



Charles Glenn Roundtree

September 12, 1934 - May 14, 2023

Charles Glenn Roundtree was a dedicated and beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. He was called home on May 14, 2023 at the age of 88, in his hometown of Midlothian, TX. His battle with serious medical issues throughout his later years showed his courage in facing life's journey with a sense of humor and strong will. Despite his health challenges, Charles remained steadfast in his beliefs and the love for his family.

Charles was born to Jesse and Adelia Roundtree in Littlefield, TX on September 12, 1934. The youngest of four children and the only boy, he spent his early years helping his parents on their farm. He graduated from Duncanville High School in 1952 before attending Abilene Christian University.

Charles loved to engage with people, share stories, and usually leave them with some imparting wisdom to advance their life. This served him well in his professional life spanning 55 years as a Regional Manager for J.I. Case, 30 years, and as an Independent Sales Contractor for Open Road Drivers, 25 years. During his professional careers, he made several life-long friends who enriched his life with connection, joy and laughter. He held fond memories from the various company activities he attended such as customer appreciation Fish Frys and building relationships with all his stores' employees, families, and clients.

Charles embodied a true family man. As his family grew over the years, he embraced each new person with an open heart and a sense of responsibility for their highest well-being. He always made you feel like you mattered. He was a consummate worrier and was diligent about checking up on you to be sure you were ok and never missing an opportunity to throw in a piece of advice. No family gathering was complete without him. Whether he was leading the prayer, making sure you had plenty to eat, having a heart-felt one-on-one talk, or playing dominoes, he was always focused on caring for and enjoying his family. Family gathering always provided a vast assortment of foods, and he loved food, especially ice cream and sweets and would not pass up any opportunity to have them any chance he got. Known as PawPaw, he adored and took a special interest in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's lives going to dance recitals and sporting events to support them. For a few years at Christmas time, he would dress up as Santa and loved seeing kids' faces light up with excitement when he appeared.

Charles had a true servant's heart not just for his family but also for his faith. He was raised in a Church of Christ home where faith was a core foundation for life. Over the years, he served as a song leader and elder as well as participating in church activities and social groups. He had a fondness for prayer, church hymns and music, and always growing deeper in his faith.

Charles is survived by his wife of 25 years, Peggy Roundtree; children, Kay Moss (Floyd) of Mt. Pleasant, TX, Glenda Matthews (Cole) of Midlothian, TX, and Chuck Roundtree of Dallas, TX; step-children; Denise Murphy (Robert) of Meridian, TX, and Keith Bragg (Connie) of Ennis, TX; nine grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children, Mary Addylene Roundtree (d.1997); parents, Jesse and Adelia Roundtree; and

sisters Roberta Roundtree, Gerry Jepsen, and Bettye Gleghorn.

The honoring of his beautiful life will be at Creekside Church in Midlothian on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 12:00pm with visitation prior at 11am. A private graveside ceremony for immediate family only will follow at Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Manna House of Midlothian, TX.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery

Nokomis Road @ Belt Line Road
Lancaster, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Creskide Church
5401 East US Highway 287
Midlothian, TX 76065

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“Uncle Charles and Peggy visited my parents (Paul & Gerry Jepsen) a number of times when they lived in the independent living apartments in front of the nursing home. At Mother's funeral he said he was the last of his generation: everyone else had already passed. I imagined that was a heavy weight to bear.

I thought I'd share a story Mother told me decades ago. We must have been talking about a TV show or a news story about someone claiming to have seen Bigfoot. That was when she told me that when Charles was a boy, he had a pony; and one day he was riding it when something jumped out at him. The pony was terrified and raised up on its back feet. Charles fell to the ground, and the pony ran away. Mother said they didn't know what it was, but someone had said a monkey or gorilla had escaped from the zoo (or circus - can't remember which). However, she left the impression that it just might have been Bigfoot. Of course, when I spoke with Mother about it after Dad died, I mentioned that nobody was certain what had jumped out at Charles, she said "It was the gorilla that escaped into the woods!"

This we know: Charles had a pony that he rode near some woods one day only to have something jump out at him and scare the pony which dumped him before running away leaving him to fend for himself. (WHEW!) Apparently Charles escaped from the beast (whatever it might have been) and made it home just fine - even without the pony. How do we know this? Because he lived a long, rich life.

I think Chuck mentioned that for a few years Charles would dress up as Santa Claus. He was doing that even when my children were young. We'd get the family together in Oak Cliff. Charles would be himself as we visited and ate. Then he'd sneak off, and the next thing we knew Santa was walking in the front door with a bag of presents for Grandpa's and Grandma's great-grandkids.

Even when I was little, I remember Santa calling me on the phone to

ask if I'd been good that year. Talk about putting a kid on the spot!

It was good to have known you, Charles, and you are and will be missed.

Gail Christian - January 08, 2025 at 05:00 PM

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“ Sweet Mr. Roundtree I only knew you for a few months, but the time we spent together was so precious, I miss our midnight coffee talks, and your stories! You will always hold a special place in my heart ❤️ I'll see you later (like we always said) You truly made my nights better, and room 226 will forever be yours!

Love you!
Jamie

Jamie Kuykendall (Kirkham) - June 09, 2023 at 12:42 AM

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“ Sue and Sam Evans and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Glenn Roundtree.



Sue and Sam Evans and Family - June 08, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Glenn Roundtree.



June 08, 2023 at 09:29 AM

“ Charles Roundtree (1934 - 2023) was the youngest and last surviving grandchild of Marena Record Roundtree Faulkner Pence Stegall who was the matriarch of the Dallas County Roundtrees. Marena's seven other grandchildren, who survived into childhood, were all females. In spite of having diabetes, Charles lived slightly longer than his parents or siblings -- most lived well into their eighties. My mother, Edith Roundtree Brown, was the oldest of Marena's grandchildren. As her oldest son, I am the oldest of the next generation -- Marena's great-grandchildren. Charles, the youngest of the grandchild generation, was 6 1/2 years older than I. Now that all members of the grandchild generation have died, we are the oldest living generation of the Dallas Roundtrees.

As Charles was raised in a farming family, he was knowledgeable about farm equipment. When I was in my first couple of years of college, Charles had become assistant manager of the Dallas branch of the J.I. Case Tractor Company. He was able to get me a summer job in their parts warehouse for two years in a row. He did well to earn that position at such a young age and without a college degree. Of course I have known Charles all of my life, but his help in finding summer employment and seeing him regularly made him an important person to me.

Charles was a very religious person and a leader in his church. He was also highly respected by the entire family, even though he was the youngest member, he took the initiative for matters that need to be done. He led the memorial service for several people including at least one first cousin.

As my parents aged, Charles and his first wife Addylene, visited with them on many occasions and helped them with things they needed including cleaning the house. There was mutual respect between my parents and Charles and Addylene.

Charles' wife Addylene died in the fall of 1997. That was also the fall when my father, Bernard Brown, and also my first wife, Anna Mae

Brown died. Charles and I shared the death of a spouse and how to recover from our loss at that time. Charles remarried to Peggy Williams Bragg, the widowed wife of Addylene's brother. I was remarried to Chery Green. Charles and I had several conversations about remarriage and gaining the acceptance of our children.

Charles and Peggy were married for 25 years. During that time I visited with him and Peggy on several occasions. It was fun to talk about our Roundtree family. He was a very gracious host for our visits. Charles was also helpful in helping care for my mother's sister Dorothy Ann Roundtree. Dorothy was a heart transplant patient, and it was good that Charles was available to help her after my parent's died and she needed extra support. My brother and I were unable to help as much as we wanted since we both live a long way from Dallas.

Charles spoke at our family reunion which we held in 2018 in Collin County where the Roundtrees lived a century ago before moving to Dallas. As I have worked to develop the genealogy of our family, Charles was helpful as he remembered things that I did not know.

We wish Peggy and Charles' family much sympathy in their loss.

David Brown

David Brown - June 04, 2023 at 08:50 PM

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Thank you David for sharing your words and reflections. It is much appreciated. Dad on several occasions spoke about the conversations he had with you and how much he admired you. It is connections like yours that added richness to his life. Our family sends you and Chery much love and many thanks for your share. Chuck Roundtree

Chuck Roundtree - June 08, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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Thank you David for the genealogy information and your sweet tribute to Dad and my Mom Addylene . 🙏💙

Kay Roundtree Moss - June 08, 2023 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Selinda lit a candle in memory of Charles Roundtree*



Selinda - May 20, 2023 at 08:18 AM