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Charles Franklin Gray passed away Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the Baptist Reynolds Hospice House in Collierville, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, Audrey and James Gray; brothers, Jimmy Gray and Johnny Gray; and sisters, Edith Eaves and Edna Ratchford. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Nancy; daughters, Kelly Gray and Kendall Attias (Oliver); and his beloved grandson, Jacob Attias. He is also survived by his sister, Bettye Gouger of Hixon, TN and brothers, George Gray (Darlene) of Phoenix, AZ and Ted Gray (Sandra) of Tamarac, FL. He was a member of Prescott Memorial Baptist Church for 46 years before joining Shady Grove Presbyterian Church when the two churches merged. As a young man Charles served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He received a B.A. degree from Georgetown College, a B.Div. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a M.Ed. degree from Memphis State University. He served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. He was an adjunct professor in Criminal Justice at Shelby State Community College and retired after 30 years at the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County as the Chief Probation Officer. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, May 23 and funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 24 at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, Youth Villages, or the University Cluster Food Pantry in care of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The service have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119. "Celebrating Life....Behind the Stone Wall."



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SC

Sheila Cooke posted:

I met Charles when I was 14 years old, 51 years ago when he married my cousin, Nancy. I always remember Charles teasing me, but always greeting me with kind words during my teenage year. As I became a young adult, he encouraged me in all my endeavors. He was a great listener and always asked me about my academics and my career as a National Park Ranger. When my mother died in 1976, Charles comforted me and often told me how much he loved Nancy's family. My heart goes out to Nancy, Kelly, Kendall and Jacob. I feel that I was very fortunate to have Charles in my life and as part of my family. Love, Sheila

May 25 at 12:45 PM

HP

Hilarie Pulley posted:

Mr. Gray was a kind, humble, gracious man whom I deeply respected. I'm thankful to have known him. His gentle reverent character will be missed.

May 24 at 5:13 AM

MM

Mrs. Michelle Means posted:

Charles Gray was a minister at Prescott Baptist Church when I was a child. He was always more a teacher than a preacher to me. No one I have ever known showed the love of Christ through his life than Charles. Although if you told him anything like that he would always brush it off and say that many others were better Christians than he. It was not true. He worked tirelessly in the Juvenile Court system and although I know he was often overwhelmed with the problems of his clients, he just kept on doing the best he could, never losing hope or giving up. He was an extraordinary human being. I will miss him but I know he is at peace in the light of Christ. My condolences and love to his kind and stalwart wife, Nancy. I hope the words in this journal will comfort her at a difficult time. God Bless you Nancy and your whole family. Randy and Michelle Means

May 23 at 1:54 PM

KF

Kenneth L Ford posted:

Those of us who worked at Juvenile Court for and with Mr. Gray for years have nothing but respect, and honor for a wonderful gentleman who graced our lives with his presence. In closing words don't say enough about this fine gentlemen we all are better off because we knew Mr. Gray and benefited from his wisdom and kindness.

May 23 at 1:02 PM



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SR

Stephanie Mccarley Rodriguez posted:

I am grateful to have known Charles Gray. I am grateful that as a teenager I was blessed by his ministry at Prescott. His kindness and compassion will always be in my heart. Stephanie McCarley Rodriguez

May 23 at 12:09 PM

RE

Rex And Nan Enoch posted:

Charles was a very special friend for many, many years. We appreciate his loyal service to the Prescott family and his conscientious work with the Juvenile Court system in Memphis and Shelby County for so many years,. We send our best to Nancy and the rest of the family. You have been an important part of our lives in so many ways. We love you.

May 22 at 3:22 PM

TW

Tom Walsh posted:

If ever it were appropriate to celebrate a life, Charles' is such a life. My late wife Jean and I were greatly honored to be longtime friends and fellow church members with Charles and Nancy and their wonderful daughters. In his quiet and unassuming way, no one in our acquaintance more consistently followed The Way of Christ than Charles. He brought dignity and grace into our lives, he showed us the meaning of courage, and he leaves a lasting legacy of love in the hearts of all who knew him. I pray that the embrace of God's holy spirit, aided by sweet memories of this extraordinary man, will comfort Nancy and the whole family during this difficult time. Tom Walsh

May 22 at 12:18 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Gray.

May 22 at 9:39 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Gray.

May 22 at 9:27 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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