



## Charles Phillip Clifton

March 28, 1948 - February 18, 2021

On February 18, 2021, Charles Phillip Clifton passed away at 72 years of age, and the world lost a great man.

He was born on March 28, 1948, in Smithfield, NC, to Ralph Clifton and Edna Benson Clifton, who preceded him in death. He was also predeceased by siblings, Alice Clifton Honeycutt, Leon Clifton, and Billie Clifton.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 20 years, Linda Swift Clifton, his daughter Laura Clifton (Renee Sargent), as well as “daughter” Joy Hill (Scott), and “son” Paul Deel (Peggy). He was loved as “Papa Charles” by his grandsons, Joseph Lawson, who was his constant helpmate, Dustin Lawson, and Samuel Deel. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, family members and close friends, whom he loved dearly.

Charles was a very caring man with a great sense of humor. He enjoyed cooking NC Barbecue for friends and family, being a NASCAR fan, cars, Sheltie dogs, and going out to eat, where he liked interacting with his favorite waitresses. He also enjoyed being an active member of Sandy Shores Baptist Church, where he had a great many friends, and he served in the United States Army. Charles was an interesting man with a big heart, who made fast friends wherever he went and he will be missed by many.

There will be no memorial service at this time, but arrangements are to be determined for a graveside service at a later date, in Benson, NC.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Clifton family.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Charles Clifton was a caring man and was loved by many friends and family. I will never forget him and the good times we all had together. Rest In Peace Charles!

janis Howard - February 21, 2021 at 02:59 PM

PA

“ Cousin Linda, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Charles seem to be a really wonderful person. I know the two of you loved each other very much and this is such a very sad time for you. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Phyllis Cox Abney - February 20, 2021 at 10:07 PM

JD

“ Charles, you will be missed. Our reunions will never be the same. It was great growing up with you. Prayers to everyone who loved Charles. I will have fond memories forever.  
Jean Benson Douglas —cousin.

jean benson douglas - February 20, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Charles was such a good man and always willing to lend a helping hand. I will miss his funny stories around the fire pit.

Wyndy Collie - February 20, 2021 at 08:52 AM

SV

“ Charles my first cousin. Love him very much. I'll always have him in my heart.

Sue Benson Vann - February 19, 2021 at 06:29 PM

JB

“ *Uncle Charles, the most interesting man in the world. We loved him so much!* ”

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**Jennifer Honeycutt Boyd** - February 19, 2021 at 05:16 PM

ES

“ *Linda I am so sorry about Charles he will be thoroughly missed. Always a helping hand and a smile.* ”

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**E Stoddart** - February 19, 2021 at 04:43 PM