

## Charles H. Dye Sr.

March 5, 1928 - April 3, 2021

Charles Houston Dye, Sr., 93, of Tulsa, OK passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2021. He was born on March 5, 1928 to Robert and Pearl (West) Dye in Fort Gibson, OK.

Charles attended Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur, OK graduating in 1948. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. After receiving additional training in printing, he began work as a linotype operator in McKinney, Texas. In 1952, he moved to Tulsa. Charles worked for the Tulsa World and Tribune for 41 years, initially as a linotype operator then as a layout artist, until retiring in 1994.

He married his best friend, Janet Ruth (Hurd) Dye in September 1951. They shared many years of marriage and memories together. Charles was a faithful and active member of Boston Ave. Methodist Church in Tulsa.

Charles was an active member of the deaf community serving terms as Board President and Board Member of Tulsa Speech and Hearing Association, Inc. He received awards for his active volunteerism in the deaf community. He was active in the Oklahoma State School for the Deaf Alumni Association. Charles wrote extensively in the School for the Deaf Newsletter capturing the history of the experiences of the children attending. Charles was a powerful advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing communities, especially for children and young adults. Charles helped teach future generations of hearing people American Sign Language because of his willingness to bridge English and ASL and to share his time and his personal story.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Ruth Dye; father, Robert Roy Dye; mother, Pearl M Dye; daughter, Susan E Dye; brothers, John C Dye, Robert Dye, Jr. and Billy Dye; sisters, Wanda Bradley and Rosa Lee James. He is survived by his sons, Charles Dye, Jr of Claremore, OK and Leslie Dye of Santa Fe, NM; brothers, Gene Dye of Muskogee, OK and Henry Dye of Fort Gibson, OK; sister, Ellen Logan of Muskogee, OK; granddaughters, Kelli Dye of Tulsa, OK, Natasha Freismuth of New Haven, CT and Mahriah Dye of Seattle, WA; grandson, Noah Dye of Los Angeles, CA; great-grandchildren, Luca Legarreta of Seattle, WA, Simon Freismuth of New Haven, CT and Benjamin Freismuth of New Haven, CT.

A celebration of Charles' life will be 10am, Friday, April 9, 2021 at Memorial Park Mausoleum with Emery Mason officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Dye, Jr., Leslie Dye, Evan Taylor, Drew Taylor, William Medicine Crow and Joe Kennedy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Tulsa Speech and Hearing Association, Inc., 8740 E. 11th St, Tulsa, Ok 74112.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

APR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum  
7600 Old Taft Rd  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles H. Dye Sr.*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *WANDA lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Dye Sr.*



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**WANDA** - April 16, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ I grew up next door to the Dyes my entire childhood. They were an integral part of my life. They had 3 kids and my family had 3 kids. We were all each others 1st best friends. They are still are my family. Losing Susie changed my life forever. And having Janet and Charles as my 2nd parents changed my view on life and my career path. They gave me a language and community that I love! I will forever hold them in my heart.

Charles was fortunate. He came from a loving family with many brothers and sisters. Married Janet and had 3 wonderful children. He was very active with TSHA and the Deaf Community. He was an amazing father! He had great friends (Howard Goordineer and James Allen and many others.) He helped "raise" the first generation of interpreters who weren't CODAS. Any beginning interpreter world tell you that Charles's fingers spelling was notorious!! And TSHA should be forever grateful to him for the countless hours he volunteered to support their agency! He was=is a great man. He lives on in his sons Charlie and Denny (Leslie) and in myself and my brother Jerry. Thank you Charles for being that great influence in all of our lives.

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**Janelle Hankinson** - April 08, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Janelle Hankinson lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Dye Sr.



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**Janelle Hankinson** - April 08, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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“ Charles was a great guy, and was always ready to go and volunteer in Deaf organizations, especially TSHA. Charles leaves a huge print in our hearts.

Lynn Z. Null



Lynn Null - April 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM

LB

“ I will miss this quiet, sweet man, my elder within the Deaf world, as a friend in past 22 years, sweet memories, history, stories will forever be cherished I was blessed he shared endlessly.

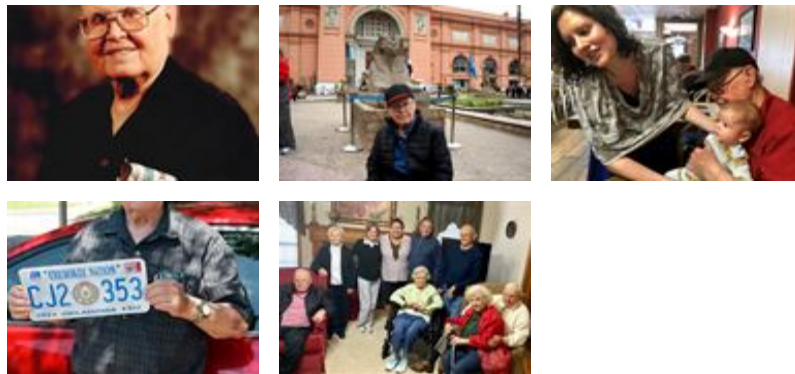
To the family, thank you for sharing him with us and may blessings of peace come upon each and everyone of you.

Linda K. Blue

Linda Blue - April 06, 2021 at 11:46 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 06, 2021 at 04:47 PM

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“ *Charle3s was called the "Iron Man" for his hours and hours of volunteer works. such a dedicated man, and tireless volunteer. Nothing but respect for him!*

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**rodger cameron** - April 06, 2021 at 02:29 PM