



Charlie George Lightfoot

December 6, 1936 - August 22, 2022

Memorial services for Charlie George Lightfoot will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the Alva First Baptist Church. The arrangements were entrusted to Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Charlie George Lightfoot was born on December 6, 1936 to George Rasco Lightfoot and Mary Boyd Lightfoot. He was the second of seven children, with an older sister Elizabeth, two younger sisters, Evelyn and Dorothy, and three younger brothers, John, James, and Troy.

Charlie attended the Scurry Rosser schools, graduated from high school on May 20, 1955. During his childhood, Charlie helped his family raise cotton, worked for neighbor farmers and ranchers, and hunted all kinds of wildlife in the woods around the family home, and fished every pond or river he had a chance to visit.

Charlie attended a year at Arlington State College in Arlington, Texas, and worked for General Motors. There were several young named Charlie at that job, so they drew alternative names on slips of paper to determine what each would be called, he began to use the nickname Chuck at that time.

Charlie enlisted in the United States Navy and served full time from May 7, 1956 to April 22, 1958, then served as a reservist until March 19, 1962. He

was awarded the Good Conduct Medal during his time on the U.S.S. Thetis Bay.

While docked in Long Beach on the ship, Chuck walked to the nearest church to attend a Sunday morning service, and noticed a young lady named Emma Lou VanDeburgh. Chuck and Emma Lou were married at the First Christian Church in Beaver Oklahoma on October 3, 1958. Chuck and Emma Lou made their home in Dallas, then Austin, Texas. They had two children, Van in 1960 and Charita in 1965.

Chuck studied mechanical engineering at the University of Texas in Austin, and worked in appliance repair. He and Emma Lou were active in the Southwest Christian Church in Austin. Chuck learned under his mentor, Bob Cox, who made it a mission to start new Christian Churches in Texas. While teaching Bible classes, Chuck was asked to fill in as a minister by a small church east of Austin, and ended up preaching full time for the Forrest Grove Christian Church and Adina Christian Church in rural Rockdale and Lexington, Texas, and became an ordained minister on December 10, 1967. Chuck considered serving God in any capacity to be the greatest honor in this life.

In 1970, Chuck and Emma Lou moved to Beaver Oklahoma to take care of her father's dairy farm, where they remained until 1987. During those years, Chuck served as a fill in minister for many churches in the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles, and also in southwest Kansas. In 1987 Chuck returned to the full time ministry, preaching in Booker, Texas; Boise City, Oklahoma; then finally in Pauls Valley Oklahoma the final 10 years until he retired in 2002. During those years, Chuck also served God by preaching revivals occasionally, and by helping build new churches or parsonages in surrounding states.

Chuck and Emma Lou retired to Alva, Oklahoma, where he continued to serve

as an interim minister for several churches in northwest Oklahoma, as well as working for a local rancher, and helping people in any way he could. Often someone would need help with a home improvement project, or adding handicapped accessibility to their home, and Chuck would always lend a hand to help.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, by one sister and one brother, and by his beloved granddaughter Caitlyn. He is survived by his wife Emma Lou, his son Van and Delores Lightfoot of Dallas, Texas, his daughter Charita and Jeff McOsker of Alva; and grandchildren, Zachory and Nadia Lightfoot of Dallas, Alexandra Lightfoot, Justin and Daniele McOsker of McKinney Texas, Jennifer and Craig Schafer of Alva, Ethan McOsker and fiancé Hannah Alley of Alva, Noah and Shadi McOsker of Denton Texas; as well as several great grandchildren. He is also survived by two of his sisters, Evelyn and Gerald Chamberlain, Dorothy Whitten, and by two of his brothers, John Lightfoot, Troy and Susie Lightfoot; by numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Marshall Funeral Home and will be gifted Stampout Starvation in Cherokee.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
714 College Ave.
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Charlie George Lightfoot*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Always enjoyed Chuck. Would see him walking at Walmart and he would visit Sandra and I at our work. Emma we will be thinking of you. Charita you and family also. Brother and family. I know you have many memories*

Bill/Linda Beeler - August 28, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ *Charlie was one of my favorite cousins! He preached for my mother's funeral in 2006. He was so thoughtful to come over to spend time with our family later that day. Charlie called me often and always prayed for and with me. I always loved seeing him at family reunions and we prayed earnestly for his beloved granddaughter Caitlyn as she suffered through her illness. I have always loved and admired sweet Charlie and I miss him! Yet how sweet to know he is with our Savior and I will see him again when my Lord calls me home. Emma Lou we love you too and pray for our Lord's comfort and care.*

Lovingly

Connie Boyd Randall

Connie Randall - August 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charlie George Lightfoot.*



August 26, 2022 at 04:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charlie George Lightfoot.*



August 25, 2022 at 10:08 PM



“ *Prayers to EmmaLou and the family. Chuck was a wonderful man. We randomly met at Walmart! Our friendship meant a lot to me as well as my family. From our many visits in the aisles at Walmart to our phone calls and in his home, I am so blessed to have known this kind and generous Christian man.*

Anita Noland - August 25, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charlie George Lightfoot.*



August 25, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charlie George Lightfoot.*



August 25, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *A beautiful family! I had the honor of meeting this wonderful loving family and had the privilege of laughing, crying, and praying for them as they travelled this journey! Witnessing their strong faith in the Heavenly Father was inspiring. Mr. Lightfoot had an awesome sense of humor and, with that crooked grin and a glint in his eye even in his own suffering, managed to give this Army girl a hard time during our visits. Chuck, you are with your Heavenly Father now resting in His arms and praising God! Praying for EmmaLou and each family member.*

Chaplain Perot, AL Post 92 Alva, OK - August 25, 2022 at 07:52 AM

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“ Chuck was my very first friend in Alva when we transplanted there in 2018 and I cherished he and Emmalou as our neighbors on Noble. Chuck would help us with anything whether it was helping us catch a yard varmint or moving a light fixture in the basement. He had such great knowledge about many things and he taught me so much. His warm love of people showed in his daily trips walking Walmart. He missed his flock and this was his soul food which doubled as exercise. I got that some didn't. Their loss I must say because I enjoyed this man in my life and the love he showed our family.

Many tears were shed and our hearts ached the day they moved to the Homestead. We knew it was the next season of life for them but it wasn't easy.

Chuck Go rest high on that mountain
Son your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shoutin'
Love for the Father and the Son.

We love you and you will always be the brightest blessing in our Alva story.

Larry, Cathy, Maleah and Maddie Schmitz

Cathy Schmitz - August 24, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charlie George Lightfoot.



August 24, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charlie George Lightfoot.



August 24, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ *My heart breaks for the Lightfoot family. Chuck was a true servant and he served in whatever capacity God placed him. I rejoice knowing he is with his Lord. Hugs and prayers to EmmaLou, Charita, Van and families. He will be missed -- Janice Beasley Suter*

Janice Beasley Suter - August 24, 2022 at 04:25 PM