



Charles William Shipp III

August 11, 1942 - February 14, 2018

Charles William Shipp III, 75, Fort Payne, died Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, TN after a brief hospitalization.

Charles was born August 11, 1942 in Fort Payne, AL and was a lifelong area resident. He graduated from Fort Payne High School in May 1960 and earned a Bachelor of Interior Design from Auburn University in June 1965. Charles later pursued graduate studies, earning a Master's in Education with a concentration in History from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in June 1975. He also completed post graduate work in Educational Administration, earning an AA Certificate from the University of Alabama in 1985.

Charles was employed by the Fort Payne City School System for 30 years, retiring in August 1998. He served as a classroom teacher for 19 of those years, teaching American Government and Economics, American History, World History, AP European History, Alabama History and Technical Drawing. He also served as Assistant Principal at Fort Payne High School for five years and Principal for six years. He ended his tenure by serving as Central Office Supervisor for five years. During eight years of his teaching, Charles also served as a bus driver for the school system.

After retiring from the school system in 1998, Charles was an English as a

Second Language (ESL) Consultant for the Alabama State Department, conducting workshops in Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas. Beginning in 2000, Charles worked as a Safety Consultant for the Southeastern Comprehensive Assistance Center (SECAC), providing safety inspections and reports to schools in Alabama and Arkansas. In 2002, Charles accepted the position of Manager of the Alabama Band Fan Club in Fort Payne. In that role, he was responsible for redesigning the Fan Club, designing merchandise, and increasing Fan Club membership. He also traveled with the band during their Farewell Tour selling Fan Club memberships.

Charles was an active and devoted member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church from August 1971 until the present, where he served in numerous roles, including Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Vestry member, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Intercessor, Lector, and Christian Education teacher. He also arranged the altar flowers for many years. Charles was confirmed in June 1970 at the Episcopal Cathedral of the Advent in Birmingham by The Right Reverend Furman T. Stough, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Alabama.

Besides family, church, and being an educator, Charles's other passions included gardening, cooking, art, classical music, Russian history, the British Monarchy, genealogy, and arranging flowers. He was able to combine his love for history and culture and enjoy many trips throughout the United States and abroad throughout his adult life, especially if they involved seeing The Imperial (Fabergé) Eggs. His skills in the kitchen were known and appreciated by many, as he cooked and served food for numerous church, community and prison ministries. He also loved Auburn University and was a proud Golden Eagle. In addition to his Auburn Tigers, he loved to cheer on the Atlanta Braves, attending numerous spring training and regular season games over the years.

Charles was married to Sara Aveline Isbell (Quinn) on August 5, 1971 at St.

Philip's Episcopal Church, The Rev. Graham Glover officiating. He and Sara had one daughter, Amy Rebecca Shipp, born February 13, 1975. Charles was also a loving stepfather to Kirk Tcherneshoff and Susan Tcherneshoff (Smith) during his nine-year marriage to Sara. Charles's second marriage was to Rosalie Saxon Cook on June 14, 1985 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, The Revs. T. Frank Mathews and John W. Sewell officiating.

Charles is survived by his wife of 32 years, Rosalie Cook Shipp; daughter Amy Rebecca Shipp (Eric Schulz); sister-in-law Carol Cook Wilson (Julian Wilson); nieces Dr. Shannon Dorn (Dr. Matthew Dorn) and Cynthia Sudderth (Geoffrey Sudderth); and great-nieces and nephew Aleah, Luke and Ashlyn Dorn. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Russell Shipp and Charlsie Lyons Shipp, as well as his beloved dog, Boy, a German Shepherd and Chow mix.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 2813 Godfrey Avenue North, Fort Payne, AL, 35967. A Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 PM at St. Philip's, with The Rev. W. Dexter Bender serving as Celebrant. The Committal of ashes will be held at the columbarium at St. Philip's Episcopal Church immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the Shipp family requests contributions to St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 2813 Godfrey Avenue North, Fort Payne, AL, 35967. Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles William Shipp III*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Charles is my 3rd cousin, my grandpa Sam & his grandmother "Bessie" were brother/sister. My mother has very entertaining stories about Charles, her "young cousin" especially his strong interest in genealogy, history & his loyalty to family. You will be missed by all: our kind & caring Charles. Amy & Rosalie you are both in our thoughts & prayers.*

Cindy Greenwood Burns - February 18, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ *Mr. Shipp was a good friend of my Mother, Carol Jane Hilyer. He was also my Principal in High School. My mother died when I was a Junior. My grades took a nose dive and I almost gave up on graduating high school. That is when Mr. Charles Shipp took action. He pulled me in to his office and sat me down and told me to get my act together. He said I loved your Momma so I love you too, and I refuse to let you quit now. It took an extra semester, but he saw me through....all the way to Graduation. I will be forever grateful to him for not giving up on me, and being there for me when my mother was not able to be. He will never be forgotten. Not ever! Fly high Sir! You will be missed!*

Eric Hilyer - February 18, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ We are so sorry about Charles-Sally Akins told us. Thinking of you with prayers for your family.

-Lucy & Jack Danner

Jack Danner - February 17, 2018 at 05:07 PM

BA

“ Sorry of Charles passing, he was a very friendly person & enjoyed the programs he presented for our Genealogical meetings & also working with at our paper project. he will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family. BETTY ADAMS

Betty Adams - February 17, 2018 at 01:26 PM

CC

“ Charles was an amazing man, husband, Christian and friend. He loved fully for his church, Rosalie and all he knew. I have benefited from his kindness, delicious food, cheerful countenance and generous spirit for many, many years. I am extremely grateful that he and my dear friend, Rosalie, had 32 happy years together!
Charlotte Christopher

Charlotte Christopher - February 16, 2018 at 05:26 PM

SH

“ I was in his first classes at FPHS. We has a group of wonderful young teachers along with our veterans. Mr. Shipp had a very dry wit and made class interesting. He was them my daughter's principal and i worked with him as a fellow teachet. He will be missed.

Sarah Haase - February 16, 2018 at 02:37 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Shipp's passing. He was my world history teacher in high school. I very much enjoyed his class and him as a teacher. He was always a kind and helpful person. I know he will be greatly missed.

Theresa Sharp

Theresa - February 16, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ A wonderful man with a wonderful family and many friends who will never forget him.

Sarah Johnson - February 16, 2018 at 08:35 AM

DC

“ David Colvard lit a candle in memory of Charles William Shipp III



david colvard - February 16, 2018 at 08:06 AM

DL

“ I graduated in 75, remember well Mr. Shipp. He taught us about comparative religions, this included option of participating in Communion at his church. Being a Baptist boy, this was quite the eye-opening experience for me! I also remember one time jumping up in the hallway and hitting the alarm bell on the wall, it came clanging down with all kinds of noise. Mr Shipp was the hall monitor, rushed out and caught me in the act. I could have been in big trouble, but he simply shook his head in dismay and let me go. I've always appreciated the kindness. He was a good teacher and a fine Christian example to his students. God's blessings to his family.

David Lyle - February 15, 2018 at 11:37 PM

RC

“ So sorry Rosalee.He will be so missed. Rosa Currie



Rosa Winters Currie - February 15, 2018 at 09:52 PM

VB

“ Charles was a favorite of mine in the arthritis water aerobics class and he will be greatly missed. My prayers are with the family. Love, Velma Brown, instructor at Fitness First.

Velma Brown - February 15, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ Charles Shipp was always a kind and smiling face in high school and in all the times I have known him. He was fun and a solid person. He will be missed and especially by his loving wife and family. Rest in Peace Charles-- in that Glorious New Home!

Jerolyn Ridgeway Smith - February 15, 2018 at 07:44 PM