



Charles Murray Garrett

January 18, 1926 - February 19, 2025

Charles Murray Garrett, 99, of Travelers Rest, passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Upstate Community Hospice surrounded by his loving family.

Murray was born January 18th, 1926, in Swannanoa, NC, and was the son of Marshall Garrett and Mamie Lee Taylor Garrett. He received his education at Travelers Rest Schools and Clemson University.

He was a US Army WWII Veteran, having served in the 97th Infantry Division in Germany and Czechoslovakia during the last stages of the war in Europe and then among the first troops to occupy Japan after the Japanese surrender.

Known as both Charles and Murray, Charles began employment at Greenville Steel Company in the engineering department in 1947 and served in various capacities until 1980. Then, he was General Manager of Bond Textile Machinery until 1983 before joining Menzell, Inc. in Spartanburg. He served at Manzel until his retirement in 2001 at the age of 75.

Charles also taught various pre-engineering courses in the night program at Greenville Tec from 1964 until 1974.

Murray was a member of Travelers Rest City Counsel from 1973 until 1980 and then became the longest serving Travelers Rest Mayor. He served as Mayor for four terms from 1980 until 1996. While Mayor he served on the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Municipal Association.

Murray was a member of Travelers Rest First Baptist Church and was a long-

time member of Marietta First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School about fifty years.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two wives, Judy Cox Garrett and Betty Earlene Manly Garrett; brothers, Earl, James Lee, Paul, and Claude; his daughter, Lissa Garrett Langley and his son, Dennis Murray Garrett.

He is survived by two daughters, Donna Blakeney (Steve) and Katie Ward (Kevin); a son, Bob Garrett (Renee); nine grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at The Howze Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:30 PM until 3 PM Saturday at The Howze Mortuary prior to the service.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, 15 Oregon Street, Greenville SC 29605.

The Howze Mortuary, is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery

28 Ebenezer Church Road
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 1:30 PM - 2:50 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

FEB 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd.
Travelers Rest
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Lance lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett*



Nancy Lance - February 27, 2025 at 08:38 AM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family, he was a very nice man and true gentleman 🙏
With thoughts and prayers, Darlene Crain Estes*

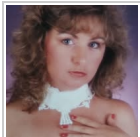
darlene estes - February 26, 2025 at 07:30 AM

CP

“ *Carolyn Pierce lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett*



Carolyn Pierce - February 25, 2025 at 11:33 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of your father Bob.
I'm sure he'll be missed by all but by the family forever more. God's got him now and as hard as it is to let go he's your Guardian Angel. I will be praying for you and your family 🙏*



Jackie Lane - February 24, 2025 at 06:20 PM

EL

“ Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett



Elizabeth - February 23, 2025 at 06:52 AM

MM

“ Martha Mann lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett



Martha Mann - February 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

HC

“ Murray Garrett was very instrumental in getting me elected to Travelers Rest City Council. I served with him for 16 years. Murray was a man of integrity which meant he had the quality of being honest and doing the right thing, even when he had to stand alone. He worked very hard for all citizens of Travelers Rest. I learned so much from him. He was a blessing to all. Prayers for his family.
Harvey Choplin



Harvey Choplin - February 21, 2025 at 09:08 PM

RA

“ Renee Atkins lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett



Renee Atkins - February 21, 2025 at 08:15 PM

CH

“ Country Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett



Country Hawkins - February 21, 2025 at 02:46 PM

TJ

“ Tim and Anne Jones lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett



Tim and Anne Jones - February 21, 2025 at 10:08 AM

MJ

“ Murray was my uncle Claude's brother, I have heard so many great things ❤️ Murray was a great man and very well respected .

Melissa Jennings - February 20, 2025 at 11:14 PM

PH

“ Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett



Pat Hawkins - February 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM

LP

“ Sorry for your lost will keep you in our prayers.



Larry&Joretta Pena - February 20, 2025 at 05:14 PM

LG

“ Linda and John Galloway



Linda and John Galloway - February 20, 2025 at 01:24 PM

JH

“ Jonell Hart lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett



Jonell Hart - February 20, 2025 at 10:14 AM

DT

“ *Debrah Vance Tran lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett*



Debrah Vance Tran - February 20, 2025 at 08:46 AM

JG

“ *Janet B Gravely lit a candle in memory of Charles Garrett*



Janet B Gravely - February 20, 2025 at 08:31 AM