your forever friend,
Jamie McDonald



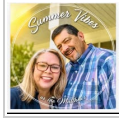
Jamie Gentry - October 15, 2019 at 03:22 AM



“ Connie Garrison Matthew lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II



Connie Garrison Matthew - October 14, 2019 at 11:01 PM



Prayers for Kim and family. Very sad for the loss of such a sweet person and friend. I grew up with Charles and remember playing basketball with him as a child. Since he was very young and until I last saw him, he always had the same warm smile and goodness about him. He will be missed in our school system, but I know that smile will continue to shine in his heavenly home. Rest in Peace Dear Charles.

Connie Garrison Matthew - October 14, 2019 at 11:15 PM

CD

“*Charles Benton was my teammate, my friend, and my brother as a fellow student-athlete at Tennessee. He was always filled with life, always on the go.*

He will be greatly missed by all of us that knew him, and while I am heartbroken to know that he's gone much too soon, I will cherish the time that I had with him, and know that we are bonded together in life, and death as Vols.

My apologies to Kim, Mrs. Nora, and family for being unable to be there with you for Charles' Homegoing, but know that my deepest sympathies, condolences, and loving thoughts are continuously being sent your way.

I loved Charles Benton, and will never stop loving my fellow Volunteer DB.

#VFL

Charles Davis

Charles Davis - October 14, 2019 at 04:38 PM

TB

Words can't express my sincere condolences to Kim and the family of teammate and brother Charles. We often times take life situations and life itself for granted, but then reality hits home in the most unbelievable way. When we lose a brother and teammate way to soon. Rest In Peace my brother . You will be missed! My DB brother... VFL#TerryBrown#14

Terry Brown - October 14, 2019 at 10:45 PM

KJ

“ Sending all my love and prayers to Kim, Jayden and the Benton family. I have been blessed to be friends with Kim and Charles since college. Charles was an incredible person, husband and father; he will be dearly missed. 🙏



Kay Johnson - October 14, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Lawrence Benton II.



October 14, 2019 at 12:17 PM

LO

“ Katrina, just wanted you to know I was thinking about you. I will pray for peace for all of you. Mrs. Nora, Charles was an inspiration to all his students, you did a great job.

Lisa True Orick - October 14, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Lawrence Benton II.*



October 14, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ *Kelly Hax lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Kelly Hax - October 14, 2019 at 12:16 AM



“ *Charles was my brother in law. He loved my sister and niece so much. He will be missed so much* 💔

Stefanie Parks - October 13, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *Stefanie Parks lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Stefanie Parks - October 13, 2019 at 09:34 PM

CH

First I have seen of this loss to all who knew Mr. Benton. I was a very close to Katrina, but have lost touch. I remember a close and respected family from my days in good ole Spring Vegas.. Charley (Morgan) Reynolds

Charles - September 28, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Lawrence Benton II.



October 13, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Lawrence Benton II.



October 13, 2019 at 08:23 PM

CA

“A great friend that will never forget, got the pleasure to meet Charlie years ago when he worked for the Knox County Juvenile Court, cane in contact again years ago when I would see him and his wife and daughter at UT games. Saw him last weekend at the game and am disbelief that he's no longer with us - I pray for his wife and daughter that they find comfort in the coming days.

Carl Ake - October 13, 2019 at 08:21 PM

TF

“ I had the pleasure of having Mr.Benton as a Teacher My freshman year. He was definitely a great person. And will be missed.I’m praying for all of the family, with sympathy,
Travis Goins



Travis & Family - October 13, 2019 at 07:38 PM

Jennifer
Iles

“ Prayers for the family and friends.



Jennifer Iles - October 13, 2019 at 03:22 PM

JB

“ John Birchete lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II



John Birchete - October 13, 2019 at 02:19 PM

LJ

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to his family and his Loving Mother Mrs.Nora,Charles was a kind and wonderful person that will never be forgotten.



LaTasha Johnson - October 13, 2019 at 11:54 AM

JG

“ Charles was such a good friend of mine while growing up we did so much thing together from fishing to bike riding to playing all kinds of sports. I can't believe he is gone he will be missed by everyone that knew him. Will be praying for the family.

James Goodwin

James Goodwin - October 13, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ I met Charles at GS Services, and we became friends. He was always talking about his love for his exceptionally beautiful, perfect wife and daughter, as that's how he saw them; perfect in every way; of course; football, but more than that, his love for God, for people, for wanting to do His will and be a good man. He was a beautiful soul; always willing to help whether it was to open my Coke bottle or stop and pray about my family. He shared his life like he did his cinnamon candy..very very freely, sprinkled with hugs as needed.



Trina Houston-Frazier - October 13, 2019 at 11:42 AM

JS

“ Joyce Stutzenberger lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II



Joyce Stutzenberger - October 13, 2019 at 11:40 AM

JS

Nora I'm hart broken for you Charles wife and daughter. May God bless you all and may you find comfort within him. Love you Nora! Joyce

Joyce Stutzenberger - October 13, 2019 at 11:48 AM

SK

“ *Because you were known for your hugs 🤗*



Sha Kelley - October 13, 2019 at 11:24 AM

SK

“ *Sha Kelley lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Sha Kelley - October 13, 2019 at 11:22 AM

RI

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Mrs Nora keeping you in my prayers. He was truly a kind and loving person.*

Rochelle Johnson Inman - October 13, 2019 at 10:53 AM

RW

“ *Rest in heaven classmate, u will definitely be missed.*



Rene Hickey Wyatt - October 13, 2019 at 10:28 AM

TN

“ I met Charles through my GC Services job. He and I became good friends. I will miss him. He had smile alway and he couldn't to tell me a joke he had heard. When he left GC he said was going back to doing what he really loved, helping young people, i hugged him and told him I'm glad but i will miss him. Prayers for the family, just know he spoke everyday about what they met to him and most of all he was proud of his "little girl"

Tammy Nichols - October 13, 2019 at 09:50 AM

CC

“ Charles was a special teacher who loved his students. He was a good friend who always had a kind word for all of us at RCHS. We will miss him very much.



Christine Cotter - October 13, 2019 at 08:40 AM

DS

“ Doreen Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II



Doreen Smith - October 12, 2019 at 11:48 PM

RQ

“ Charles was one of the most talented athletes ever to come out of Rhea County and an even better person. Fond memories of childhood pickup basketball games and adult tailgating at Neyland Stadium. He will be missed by all!

Robert Queener - October 12, 2019 at 10:43 PM

LB

“ *Lisa D Bost lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Lisa D Bost - October 12, 2019 at 10:04 PM

LF

“ *Lisa And Steven Fine, Joshua Fine lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Lisa and Steven Fine, Joshua Fine - October 12, 2019 at 08:36 PM

AL

“ *this still seems so unreal :(💔! 5th period will never be the same. we all loved him sm, definitely one of our favorite teachers. he was always so happy and caring.*

abbie lemons - October 12, 2019 at 08:21 PM

SR

“ *Always great to see Charles . He always had smile . Blessed to known such a great man of god . Charles made a impact on people's life . Will for ever be missed . RIP Charles*

shannon rice - October 12, 2019 at 08:11 PM

BE

“ *Bill And Darlene Edgeman lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Bill and Darlene Edgeman - October 12, 2019 at 07:09 PM

RS

“ *Kim, sending you my most heartfelt condolences at this time. Prayers for you, Jayden and your entire family!*



Renee Singh - October 12, 2019 at 07:06 PM

TE

“ *Charles was a great brother n law. He touched so many lives especially his kids that he taught @ RCHS. He was my biggest fan and he loved my sister dearly. He will be missed very much!*

Tanya Edwards - October 12, 2019 at 07:04 PM

KA

“ *Kaylin lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



kaylin - October 12, 2019 at 06:58 PM

SK

“ *Sha Kelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Sha Kelley - October 12, 2019 at 06:55 PM

SK

“ *Sha Kelley lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Benton II*



Sha Kelley - October 12, 2019 at 06:51 PM

YL

I will miss my friend he always had the most beautiful smile fly away my angel

Yvette Cooper Leaster - October 12, 2019 at 08:16 PM

FC

Nora...So very sorry for the loss of your son. We worked together at the Dayton Bank & Trust many years ago...you won't remember me with this name....you and your family are in my prayers.

Frances Carlton - October 13, 2019 at 06:23 AM