



Charles Edgar Darby

December 31, 1929 - April 10, 2018

Charles E. Darby, 88, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2018 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. Charles was born on December 31, 1929 in Lola, Texas to John Jefferson Darby and Lillie Pyle Darby. Charles graduated from Lola HS in 1946 and enlisted in the US Navy. He served aboard the cruiser USS Atlanta and the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa sailing around the world between 1946-1949. He loved to entertain his grandkids with stories about his childhood and Navy days.

After being honorably discharged from the US Navy, he entered Sam Houston State University receiving his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Charles continued his professional education with a M.Ed. and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. He went on to have a distinguished career in education as a teacher, principal, superintendent and ended his 30+ year career as a Professor of Education at Sam Houston State University.

Charles, in his younger days, loved the game of golf and shared that passion with his son, Chuck. You could find him hitting balls just about anywhere. After his retirement from SHSU, he spent most of this time enjoying the Little 4 Ranch with his wife Ann, building the CED Farm cattle business, and researching and subsequently publishing a book about his family genealogy and history. Being an athlete himself, he was so proud to attend his grandchildren's football, baseball and volleyball games.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 63 years, Mary Ann, his brothers Otis, Herschule, Curtis and John Jr. Darby and his sister Lillian Howard. He is survived by his son Charles, Jr. and his wife Annie; his daughter Debi Reesing and her husband Steve; six grandchildren: Sarah Clapham and husband Jason, Trey Darby and wife April, John Darby and wife Cydni, Kyle Reesing, Todd Reesing and Megan Reesing and eight great grandchildren: David, Christian, Joshua and Katie Clapham and Chase, Caden, Savannah and Kayleigh Darby.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

Iola, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 11:30 AM (CT)

Zion Methodist Church
23727 Trinity Rd
Iola, TX 77861

Funeral services

APR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Edgar Darby*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Tobby was a special person for our family. He and Ann were a huge help to Pam's mother Estelle, first during Casey's illness and passing, then during her own. We will miss him greatly, remembering lots of good times.*

Jack and Pam Wilkinson

John Wilkinson - April 13, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ *Charlie was a colleague of mine and Ann and Joyce worked together at Gibbs. They were also the best of friends. We have many memories of times with them and we shared both the good and not so good happenings in our lives. Our best to the family with our love. Jimmy Merchant*

Jimmy Merchant - April 12, 2018 at 05:39 PM



I was a student at Sam Houston in the early 1970s. Dr. Darby was so gracious to me in all things. I have thought of him several times through the years and am saddened to hear of his struggle and eventual passing. He cared and it showed.

Ron Brown - June 01, 2020 at 09:24 PM

DL

“ *Diane L. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Charles Edgar Darby.*



Diane L. - April 12, 2018 at 04:38 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Charles Edgar Darby*



M. Hyvl - April 12, 2018 at 02:23 PM

DH

“ *A great teacher and educator and friend. Rest in peace Charlie.*

David Henderson - April 11, 2018 at 03:15 PM

TH

“ *Tony and Linnea Bennett, Bob & Tracy Henry purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Charles Edgar Darby.*



Tony and Linnea Bennett, Bob & Tracy Henry - April 10, 2018 at 12:44 PM