



Charles "Charley" A. Farley

September 30, 1951 - May 8, 2023

Charles A. Farley Jr, 71, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Monday, May 8, 2023 surrounded in love by his family. He was born September 30, 1951 in El Paso, Texas to Charles A. Farley Sr and Ernestine (Price) Farley. He attended Muskogee public school and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

He married Terry Ann Rigney on September 11, 1992 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. They shared more than 30 years of life, marriage and memories together.

Charley is survived by his wife Terry; three children and their spouses, Kelcie Jones and her husband Jake, Kristen Harris and her husband Ryan, Shane Farley and his wife Kristie; sister Jane Swan; grandchildren Graham Harris, Dylan Farley, Kelsie Ragsdale and her husband Dalton, Kadee Farley, LCPL. Colyn Farley; great-granddaughters Kambree and McCoy; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Charley was a serial hobbyist and most of the hobbies involved engines of some kind. He was an avid fisherman and had a boat most of his life. He enjoyed the Friday night tournaments on Greenleaf Lake in his younger days and later enjoyed taking new fishermen out for their first time outings. Many days he spent his "fishing time" pulling the newbie's lines out of the trees and brush, reattaching bait, and keeping the boat off the shore in his spare time. Later the fishing boat was traded for a ski boat and friends and family enjoyed bouncing around while tubing and floating on area lakes.

The Thunderin' Okie Funny Car hobby with Bruce and Bob involved a lot of work and a lot of travel. Hours were spent preparing and repairing the car and then driving miles and states away for a dash to the finish line against the clock. Charley used to talk about the smell of the burning fuel and burning rubber from the tires. He watched the drag races on TV every single time they came on.

He went through the remote-controlled car phase and ran cars and trucks around the yard – built ramps and dirt hills all around the yard to get a little air...and then the slot car phase - the track is still set up the garage. This time he didn't put out the handmade landscaped hills, trees, and streetlights....

Charley's most recent hobby was remote controlled airplanes. He was a proud member of T.R.A.M.P.S.- Three Rivers Area Model Plane Society. This wonderful, caring, group of men helped him survive these past four years.

Their support and comradery made him fight to live so he could fly each week. When his prognosis was challenging, this group provided a positive outlet and kept him looking forward to the next week. Our family is forever thankful to the TRAMPS.

Charley's life will be remembered at 10AM, Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Melody Dixon officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery.

The family requests memorials can be made to www.life.church or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Charles "Charley" A. Farley*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 16, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Charles "Charley" A. Farley*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Charley's passing. Knew him a long time and he was always such a nice man.*

Leigh Ann Matthews - June 01, 2023 at 09:15 AM



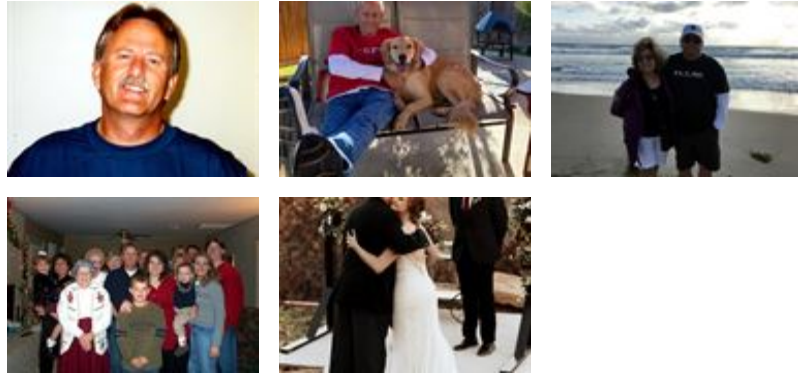
“ *Kenna Terrell lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charley" Farley*



Kenna Terrell - May 16, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 15, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Linda Doughty lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charley" Farley*



Linda Doughty - May 15, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.*



May 15, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.*



May 15, 2023 at 09:14 AM

CW

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Charley’s passing. You cannot easily forget his name or his fun-loving, easy-going nature, full of life and laughter that I now recall fondly from those care free, long ago days. Remembering his beautiful blue Mustang with rock music flowing easily from a super stereo system, his long blonde hair, black-rimmed glasses, radiant smile, laughing and enjoying life as happiness just seemed to follow him.

A bunch of FTG gals happened across a bunch of MHS guys while on one of many Friday night adventures, cruising up and down Okmulgee Ave. It was an easy and fun way to meet other kids at Sandy’s , Sonic or the Safeway parking lot. Music and conversations filled the night air, creating countless memories of those more innocent times. Somewhere and sometime then, we met Charley and friends. I never had the good fortune to see him again after those days, but would sometimes think of him or hear that he was doing “great” which never surprised me. He was bound for a successful life as he was such a good and decent guy.

Those innocent youthful times are a joy to recall now and Charley will remain a sweet spot in my memories of them. I can only begin to imagine all the friends he collected throughout his lifetime. To his beloved family and countless friends, I wish them much joy and peace as they recall treasured moments shared with this incredibly fun and kind man.

His legacy of laughter and light linger.....Thank you Charley, for making those few years in my adolescence much brighter. With deepest heartfelt sympathies, Carolyn Cahoon Watts

Carolyn Watts - May 15, 2023 at 09:12 AM

BB

“ Bruce, Laurie & Erin Bishop purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.



Bruce, Laurie & Erin Bishop - May 14, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.



May 14, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.



May 12, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.



May 12, 2023 at 02:32 PM

SD

“ Stacy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charley" Farley



Stacy Dunn - May 11, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.



May 11, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.



May 11, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Charley" A. Farley.



May 11, 2023 at 10:13 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. Charley was the first person I met when I joined the TRAMPS flying club in Muskogee. I flew with him many times. Will certainly miss those times. Jason Wallace

Jason Wallace - May 11, 2023 at 06:53 AM

JB

“ Joe beavers lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charley" Farley



Joe beavers - May 10, 2023 at 09:17 PM

DW

“ Dana Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charley" Farley



Dana Wheeler - May 10, 2023 at 08:07 PM

DP

“ Dana Payne lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charley" Farley



Dana Payne - May 10, 2023 at 06:00 PM

LI

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I worked with Charley for many years at OESC. I will always remember his amazing sense of humor.

Respectfully, Lisa Hoelscher

Lisa - May 10, 2023 at 03:46 PM

TT

“ I first met Charley when I worked for OESC (Will Rogers Bldg/OKC) in the Benefits Division as a summer "temp" around 1988 or so. He was the Muskogee Local Office Manager at that time. Always had a good conversation with him and never will forget his energy and enthusiasm for life and good friends. We also shared an interest in rock music which we enjoyed while working concerts at the Zoo Amphitheater (OKC). I will miss you dearly, my friend. My condolences and prayers go to you and your beloved family. God Bless You - Charley's family and friends. Todd Thacker

Todd Thacker - May 10, 2023 at 03:15 PM

SK

Charley was one of my favorite people. Such a good sense of humor - very dry but so funny! I worked with him for many years and was always so glad to see him. I hope his family is comforted by the fact that so many people loved him.

Susie Kosek - May 10, 2023 at 09:23 PM

EC

“ Eugene conrad lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charley" Farley



Eugene conrad - May 10, 2023 at 02:56 PM