



Charles Harden Burnette

January 4, 1946 - January 21, 2026

Charles Harden Burnette, 80, of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on January 21, 2026. Born on January 4, 1946, in Danville, Virginia, Charles lived his entire life rooted in the community he loved and served.

Charles was the son of the late Jesse Lee Burnette and Sallie Gaudin Burnette Carter. He was a proud graduate of Brosville High School, Class of 1964—the final graduating class of the school. During his high school years, Charles excelled in sports, a reflection of the discipline and teamwork he carried throughout his life.

Following high school, Charles honorably served his country in the United States Army, answering the call to duty with quiet dedication and integrity.

Charles devoted 38 years of his working life to DuPont, where he was known for his strong work ethic and dependability, often working swing shift. After retiring from DuPont, he continued serving his community by driving a school bus for Stony Mill Elementary School for 20 years. He was loved by the children he transported, and he loved them just as deeply, forming bonds that went far beyond his role as a bus driver.

A dedicated family man, Charles poured his heart into raising his family. He

coached baseball, football, and basketball for his sons' teams while they were growing up and never missed a game, even while working demanding swing shifts at DuPont. He also served his community at Brosville Volunteer Fire Department. He was a founding member of the Brosville Booster Club, where he proudly served as president, always supporting local youth and athletics. He loved his three boys dearly, and his pride in them was evident to everyone who knew him.

The Burnette family was raised on the importance of big family gatherings, a tradition that meant a great deal to Charles and one he faithfully carried on. He hosted and cherished yearly Easter celebrations and Fourth of July gatherings complete with fireworks, creating memories that brought generations together and strengthened family bonds.

A man of strong faith and service, Charles was a devoted and long-standing member of Brosville United Methodist Church (BUMC). He faithfully served the church in many roles over the years and was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed. His commitment to his church family was a central part of his life.

Charles was a familiar and well-loved presence at the Do Drop In, where he was a daily visitor for 25 years, stopping in twice a day to socialize with fellow retirees. These friendships and routines were an important part of his life and brought him great joy.

Charles took great pride in caring for his house and land, working tirelessly to keep everything in order. He was also an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, loyally supporting his team year after year.

Charles loved to travel and spend vacations with special friends and family throughout the years, valuing the time spent together as much as the

destinations themselves.

Above all else, Charles was known as an honest man—steady, hardworking, and true to his word.

Charles shared 48 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Jeanne Tuck Burnette. Her family was also very special to Charles (known to many as Charlie), and he deeply valued the love, laughter, and closeness he shared with them throughout his life.

He is survived by his three sons: Bradley Scott Burnette (fiancée Donna Eanes), Jeffrey Todd Burnette (wife Juliet Burnette), and Jason Cole Burnette (wife Sascha Burnette).

He was a proud grandfather to Hunter Burnette (Josie Dew), Austin Burnette (wife Laura Burnette), Drew Burnette, and Gavin Burnette, and a cherished great-grandfather to Brantley Burnette (BB), Lilly Burnette, and Sadie Burnette.

Charles is also survived by his beloved sister, Brenda Burnett (husband Danny Burnett). He was preceded in death by his siblings Nancy Dean, Ronnie Burnette, Patsy Searce, and Sylvia Shoe. He leaves behind many special nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and great-nephews, all of whom he loved dearly.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 29, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home Westover Chapel. The funeral service will take place Friday, January 30, at 1:00 p.m. at Brosville United Methodist Church, with burial to follow at the Burnette Family Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive visitors at the Burnette home. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to Brosville United Methodist Church.

The Burnette family would like to thank all of the friends, family, and community for the love and support shown for Charles during this time and throughout the years.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Burnette family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Est)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **30**. 1:00 PM (Est)

Brosville United Methodist Church
121 Long Circle
Danville, VA 24541

Burial

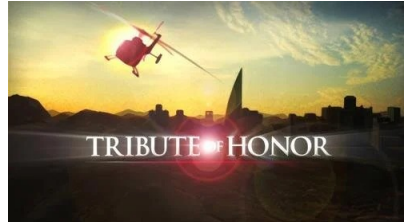
JAN **30** (ET)

Burnette Family Cemetery
1980 Stony Mill Rd
Danville, VA 24541

Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Harden Burnette*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - January 29 at 07:38 AM

MM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all the Burnette family. Michelle Moore and Heath Family.*

Michelle Moore - January 29 at 05:22 PM

TB

“ *Jeanne Brad Todd Jason and family*

No words I can say to give you comfort. All I can say is that we love all of you.

So I turn to the words of The Apostle Paul

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”

The comfort comes from knowing Charlie lived his life by these words I pray that these words give you comfort May Jesus Christ hold you close always

Tom Penny Layne Devin Katie and Wade

Tom Blair - January 29 at 03:47 PM

AW

“ *Ann Walton and Steven Walton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Harden Burnette.*



Ann Walton and Steven Walton - January 28 at 03:04 PM

AW

“ Ann Walton and Steven Walton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Harden Burnette.

Ann Walton and Steven Walton - January 28 at 03:04 PM

NF

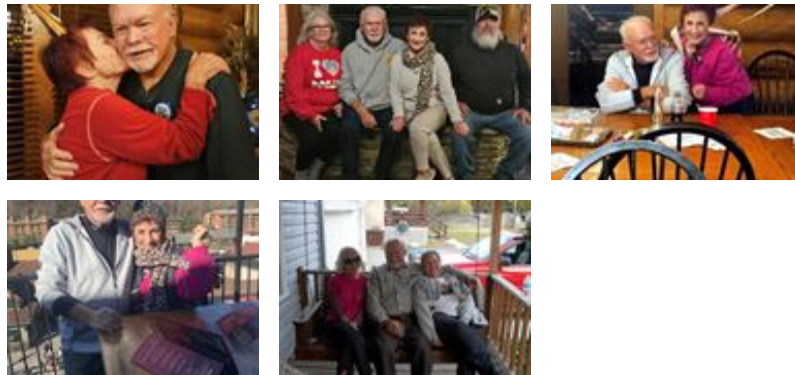
“ Lifting the family up in prayer and praying for God's inner peace in the upcoming days! He was a good Christian and this was a reflection in his life! Praying that others will come to know Christ through his death!



Norma Knight and Family - January 28 at 12:39 PM



“ 262 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - January 28 at 09:27 AM

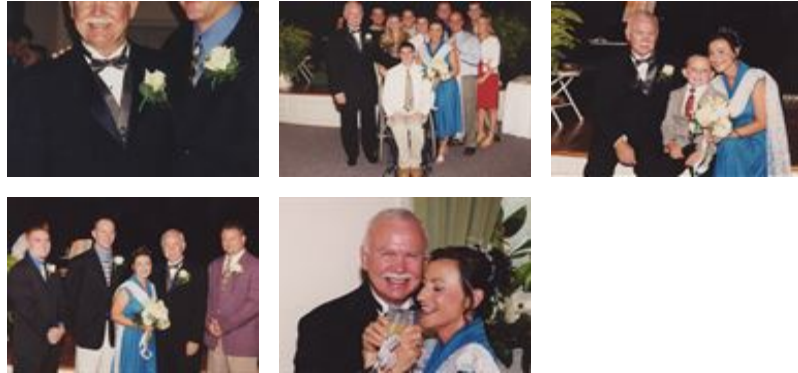
TE

Prayers for you Jean, Brad, Todd, Jason and the entire family and friends...Charles was such a Wonderful, Great Man and Friend to our Family we truly loved him and this family, he will truly be missed so sorry for your loss you all are in our constant Prayers 🙏❤️ Toni Patterson Easley

Toni Patterson Easley - January 28 at 11:54 AM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - January 27 at 11:52 AM

CR

Sorry to hear of Charlie's passing — a good man. Prayers for the family.

Carl Reynolds - January 27 at 08:39 PM

BF

“ Bouchard, Pritchett, and Powell Families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles Harden Burnette.



Bouchard, Pritchett, and Powell Families - January 27 at 11:25 AM

BF

“ Bouchard, Pritchett, and Powell Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Harden Burnette.

Bouchard, Pritchett, and Powell Families - January 27 at 11:25 AM

CJ

“ *What a shock to see this! I have no words for a wonderful man. Cindy Wells and I are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for the whole family and especially for Brenda (God bless her).* ”



Christina Jackson - January 27 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Harden Burnette.* ”



January 27 at 09:44 AM

RP

“ *Praying for this precious family* ”

Richard Powell - January 27 at 05:06 AM

PP

“ *Jeanne and family, so sorry for your loss, keeping you all in prayers.* ”

Peggy J Parsons - January 26 at 08:50 PM

CD

“ *Claude And Gail Dalton lit a candle in memory of Charles Harden Burnette* ”



Claude and Gail Dalton - January 26 at 05:42 PM

FW

“ *Jeanne and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have never had more fun working with a Trustees Chair as I did with Charlie at Brosville UMC. I hold wonderful memories of many laughs together as he picked on me in love. And he was certainly a "get her done" kind of man. We accomplished lots with him in charge. May God's comfort and peace fill your hearts as you celebrate Charlie's life and grieve together. Faith Weedling*

Faith Weedling - January 26 at 05:34 PM

CB

“ *Christopher and Trish Bay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Harden Burnette.*

Christopher and Trish Bay - January 26 at 05:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Harden Burnette.*



January 26 at 05:11 PM

RT

“ *Reynolds TO Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Harden Burnette.*

Reynolds TO Team - January 26 at 04:44 PM



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January 26 at 04:44 PM



“ From Tracy, Jimmy and Joan Tuck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Harden Burnette.

From Tracy, Jimmy and Joan Tuck - January 26 at 03:15 PM



“ From Tracy, Jimmy and Joan Tuck purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Harden Burnette.



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“ Susie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Harden Burnette.

Susie M. - January 26 at 02:34 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Charles' passing. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. Sandra Gammon and Jennifer Brown

Jennifer Brown - January 26 at 02:06 PM

LA

“ *Baby Dave (David) and I have such wonderful beach memories of Charles and the family. We will truly miss Charles. Our hearts are broken. Jeanne we love you. We love all of you. Our Prayers and Love go out to the family.*
Lynn Hall and David Adams.

Lynn Hall and David Adams - January 26 at 01:33 PM

LT

“ *I'm so sorry. I just read this on fb. My heart n prayers go out to you all n love.*

James n Louise Tilley

Louise Tilley - January 26 at 01:17 PM

AD

“ *Sorry to hear of Charles's passing. I worked with him at DuPont. He was an exceptional nice man. Condolences to the family.*

Ann M. Deering - January 26 at 11:34 AM

WJ

“ *So sorry to hear about Charles passing. He and I grew up a couple miles apart along Stony Mill road. We played football together at Brosville HS. Charles was a student bus driver at Brosville. A good man. Planning on seeing you again on other side of Jordan. Rest in peace Charles*

Wiley F. Ashworth, Jr. - January 26 at 01:22 AM

EM

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss, keeping you all in my prayers 🙏🙏🙏*

Elaine McGuire - January 25 at 12:23 PM

RD

“ Sweet and friendly man with a touch of humor, sending my condolences with love .

Robin Dix - January 24 at 09:43 PM

WR

“ We are so sad to hear about Charlie passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Wanda and Ron Ross - January 24 at 08:35 PM

DM

“ So Sorry to here about Charles Prayers with the family Dewey and June Matherly



Dewey and June Matherly - January 24 at 06:46 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss! Mr. Brunette was such a kind, dedicated bus driver. Prayers to the family!



Joyce Ferguson - January 24 at 06:25 PM

PV

“ Charlie was such a good honest man. He was a dedicated member of BUMC. He will be deeply missed. Prayers for God’s comfort and peace for Jeanne and the entire family.



Pamela Vaughan - January 24 at 01:54 PM

MF

“ Mandy Fugate lit a candle in memory of Charles Harden Burnette



Mandy Fugate - January 24 at 01:50 PM

RJ

“ Peace and Grace to the family . Charles and I in BHS last graduating class of 1964 , good athlete , student and friend . In Army same time , reconnected in church years later . Great neighbor hard worker man of integrity. Pleased to say I’m a better person by knowing Charlie . See you again my friend , rip .

Ronnie Jones - January 24 at 10:30 AM

RH

“ Mr. Burnette was a very nice person who was always dependable. He drove the school bus for many years for my nieces. He was always so appreciative when we gave him a Christmas gift. Prayers for his family. 🙏👐❤️



Rhonda Fleming Hodgin - January 23 at 10:17 PM

KB

“ Charlie was such a good man and an active member of Brosville United Methodist Church. He will be greatly missed. May the Peace of Christ cover the hurting hearts of Jeanne and all his family.💔

Katherine Blair - January 23 at 06:18 PM

DS

“ Debbie Simmons lit a candle in memory of Charles Harden Burnette



Debbie Simmons - January 22 at 11:01 PM

LH

“ Lynn Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Charles Harden Burnette



Lynn Hudgins - January 22 at 07:25 PM

JW

“ Charles was a dear friend I enjoyed driving the school bus with him may the Lord bless this family during there lost Jackie White

Jackie White - January 22 at 06:19 PM

CF

MySympathy to the family of Charlie Burnette, always a friendly man with a smile.

Carol Thompson Fortner - January 25 at 09:39 AM

CD

Charlie was a wonderful friend to Claude and I. He was a special person too many people. He always had a smile on his face. Rest In Peace dear Charlie you have well served your family, church and community.

Claude and Gail Dalton - January 26 at 05:41 PM

DC

Sending my love and prayers!! ❤️🙏❤️

Dixie Clifton - January 26 at 07:47 PM

KM

Jeanne and family, we are so sorry for your loss. May God bless you as you grieve the loss of a husband, father, and grandfather.

Kris and Bonnie McDaniel

Kris and Bonnie McDaniel - January 27 at 05:37 PM