



Charlie Sipes

August 19, 1933 - July 17, 2021

On Saturday, July 17, Charlie Sipes passed away peacefully at Sand Ridge, his home for 87 years and the place he called “The Garden Spot of the World.” Charlie had a wonderful life and enjoyed it tremendously. He was born in Juno, the youngest of three children. He attended Sand Ridge School and grew up surrounded by friends and family. His bachelor days ended when he met young Peggy Holt on the square in 1957. Married in 1961, they would have celebrated 60 happy years of marriage in October of this year. Charlie was a talented musician. At age 14, he heard a record of Tommy Jackson fiddling “Black Mountain Rag” at the Henderson County Fair, and his fiddling career began. Within three weeks, he taught himself to fiddle and was playing on the local radio station. Soon after that he won his first fiddler’s contest. Dubbed “Charmin’ Charlie” by his fans, he went on to become a champion fiddler who entertained at square dances and with country bands all over West Tennessee for over 60 years. He served as Grand Marshal of the Holladay Bluegrass and Fiddlers’ Jamboree, and was honored by the Sardis Fiddler’s Contest for 40 consecutive years of participation. In addition to music, Charlie loved and could fix anything with wheels. As a kid, he had a bike that he painted a different color every week. In his early twenties, his beloved 1950 Oldsmobile had every accessory he could add to it. Tinkering with his own cars turned into a lifelong career. He started repairing cars in his father’s blacksmith shop, and opened Charlie Sipes Garage in 1955. He worked as a mechanic for more than half a century, gaining a reputation for

integrity and skill. Even after he retired, he continued to tinker, restoring tractors and Studebakers in his shop at home. No one has ever loved the place where they lived more than Charlie. To him, there was no better place in the world than Sand Ridge. As a young talented baseball player, he was invited to try out for the St. Louis Cardinals. He declined (much to his father's dismay), because it would have meant leaving Sand Ridge. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Cager and Minnie Sipes; his sister, Elvie Lee Melton, and his brother, Guy Henry Sipes. He leaves his wife, Peggy Holt Sipes, his daughter Charleyn Sipes Reviere (Rusty), and his grandsons Charles Connor Reviere and Grant Reviere, all of whom adored him. He leaves several nieces and nephews, including a special niece Patsy Melton, and many friends and fellow musicians with whom he played over the years. Charlie always loved animals, and was preceded by his beloved bird dog Bowser, a mutt named Smoochie, and a very talkative mynah bird, Toby. Visitation and funeral services will be at Reed's Chapel in Lexington. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, July 21 at 11 am, with burial to follow at Sand Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday evening, July 20 from 6 pm to 9 pm and on Wednesday, July 21 from 9 am until service. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Charlie's love of animals, the family asks for memorial donations to the Frances Hensley Animal Shelter.

Tribute Wall

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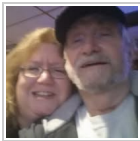
“ I met Charlie when I was 14 years old in Lexington, TN. I lived in Cedar Grove. He and I were friends for many years when we were young. We actually dated some but we were just really great friends who enjoyed talking to each other. He was handsome, charming and had a great personality. He was so talented. I loved his music. I send my condolences to his family and his friends. I know they will miss him so much. Glad they have so many wonderful memories of him, and I am sure he loved them all with all of his heart.

Leta Hart Bishop - September 14, 2021 at 07:39 PM

TB

“ So sorry to hear of Charlie's passing.
The world is a lesser place without Him.

T.H. Blankenship - July 25, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Barbara Brown lit a candle in memory of
Charlie Sipes



Barbara Brown - July 21, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JH

Gary and Judy hardin

Judy hardin - July 22, 2021 at 01:50 AM

JH

Heard him many times and always enjoyed his talent

Judy hardin - July 22, 2021 at 01:52 AM

LT

“ Charlie always. had a smile on his face when i pulled in his shop he knew i was having. trouble and always fixed fixed. My. Car we all. loved him.Dearly and I pray for each one of you all for the days ahead . He was one of the Best!!

Lisa Tutor - July 21, 2021 at 12:18 PM

LT

“ Lisa Tutor lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes



Lisa Tutor - July 21, 2021 at 12:07 PM

MO

“ We lost a great man. You will truly be missed. Broadway, TN.

Marty Overman - July 21, 2021 at 11:59 AM

LE

“ Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes



Linda Elam - July 20, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charlie Sipes.*



July 20, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *They just don't make em like charlie sipes no more- Rest in peace Sir*

Danny - July 20, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *Charlie fixed many cars for my family over the years. His legacy lives on. Prayers for his family.*



Becky Britt Browder - July 20, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Joy Britt Williams lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes*



Joy Britt Williams - July 20, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Charlie Sipes*.



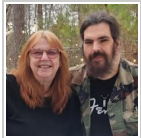
July 20, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes*



Cotton Rhodes - July 20, 2021 at 07:07 AM



“ *Sandi Smith lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes*



Sandi Smith - July 20, 2021 at 12:47 AM



“ *Gina Martin lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes*



Gina Martin - July 19, 2021 at 10:47 PM

SB

“ *Shelia Brantley lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes*



Shelia Brantley - July 19, 2021 at 08:16 PM

AG

“ *Allison Garrett lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes*



Allison Garrett - July 19, 2021 at 07:52 PM

DE

“ *I've known this man since I was knee high to a jack rabbit, he use to work on my mommy's(Francis Ellis), car all the time. So sorry for your loss Charlie, will be dearly missed by all. Prayers for the family, forever in my heart, thoughts and prayers*



Denise Ellis - July 19, 2021 at 07:47 PM

JM

“ *I remember when my mother had car troubles he would fix it for us .Mon had 7 children and we lived not far from the shop.Charlie would always help anyone regardless if they had the money too pay or not.I just want to say he was a friend for life.*

Janet Moody - July 19, 2021 at 07:37 PM

BN

“ CHARLIE YOU ARE THE BEST GOING TO MISS YOU COMING TO THE STORE WE LOVE YA AND YOUR MUSIC YOU ARE GOD'S ANGEL NOW PLAY YOUR MUSIC HIGH IN THE SKY AND DEEPEST SYMPHATHY TO THE FAMILY.

Bonnie Nichols - July 19, 2021 at 02:07 PM

PT

“ My dad (James Douglas) was friends for many years . He always talked of Charming Charlie and said there was no better than him on the fiddle . So sorry for your loss 🙏❤️

Pam Tubbs - July 19, 2021 at 02:01 PM

MW

“ Mickey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Charlie Sipes



Mickey Wilson - July 19, 2021 at 01:57 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss!! Charlie was a wonderful man and a best friend of my daddy and family for a long time he will be missed but always remembered in our hearts. To the family y'all are in our thoughts and prayers.



Donna Dickey - July 19, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charlie Sipes.* ”



July 19, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Peggy so sorry for your loss!* ”



Bonnie Hopper Haywood - July 19, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Mike & Kathy Redding sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlie Sipes* ”



mike & kathy redding - July 19, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ *Playing that fiddle on high. ✨🙏✨ Extending sympathy and prayers to the family.* ”



Beth Schneider - July 19, 2021 at 12:12 PM

TA

“ *Condolences from Bobby Ayers & family. So sorry.*



Teresa Ayers - July 19, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JK

Charlie you played fiddle at the finger dance many years and we enjoyed every minute

James kirkpatrick - July 20, 2021 at 05:51 PM