



Charles Edward Winfield

February 8, 1944 - June 6, 2024

Charles Edward Winfield, 80, of Travelers Rest, SC, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at Easley Baptist Hospital.

Born in Washington, DC, he was a son of the late Lenore Alpaugh and Courtland Scott Winfield, II. Mr. Winfield was a retired Internal Auditor for the Greenville School System and a member of Forestville Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Jane Austin Winfield; his two daughters, Amy Lyn Reeves and her husband Brant and Kristin Baker; two brothers, Courtland Scott Winfield, III and his wife Mary Helen and Robert James Winfield and his wife Suzanne; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon June 15th at Forestville Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Missions at Forestville Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

Forestville Baptist Church
2 McElhaney Rd
Greenville, SC 29617

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Charles Winfield*



Pat Hawkins - June 09, 2024 at 06:47 PM

“ Charlie, my older brother liked to fiddle with cars, especially odd ones. He came home with a French car, a "Facel Comete" leather interior that was serial number 1,131. Ford made the chassis and shipped it overseas where it got fancied up, a very low serial number

If memory serves correctly. the engine was blown, so I helped him put a 283 cu inch in it, _except_ the spark plugs pointed down, so one cracked off, engine hoisted out, plug replaced, extra rubber blocks to hold it higher, it's now parked on Scottie's farm in Stuarts Draft.

Charlie also brought home a "turtle back" Volvo and a huge box of parts, the guy was going to rebuild the engine and stopped after disassembling as he had no idea what to do, nothing was labeled, just a jumble of parts in a big box and sold the car and disassembled engine.

Charlie honed the cylinders and lots of work.

When he finally got it reassembled it was below freezing but no antifreeze so he and I (1 time for me) went out and warmed up the car all night long to keep the block from freezing and cracking

There was another "cheap" car, a tiny French Citroen with 1 door in the front, that also didn't run, so we dragged it around the farm behind the Alis Chalmers tractor trying to get the engine to turn over & fire, no luck there.

Charlie also brought home a Hudson, tiny rear windows and that had strange turn signals. A plastic arrow would flip up and illuminate (dimly) on the side pointing left or right..

A fun one that _did_ run was a Morris Minor from Great Britain that we would "bomb around" in through the woods making our own roads through the trees. I hit a small stump and seriously dented the oil pan (no leaks) which abruptly stopped.

A Corvette also arrived by tow truck, "doesn't run right" that he dropped the transmission, put the correct clutch plate in 1 inch larger and ran very nicely

We lived on a 238 acre farm so we also had a few rifles, 22's. Charlie would hunt squirrels once or twice, skin, them once ,chill, clean, cook eat, (Once, only once).

I had come home, Charlie was sitting on the south porch where the bird feeders were and was quiet, so I said are you OK? and "yes" Charlie had been resting the barrel of the 22 on his shoe and the safety was on but the darn thing discharged anyway. I didn't realize at the time what happened.

Charlie's shoe had a tiny hole on top, and was missing a huge part of the sole and took a bone from his little toe.so when Mom came home Charlie told her and they went to the ER.

When Charlie was in grade school he caught polio and spent summers in hospital getting operations and doing exercises to strengthen the leg. Charlie got the special leg brace shoe, however Charlie ran track in high school and didn't need to wear braces due to exercises and surgeries to lengthen that leg. I remember Charlie sitting in the kitchen, bare footed, practicing picking up towels by pinching his toes together and lifting

When we were young, our parents didn't believe in television in the house as it was bad. We were readers and went to the library, the bookmobile came by the farm at times.

Charlie wanted a TV so he would get old chassis of TV's, one with a big cathode ray tube and the other with the guts and hook them together. The high voltage transformer didn't have a faraday cage so you could pull a 1-2 inch spark off it. I have no memories of actually watching programs on those kluged together tv's, but one time heard an explosion upstairs and Charlie had been fiddling with something and accidentally blew up a large can capacitor and had small burns from it.

Robert Winfield - June 08, 2024 at 12:34 PM

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This was incredible reading about Charlie. I had never heard about his love for old & odd cars. My condolences to his entire family. He's in such a better place with our Heavenly Father. Jane, you are in my thoughts & prayers. I love you dearly. You are such an inspirational Christian. Charlie was a good Christian man.

Pat Hawkins - June 09, 2024 at 07:15 PM

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“ Jane and family, my sincere condolences in your loss! Mom & Dad loved your family and enjoyed being your neighbors! Prayers for the family during this difficult time!

Elaine Silvers Bowers

Elaine S. Bowers - June 08, 2024 at 10:36 AM