



Charles Kickliter

July 27, 1924 - September 8, 2012

Charles Eugene "Gran-Gran" Kickliter, age 88 years, passed away on September 8, 2012 following a period of declining health. The son of Dowlin C. Kickliter and Jettie Waters Kickliter, he was born on July 27, 1924 in Tampa, Florida and later moved to Sarasota, Florida where he grew up. Charles graduated from Sarasota High School in 1941, and his college years were spent at the University of Florida and the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech). He interrupted his college studies during World War II joining the US Navy, where he served in the Pacific theater as a Lieutenant JG aboard a submarine chaser. After his service in the Navy, he returned to Georgia Tech earning his BS degree in Chemical Engineering in 1947.

Following his graduation, he married Carolyn Kyker of Newport and had three children, Judy, Phil, and David.

His employment career began as a paint chemist with Jones-Dabney Paint Company in Louisville, Kentucky for several years before relocating to Newport as a business partner in Kyker Motor Company. After several years at Kyker Motor Company, he opened Kickliter Ford Incorporated, in 1962, in Newport. He owned and operated this automobile dealership until 1987 when he retired and turned his interests to his family and recreational pursuits. He relished walks through the Clifton Heights neighborhood and the opportunity to converse with friends and neighbors that he encountered. He loved his

grandchildren and faithfully followed their sports activities from T-ball through the collegiate level.

He was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and hiking with family members. Charles was an original member of the Smoky Mountain BassMasters Club.

Reared in the Baptist faith, Charlie was a member of the Bayhaven Baptist Church in Sarasota, Florida. After relocating to Newport in 1951, he joined the First Baptist Church where he served the Lord for many years. He taught Sunday School for over 50 years, served as a deacon and deacon chairman for many terms, and was elected Deacon Emeritus as a result of his faithful service.

A long time member of the Kiwanis Club, Charlie served as President of the Newport Kiwanis in 1962. He also served on the Newport City School Board, the Union Cemetery Board and the Tax Appraisal Board until late 2011.

He leaves to mourn his passing: daughter, Judy, and husband, Kennie Bowling; son, Phil, and wife, Becky; son, David, and wife, Libby; grandchildren Justin and Kristin, Brett and Leigh Anne, and Matthew and Casey; great grandchildren Kate, Loretta, Halle, Nate, and Abe. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Neal Sr. He is survived by two sisters Gloria Nelson, Knoxville, and Rosemary Moses, Sumter, SC, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend funeral services at First Baptist Church of Newport. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on September 10th. The funeral service will be held at the church on September 11th at 9:00 AM, with the burial immediately following at Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Newport Building Fund.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Kickliter*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *David, I have such wonderful memories of Charlie coming to cheer his grandkids on at all the ballgames they played in. He was their biggest fan and enjoyed it so much! He will be sadly missed by all of you and all the many people who knew him.*

Vickie (Kuykendall) Costner - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Family All of you are in our prayers at this time of loss.*

Nancy Matthews Owens - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was in Deston. FL. last week but I have a lot fond memories of Mr. Charlie.*

Wiley Morgan - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Charles Kickliter*

Lisa Large - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a good man and will truly be missed. I will miss seeing him come by the drive-in he always had a smile on his face. My prayers are with you in your time of need*

liz mcnabb - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ You are in my thoughts & prayers. Ginni

Ginni Walker Foust - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To Dr. Kickliter and family, I am praying for you all. Love you all,
Jean Brooks Batson

Jean Brooks Batson - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Deepest Sympathy, Todd, Tammy and Austin Binkley

Todd Binkley - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Charles Kickliter

Jerrold & Angie Gorman - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ To all of the Kickliter family...you are in our thoughts and prayers!
Amy, Joey, Jonathan, and Sarah Bradshaw

Amy Bradshaw - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ With deepest sympathies on the loss of your loved one.

Jim, Sharon and K. C. Barker - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

E.

“ David, so sorry. It's a hard and difficult time. Hugs, EA

E. Ann - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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KP

“ So sorry to hear that Mr. Kickliter has passed away. He was a good friend of my Dad (Lawrence Gregg). He was a good man, who will be greatly missed.

Karen Gregg Parker - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ In sympathy

Michelle Crum - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Father. If he was anything like you, I am sure he was a very kind and wonderful person. You can just tell by his picture in the paper that he was a Godly man. I am praying for you and your family. God Bless. Love, Mary E

Mary Gentry - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dr. Kickliter and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and our prayers. Sandra and Frank Hoilman

Sandra Hoilman - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dr. Kickliter and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. I knew him from when I worked downtown at Newport Printing. He always had a smile and I loved his special way of sharing his intelligence and life experiences through the stories he sha

Saundra Lunsford - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We are very sorry to hear of your family's lose. We will keep you all in our thoughts in prayers.

Dana, Chandie, and Jackson Clark - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ David and family ,So sorry to hear about Charlie. Our prayers and thoughts are with you..

Jeff , Julie and Helen Kyker - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ David, Libby. boys and family, Kim and I send our prayers and love at this sad time for you. Mr. Kickliter was one of the finest men either of us have ever known. He was a great example of the true meaning of Grandparent, and showed us how a Christian sho

Terry & Kimberly Ball - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ OOU DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME OF LOSS. YOU ALL ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.KEEPING YOU ALL IN OUR PRAYERS. GOD BLESS,

Mike and Missy Wood - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ It is extremely difficult to let go of the ones we love but I know God is rejoicing at His gain. God's word tells us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Your father was a wonderful man and has been richly blessed by his wonder

Regina Penland Faulkner - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Sorry to hear about your dad. He was special. We bought cars from him and he was always so nice.

Phyllis Walker Combs - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ "Grandfathers are for loving, catching fish and fixing things." @ Matthew and Casey ~ We are so sorry for your loss. May God hold you in His loving arms during this difficult time. Your family will be in our prayers. We love you, Aunt Tammy and Steve

Steve and Tammy (Hutchens) Begley - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ At a time when words are hard to find.. May you find comfort in God's unchanging Word and His steadfast Love. With Deepest Sympathy, Lula & Ralph Ozmun

Lula Ozmun - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Sorry for your loss.

Peggy W. Lane - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Dr. Kickliter, Just wanted to say I am sorry to hear about your dad. He is in a better place. I don't think it will be long until we are all together in Heaven.*

Melissa Erby - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Praying God comfort each of you at this time of sadness.*

Donald & Doris Hutchens - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *David, Libby, and family- we love you guys!!! Know that you're in our thoughts and prayers!!!!*

Mark, Heather, and Will Sartain - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Praying God will wrap His loving arms around you. May His presence bring you peace, comfort and strength. Rosa, Donnie and Chris Sutton and Bea S. Brady*

Rosa Sutton - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *My prayers are lifted up for each of you during this time.*

Ray Fancher - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ *It is never easy to lose a loved one and especially one who has been to important and meaningful in your family. Your family is in our thoughts and in our prayers at this time.*

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *prayers for the family*

Reba Suton - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Charles Kickliter*

Louise Sweeten Kilgore - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss*

Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss he was a wonderful Man.*

Danny Holt - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. May God offer all of you comfort in the days ahead. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you.*

Louise Brown - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Linnie Denton - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

David & Amy Dorsey - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

JOHN A. BELL, Vida, Luke and Meredith Bell - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Mr. Kickliter was one of the nicest gentleman I have ever met. So sorry for your loss.

Cheryl Presnell - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ so sorry for your loss of a loved one. with deepest sympathy, cindy & family

cindy wise - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Charles Kickliter

Charles & Lana Williamson - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Will be praying for you and your family during this difficult time. May God give you comfort.

Bobby & Debbie Erby - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dearest David and family: Sherry Smith was kind enough to send the information that lead me to send this message for sympathy and prayer. I will be thinking about you during this trying time. Warmly,
Caroline

Caroline Sartin - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My mother (Maxine) and I are so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. He served and loved his country, his community, and his very wonderful family with fervor.*

Jeff Foster - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Susan Johnson - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *we are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. deepest sympathy, bobby & teresa*

teresa & bobby coggins - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

Tonia LaForce - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Sorry for your loss God Bless you!*

gailmetcalf - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Praying that the Lord will comfort you with His Peace... surround you with His Love... and encourage you with His presence. Lifting you in Prayer, Jabo, Tammy, Madison & Montana*

Tammy Francis - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Sorry for your loss. Thinking about your family during this time.

Rhonda Williams - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Charlie was a wonderful man and truly showed his love for God by his deeds and actions. may you find comfort knowing he is in Heaven, having the most wonderful time. Love and Prayers, Jake and Linda

Jake and Linda Wood - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Dr. Kick and family. Charlie was a true gentleman and will be missed at FPC. Our deepest sympathy and our prayers are for you all. May God wrap his loving arms around you, bring you comfort and peace as only He can do in your time of sorrow.

Mary and Paul Irwin - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Love you uncle Sam. I'll miss you so much!

Sarah Hancock - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Charles Kickliter

Linda D Clark - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Charles Kickliter

Anna R Dean - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We're so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers!

Tim & Teresa Grooms - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ With our love and sympathy! We loved Gran Gran...a fine Christian man and a true gentleman!

Rob & Lisa Myers - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ May God Bless and continue to be with you all. My Prayers are with you. He's in God's Hands and I Could Not think of any BETTER PLACE To BE. May He Rest In Peace. Sincerely, Betty Campbell (Aunt Fee)

Betty O. Campbell (Aunt Fee) - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this difficult time.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Charles Kickliter

KATHY AND BUDDY BARNETT - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Charles Kickliter

Robert and Martha Pack - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Charles Kickliter*

Mansfield mcMahon - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Many memories of Charlie (Gran)proudly and faithfully attending his grandson's ballgames. May God bless your family during this time of sorrow.*

Randall & Connie Frisbee - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great man.The family is in our prayers..God Bless....*

Carroll & Marilyn Austin - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *David and Family We are so sorry to hear of Charlie passing. We will miss him and long remember that wonderful smile of his. He was a true gentleman and wonderful person.*

Gary and Dorothy Kyker - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

UI

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Many thanks to his years of dedication on the Cemetery Board, he will be missed. Union Cemetery Board of Directors & Employees*

Union Cemetery of Newport, Inc. - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *We wish to express our sincere condolences. Gary and Kathy Holt*

Gary and Kathy Holt - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM