



Charles "Charley" Hood

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Charles Leonard "Charley" Hood, 60 of Memphis was surrounded by love as he peacefully crossed over on Friday, March 18, 2016. Charley, a master of tales and jokes and lover of music, art and history, was a true friend to many. A 1974 graduate of Overton High School, he worked as a master carpenter until his final days. Many will continue to enjoy Charley's exceptional craftsmanship. 'Hood' never met a stranger; he could make anyone feel like the most important person in the room. His first concern was always for others, and to leave you with a smile on your face. His father, Robert Hood, preceded Charley in death. Survived by his cherished love, Sandy Saed Leinberg; mother, Dorothy Parker Hood; sister, Betty Hood; brother, Mike Hood; nieces, Dana and Sarah, and his nephews Jody and Cody. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 26 at 1:30 pm with graveside services at 2:30 pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home. Donations in Charley's memory can be sent to Levitt Shell, or Wolf River Conservancy.



Tribute Wall

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LC

Lori W-C posted:

Rest in Peace, Charley. It was a gift to meet you, share a few days together in Weaverville and Jekyll Island, and see the light of your spirit. Thank you. Love, Lori Crane

March 28 at 10:43 AM

SH

Sherry posted:

One of the greatest things about Charley is how he could make people feel comfortable. Comfortable to be themselves, and to cut up. He loved people, and was good to everyone. Just for example, one time we were at a music event, and there was a man with a severe deformity on his face and no one would talk to him. Charley noticed him, and went directly over and started up a conversation. Soon they were laughing. Charley introduced me to many things that I have adopted for a lifetime, like camping, canoeing, bluegrass music, and my precious Doc Watson! My life has been so much richer for it. He will be missed down here on earth, but in heaven — there is a celebration going on that is out of this world!

March 26 at 9:11 AM

FB

Franklin Beam posted:

Charley Hood only was the most ironic and laughing man I knew growing up. He would laugh at he cafeteria food, music, tests, but loved life and all he met will never forget him. RIP, Charles Hood, Sincerely, Franklin Beam

March 26 at 8:53 AM

PS

Patty Stidman posted:

First time my husband Brent met Charley was in 2008 during our Christmas gathering at my house. The whole family was there by the time Brent arrived. I was introducing Brent around and when I got to Charley, Brent reaches out to shake his hand and Charley walks up and kisses him smack on the lips! After a second of shock everybody bust out laughing. It was hilarious! That's how he was—he liked everybody and everybody loved him. I was seventeen when I first met Charley at Charlee Cole's house. He has been there through most of my life of good times and bad times. Heck, he could remember them better than me. We would have a hoot talking about all the stories. He may have departed this world but he has left me with great lifetime of memories and made me a better and happier person. I will miss you Charley. Love Patty Stidman

March 26 at 7:27 AM



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TS

The McNinch's posted:

The McNinch's purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles "Charley" Hood.

March 25 at 1:19 PM

PM

Patty Mc posted:

Charley & I have been friends for 40+ yrs. I thank him for all the good times & laughter that we had. I'm also thankful for the love & life that he & Sandy have shared for the past 8+ yrs. They are each others angels... in his final days his main concern was Sandy's well being. He loved life, his friends & family so much that he endured a major battle that extended his time with us. Rest easy dear friend, you've earned it. Love you always, Patty Mc

March 25 at 11:39 AM

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March 25 at 5:59 AM

LK

Love, Samantha ,Chris, Amanda & Kameron posted:

Love, Samantha ,Chris, Amanda & Kameron Graveline purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles "Charley" Hood.

March 24 at 6:23 PM



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DE

Debby posted:

"Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak knits up the o'er wrought heart and bids it break."
— William Shakespeare Charley Hood was as close to an earthly angel as it gets. This much-loved carpenter— who lived all his life in Memphis and never took a plane flight — has rejoined his celestial family. But only for a short spell, since his soul is sure to make a rapid U-turn back to Earth. At least that's how I see it (it depends on your beliefs). But if you knew Charley, we can both agree that he was a special human being. Charley didn't have a college education, but he was self-taught, read voraciously, and was not only smart but also wise. He made no enemies because he accepted everybody and found some nugget of good in every one of them. He practiced a politics of acceptance rare in these times. And he was funny. Oh God, was he funny, and with a clean humor that was never at anyone else's expense. Charley never married, but he was anything but a social hermit. He loved live music and never hurt for companions who shared his thirst for a Bud Light, a smoke, and some good tunes. And then, about seven years ago, he met Sandy — the woman who would enrich the remainder of his years with a selfless and lasting love that is sure to have earned stars in HER celestial crown, metaphorically speaking. We friends from all over came together into a support team for the past few years following Charley's diagnosis of cancer. We have a FB site called "Charley's Angels." Now we step to one side and surrender him to "the professionals" in the next life, but without relinquishing one iota of our love for Charley and Sandy. Peace and love be with you bothxxDebby Stirling

March 24 at 2:30 PM

LW

Lesley A. Rosen-Welsh posted:

Charley was one of the funniest people, I have ever had the pleasure, of knowing! He always made me laugh, with the comments he would put, on my Facebook page. It never failed, his comments would always have me in stitches! He never called me by my real name, but would call me "Lester", instead, so I would call him, "Charlene"...Those were our nicknames, for each other. Going to miss him, tremendously. Rest Peacefully, my friend...'Til we meet again! My Deepest Condolences, to Sandy, and to his Family, too! :(Much Love, Your friend & Classmate, Lesley aka "Lester"

March 24 at 8:02 AM

RB

Ron Buck posted:

Always saw Charley and Sandy at the coolest music events- Blues in the Bluff, Levitt Shell, clubs, you name it. Always upbeat, always hilarious, always fun to be with. Loved him. Won't ever forget him. Godspeed Charley. See you on the other side.

March 23 at 4:59 PM



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RC

Rick D Casteel posted:

In Clarksville TN at Cook's Market.... We've got reservations..... Great memories my friend.

March 23 at 3:41 PM

DK

Douglas Kesler posted:

He was one of the coolest people I've ever had the pleasure to know . Rest in Peace dear Brother.....

March 23 at 12:44 PM

TH

Tim Harper posted:

There are just to many memories of Charley. Like many, we have been friends since Colonial Jr. High. Charley was so observant. He always remembered the last thing you said. Asked about my dogs, wife or "that part of the house that needed repair" Months would pass before we saw one another again and Charley wasn't into "how's it going, whats new" he simply started the conversation where we left off, usually with bad jokes that left us rolling. I never ever saw Charley down, he always had a good word or joke to lift me up when I was down. Charley did some work on my old house on Nelson. Saved us some money to spend in the right places. One thing I am thinking about Charley is that he showed up. Music venues, art exhibits, bars, eating establishments. He was out there doing life. Charley was informed, so our conversations were current with his wicked sense of humor. Going to miss you buddy. Prayers are with Sandy and his family.

March 23 at 11:32 AM

MT

Mark Tippett posted:

Charlie was a staple of an evening out. No matter where I went for a few beers, I could count on Charlie to be there with a few jokes and a lively evening. That is how I remember him.

March 23 at 11:07 AM

RU

Ruth posted:

Charlie was truly a wonderful person and much loved by the Carr family. My favorite memory of Charlie was when he and his 40lb cat agreed to being Tucker's show and tell project at GSL! That cat weighed more than any of the children! There's a special place in heaven for Charlie. Ruth, Kate, John and Tucker Carr

March 23 at 9:41 AM



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PS

Penny E. Saed posted:

To my brother-in-law Charley, You are the strongest and kindest man I've ever met. It was such a blessing to have you in my life as well as our whole family. You brought pure joy and laughter to everyone who had the pleasure of meeting you. You had the gift of bringing out the best in people and making them feel special and loved always. Even when you were fighting cancer, you always asked "how are you doing and what can I do for you" and always wanted to make sure Sandy ("my girl") was taken care of and happy. God got a special angel on Friday, March 18th and I know you and Buddy are stirring up mischief in Heaven. Thank you for giving my big sister the happiest and best 8 years of her life and for all of the love and care you've shown me as well as our whole family. Love always your little sister, Penny XXXOOO

March 23 at 8:13 AM

PB

Patti Berger posted:

Thank you for bringing so much love and laughter into Sandy's life. Your pure heart will be missed by all. Until we meet again my friend! Patti Berger

March 23 at 7:23 AM

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My "brother-in-law" Charley was the strongest and kindest man I've ever met. It was such a blessing to have him in my life as well as our whole family. He brought pure joy and laughter to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. He had the gift of bringing out the best in people and making them always feel special and loved. Even when he was fighting cancer, he always asked "how are you doing and what can I do for you" and always wanted to make sure "his girl" Sandy was taken care of and happy. God got a special angel on Friday, March 18th and I know he and Buddy are stirring up mischief in Heaven. Thank you Charley for giving my big sister the happiest and best 8 years of her life and for all of the love and care you've shown me as well as our whole family. Love always your little sister, Penny XXXOOO

March 23 at 6:55 AM



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SF

Stacey Saed Ferguson posted:

My favorite memory of Charley is when he and Sandy came over to help me paint my new home. I had chosen this pretty blue for my bedroom. Charley teased me the whole time about how sleepy the color made him and how he could hardly paint because of it. But paint he did and it was such a blessing! Now, every time, I look at those walls, I remember his sweet and funny personality. At the end of his life, his primary concern was for the well being of my sister, Sandy. That type of love is rare and pure. It was an honor to have him apart of our family and my life for the short time that we did. Rest well, Charley. No one deserves heaven more!

March 23 at 6:29 AM

DR

Debbie Richerson posted:

The last time I saw Charley we talked about banjo playing. He was excited to find out that I played too. The next week he showed up at my house with several CDs of his favorite banjo music. He will be missed by so many!

March 23 at 4:11 AM

LG

Laura Hoyt Grubbs posted:

Given my last name came right after Charley's I had the pleasure of spending my high school years sitting behind this nut. He never failed to bring joy and laughter each morning at roll call. I'm sure even the teachers enjoyed his banter. No matter how many years passed between Charley encounters it was as if you had been together yesterday. He always invited you to the party and made you feel welcome. You are missed my friend but hold a special place in all our hearts. Laura Hoyt Grubbs

March 23 at 3:36 AM



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CE

Catherine Evans posted:

Not long before Lela moved to PC, she and Charlie were running errands and they stopped by here for her to pick up something. That was when I met Charlie. We chatted for a good while and I really enjoyed getting to know him. We talked about plans for home renovations and I told him I'd hire him to help on mine after he finished his and he was all for it. He had a very upbeat attitude, a kind spirit, quick smile and mirthful eyes. If I hadn't known better, I'd not have figured he was ill. What a generous person he was, to be so ill and yet give the best in himself to a stranger. John had met him before me, and agreed that he was a fine person when I told him about meeting Charlie and what a neat guy he was. Our hearts go out to you, Sandy, and prayers for comfort, and for Stefan who cared so much for Charlie. God bless you now and always, John and Cathy Evans

March 21 at 12:17 PM

TH

Taylor Hennessey posted:

Charley, I feel so very blessed that I got the opportunity to know you. You were so kind, caring, outgoing, and funny. I am so happy that you and Aunt Sandy found each other. You brought her so much joy and happiness and many wonderful memories that she will treasure forever. I will always cherish the memory of you and Aunt Sandy visiting me in Savannah a few years ago and our dinner at The Crab Shack on Tybee Island. I find peace knowing that you are pain free and sitting with our Father in Heaven now. I love you and miss you Charley.

March 21 at 6:00 AM

RC

Robin Miller Comella posted:

I have been thinking of which memory to share about Charley, after knowing him 40 plus years, there are many. Like in high school, one day in class he turned around and said, ya know if you married me your name would be Robin Hood. Or the times he would turn around to count out loud any print design I had on my clothes just to ruffle my feathers. Or the time he joined us at Lafayette's Music room to see Pure Prairie League and we got to party with them back stage in the 70's. Several years ago, before he got sick, he spent about 2 months at my house doing several carpentry type things. He did beautiful work. Currently, there is not a room in my house that his handprint isn't on. One day while he was here, he was building a closet in my home office, so I had to go upstairs to work. While up there I saw something white flutter through the trees. I came downstairs to ask did he see anything. Of course, I was looked at like I was crazy. I went back up there to work writing it off as maybe a white dove from the wedding chapel nearby or something unexplainable. Hour or so later.....I glance out and here is this pole with a white towel being walked in front of my window. He always was the jokester.....and got the biggest kick out of it. Hard for me to imagine life without him being here, but I know as humble as he was, he would want us all to carry on....and to always laugh when his memory comes our way.

March 21 at 5:07 AM



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Memorial Park posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Hood.

March 19 at 5:17 PM



Memorial Park posted:

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

March 19 at 11:31 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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