



Charles Wylie Fain

July 19, 1957 - February 13, 2010

Charles Wylie Fain Charles Wylie Fain, 52, was born July 19, 1957 in Houston, Texas and died at his home February 8, 2010 in Huntsville, Texas. Most people knew him as Charlie. He grew up and went to school in Houston. In high school he joined ROTC. After he graduated Scarborough High School in 1975, he went on to Sam Houston State University. He then joined the Air Force where he worked as an Intelligence gatherer and was stationed at the Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. During his time in the Air Force, he received numerous awards which included the good conduct medal, the Air Force outstanding unit award, the Air Force longevity service ribbon, and the USAF air medal. He was a sergeant when he was honorably discharged from the military. Once he was out of the Air Force, he went to work for Heil for a short time. He then went on to work for Getty Oil which at some point was bought out by Texaco Trading and Transportation Inc. where he worked for many years. In 1997, he went to work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) where he started in the Huntsville tractor shop, then moved up through the ranks to a fleet analyst in transportation for TDCJ, then moved into the facilities budget department. He lateraled into project control and then promoted to program manager where he remained until his death. He was a man of many interests. He definitely loved to go bass fishing. He preferred warmer weather for fishing but sometimes went when it was cold. He enjoyed being outdoors no matter what he did, whether it was fishing, camping, or cooking. He also enjoyed barbecuing for his family and friends; he really knew

how to cook up some good grub. There is no one who enjoyed life better than Charlie. He touched the lives of everyone he knew. He was a great man and will be greatly missed but never forgotten. He is survived by his best friend and loving wife Edna Fain of Huntsville; mother and father Sarah and Carlton Fain of San Jacinto County; son Travis Fain of Huntsville; step-daughter and husband Heather and David Carpenter of Spurger; step-granddaughter Nicole Ferguson of Ivanhoe; brother and sister-in-law John and Connie Fain of Spring; brother and sister-in-law Ronnie and Sandra Fain of Kingwood; sister Rhonda Fain of Houston; two nieces Denise of Louisiana and Taylor of Spring; two nephews Jeremy of Houston and Nick. He is also survived by many in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and of course we cannot forget his black lab "Roscoe", who Charlie loved dearly. The family will receive visitors from 5:00pm to 7:00pm Friday, February 12, 2010 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas. Services for Charlie will be at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Travis Fain and Heather Carpenter Educational Fund at Community Service Credit Union in Huntsville or at www.cscutx.com (Account # 1164617). Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Wylie Fain*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *As time has quickly passed and we are now approaching four years since Charlie left us, it seems fitting to say that there are those people who are never easily forgotten --- Charlie is certainly one of them. Can still see his smiling face and fast-paced walk through the Facilities Division hallways.*

A TDCJ Friend - December 09, 2013 at 06:01 PM



“ *Aunt Edna,*

I am sorry for your lost. Our prayers are with you during this hard time. My thoughts were with you on Saturday as I attended another family funeral. We love you!

Tonya Ebert and Family

Tonya Ebert - March 07, 2010 at 05:05 PM



“ *Sorry, I could not be with you.*

Earl Gaines - March 07, 2010 at 04:48 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. SORRY I could not be there for you. If you need to talk, you can call me.*

Judy Stover - March 07, 2010 at 04:46 PM

KH

“*Edna and the Fain Family may God wrap you in his loving arms and provide the strength of Faith and Hope throughout this difficult time. Charlie Fain was not only my Boss, he was my Friend and I loved him as if he were my own Brother. I am so very thankful that I had the opportunity to cross paths with Charlie. He was the most warm hearted, witty, giving, caring and thoughtful person you could ever meet. He made coming to work such a pleasure. He always had that infectious smile that he wore and his uplifting attitude that he displayed each and every day even during his bouts with whatever it was that was making him feel so drained. There was not a day went by that we didn't share in the laughs. When he would ask for something, like a report I would just say "Sorry Charlie" or "Go Fish" and we would just laugh. No matter how difficult or trying your day was, Charlie could always put a spin on it and make it all better. Our jobs required alot of leg work, walking here, there and everywhere and at the end of the day we would match up our pedimeters, of course his would always be more than mine. He would always share his fishing tips with me to kind of give me the edge when my husband, Frank and I would go fishing. Then come Monday we would trade fishing stories. Then there was that Chef Charlie in him ... that too he would share all his cooking tips with me and I with him. Charlie was a one of a kind and I am going to truly miss MY FRIEND, CHARLIE. I LOVE YA MAN! Edna, you know that I am here for you ... all you have to do is call, Sister. Carlton and Sarah Fain ... thank you so much for having and sharing such an amazing son ... you should be so ever proud. Charlie has touch so many hearts! May God bless us ALL.*

Kathryn Holley - February 26, 2010 at 04:58 PM

CP

“ Edna, I had the privilege of meeting Charlie at work, and to recognize the total kindness and decency within him. There are few people in this world to be blessed with such devotion and loyalty, and you were given one of the greatest gifts of life to have shared this with Charlie. It is truly an honor to have had the opportunity to witness the dedication that he displayed for you, family, and his work. The blessings will continue through every heart and life he touched, especially to you, Travis and Heather. Please know that you are loved and we are here for you at anytime.

Cissy Lucas TDCJ, PF-CMOD - February 19, 2010 at 03:26 PM

JM

“ Sarah, Carlton and the whole family,
We were sorry to hear about Charles. We hope God will be with each of you in the days to come, to help you with your loss. The time, we spend with Charles will be memories we will carry with each of us from now on. We will keep you in our prayers.
Love, Jeremy Fain & Mitzi Turner

Jeremy & Mitzi - February 19, 2010 at 02:33 PM

DP

“ Edna, our prayers are with you. Charlie was a very special person to everyone as he shared his friendship and smile. His friendship will be missed. I know that you both were not only husband and wife, but very close and special friends to each other. Our hearts go out to you. God Bless!

David & Rose Paluka - February 17, 2010 at 11:50 AM

TL

“ I shortly know him well since I ve seen him down the hall every time I go outside with my hearing dog. I m sorry to hear that and I m Prayer with ya'll and your family. I m sure he s good guy .

Tina Landrum-Voitle - February 16, 2010 at 04:21 PM

MI

“ heather and rita so sorry for your lost. i am worry about u both.. {herther we miss very},sorry about charlie but he is in abetter place.....god be with you both and i wish i could be there for but i am here if you need me. ILOVEANDMISSYOUMUCH..... LOVE MIKE@TARESSA

mike@taressa - February 12, 2010 at 10:17 PM

HO

“ Edna,
Charlie was a wonderful man! I can not express how much he is missed. Everyone knows that you two were the best of friends and madly in love. You two always made me jealous! The first time Charlie and I had a conversation he told me that you were his best friend. Charlie was my boss for the past two years and gained much respect from me. He always knew how to cheer someone up with his "Sup Dude!?", "What's up girl?", his laughter, and his smiles. Work will not be the same without him. I am deeply sorry and want you to know that I will always be there for you. If you ever need anything just let me know.

Haley Ogden - February 12, 2010 at 09:44 PM

TM

“ I would like to extend my thoughts and prayers to your family. I graduated with Charlie from Scarborough High School in 1975. I can remember his warm, friendly smile from almost 35 years ago. I now live with my family in Montgomery, close to the Huntsville area. Again, my sincerest condolences.

Tamie Souders Mellen - February 12, 2010 at 08:48 PM

GC

“ Edna, We are so truly saddened at everyone's loss of Charlie. He was a great neighbor and he would do anything for anyone. We don't know what Gary will do without him to ask advice on how to repair something. One time especially comes to mind when Gary needed help on a repair. When Gary got there, Charlie said, "Hey, dude. Let's sit down and talk it through. We'll figure out what to do." Edna, you and all the family are in our thoughts and prayers. We're here if you ever need anything.

Love, Gary and Jennifer Cooper

Gary & Jennifer Cooper - February 12, 2010 at 08:45 PM

PC

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I will miss Charlie very much. He was great to work with and it was always a pleasure to see him strolling into our offices. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Charlie and all his family and friends.

Pete Johson, TDCJ Contracts - February 12, 2010 at 07:40 PM

TC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Currys - February 12, 2010 at 06:14 PM

JP

“ Edna and family: There are no words to express the condolences I feel for you and your family. Charlie was one of a kind. He had such an uplifting attitude that just being around him made you feel good. He was my ray of sunshine at work. It didn't matter how many times I saw him throughout the day he would always say "What's up, Joann?" Lord, how I miss that. His smile and uplifting spirit was contagious and he was special to all of us at TDCJ Facilities. May God give you strength through the days ahead and lift you up above the sorrow and sadness.
Joann Perkins
TDCJ Facilities Project Administration

Joann Perkins - February 12, 2010 at 05:39 PM

ES

“ Edna-
We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep all the family in our prayers. My heart just dropped when I answered the phone & you (Edna) were calling me. My heart is very heavy. I am so sad to know you lost your best friend. Charlie was such a great person and my heart aches for you. Edna, Thank the Good Lord you have lots of great memories with Charlie, although for a long time it will hurt to think about it. BUT Thank the Lord you had such a wonderful life together.... Soulmates. We have all the family in our thoughts & prayers. Call me anytime, Edna. Charlie was loved by so many people and was obviously well-liked by everyone he met; no surprise there. I will never forget our "working years" in Madisonville at Getty/Texaco. And will never forget the friendship.
Paula

Elden & Paula Smith - February 12, 2010 at 04:02 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Cleta

Cleta Magnuson - February 12, 2010 at 02:42 PM

JM

“ I will always remember Charles for his great sense of humor, love for his family and his zest for fishing and cooking.

May the Lord watch over his family and carry them through this very sad and troubling time.

*Love from his aunt
Jane Mansell*

Jane Mansell - February 12, 2010 at 11:12 AM

AS

“ GOD give you grace and uphold you
In days ahead, in all you do
And place your feet on higher ground.
GOD walk with you, step after step,
And strengthen you when you need help.
GOD hold you close both day and night.
GOD give you love, GOD send you light

*May our Lord Jesus Christ...
and God our Father...
Comfort your heart.
2 Thessalonians 2:16,17*

Angie Strong - February 12, 2010 at 09:38 AM

TP

“ The TDCJ HUB Program wishes to extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Charlie was a good-hearted, genuine friend to us all. We will truly miss his presence in our TDCJ family. May God bless and comfort you and your family.

TDCJ HUB Program - February 11, 2010 at 05:20 PM

TF

“ Edna, Our thought and prayers are with you and your family during this time of great sorrow. TDCJ Cashier / Travel / Restitution & Fees

TDCJ Cashier / Travel / Restitution & Fees - February 11, 2010 at 04:35 PM

KS

“ The news about Charlie shocked and saddened me beyond words. Our paths crossed through a couple of projects years ago, and from that point, he was someone whose name brought a smile. He was such a bright spot in a world that can be so dark sometimes. He had a sweet spirit and a presence that just made the world a happier place. I have truly never known a neater or more positive person. God bless and keep you and the many memories you must have.

Kim Simmons - February 11, 2010 at 01:42 PM

KZ

“ Sarah and Carlton-
Charlie taught us that "friendships are a lifetime of shared experiences and memories". He knew the difference between holding a hand and claiming a soul. Relationships with Charlie were never only briefly -- they existed and therefore survive.

Edna,
Thank you for the time he belonged to us. Charlie remains the "touched hand of a friend."

Ken and Carolyn Zischang - February 11, 2010 at 01:02 PM

JR

“ Edna and Travis my thoughts and prayers go out to you today in these trying times. Charlie was a great man and a good friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. I first met Charlie at a cub scout function Travis was involved in. Over the years it seemed we were always in the same inservice training sessions and got to know each other better. Your loss is felt by many today. God Bless and keep you both.

James Hartson TDCJ-ID Ret. - February 11, 2010 at 10:28 AM

SS

“ Edna, I'm so sorry to hear that Charlie passed. Charlie was a great man and will be missed by so many. Keep your faith and stay strong. I'm here if you ever need to talk.

Sandi Satterwhite - February 11, 2010 at 09:51 AM

PM

“ *Edna and Family,
My words can not properly express the sincere condolences I feel for you and your family.
Charlie was a wonderful and kind hearted person. Always willing to serve others, and to provide a big smile and laugh to help cheer you up. At work I always looked forward to seeing him in the hallways and greeting him with a "Whatz Up?" or "Hey Dude!" He had a great sense of humor that I could truly relate to. And I always counted on him to give me the local fishing report, especially during the white bass season. He was a great cook, and I always enjoyed tasting and eating his well spiced food that he would share with us at work! I will really miss him and his great loving kind spirit!
I know that God truly loves us all and has a special place for each person, and that He will give you and your family the comfort, strength, and peace that you need during this difficult time.
If I can help in any way please let me know? Ph 437-7263.*

Patrick McGinty - February 11, 2010 at 09:02 AM

GN

“ *Though I did not know Charlie, I know his mother and father, Carlton and Sarah and I want to tell all of the family that I will be praying for you during the coming weeks. I pray that you will have the peace and comfort to endure the loss of your husband and son. Your loving memories of Charlie will help keep him close to you and he will always live in your hearts. God bless you and help you endure.
Glencie Norton*

Glenice Norton - February 11, 2010 at 08:47 AM

CJ

“ Edna

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Charlie was one of the good guys and will be missed greatly.

Cindy James - February 10, 2010 at 09:41 PM

SC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, I pray that God comforts you at this difficult time.*

Susan Cole - February 10, 2010 at 08:04 PM

JV

“ *May the Lord keep you close and give you the strength to see you through this difficult time. Memories are a wonderful gift and I pray that they help you as well. Your in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You All.*

James & Nicole Venette - February 10, 2010 at 07:23 PM

BN

“ *Travis, My thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow. Lean on the LORD and he will help you through. I know it must be hard to lose both your Dad and Step-Dad in such a short period of time. God Bless you!*

Beverly Coner Niederhofer - February 10, 2010 at 06:32 PM

EM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will all miss Charlie and his laughter. May God give you strength to carry on through this sad time, and if I can help in any way, please let me know.

Love.....Ellen

Ellen Mickle - February 10, 2010 at 06:31 PM

SI

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am very sorry for your loss.

Sherry Willits, TDCJ - ITD - February 10, 2010 at 05:49 PM

SE

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I remember working with Charlie and always thinking what a sweet wonderful man he was. He was always quick with a heart-warming smile and a supportive ear at just the right time and was one of the best chili cooks I've ever had the pleasure of coming across. Charlie will be very deeply missed by all and his loss can never be replaced. Keep God in your heart and family and friends close by to pull you through this.

Suzanne Pustka TDCJ-OIG (Former Facilities Employee) - February 10, 2010 at 05:49 PM

R-

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Rachel Shorter, TDCJ -ITD - February 10, 2010 at 05:41 PM

LA

“ Edna--I'm so sorry about Charlie. He was a great person. I have always liked him and enjoyed working with him when I did. Charlie was always a good role model for me. I always liked hearing him talk about you and fishing (mostly you though). I will truly miss him. My heart is with you and please if you need anything or just need to talk I'm here for you. God, Family, and Friends will bring you through this.

Lyndell Arnold - February 10, 2010 at 05:07 PM

GN

“ Edna, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray the Lord will comfort you. Charlie will be greatly missed. He was a genuinely good man, & I will miss his great disposition, his smile & his laughter. Please let me know if there is anything at all I can do for you.

*Ginger Norred
Facilities/Project Control*

Ginger Norred - February 10, 2010 at 04:40 PM

LT

“ Travis, You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time...Just remember we are here for you and Love You Very Much!! God Bless you and May he give you strength! Lisa, Shane & Colton Tindol

Lisa Tindol - February 10, 2010 at 04:25 PM

JG

“ Edna,
Today, on what would be Jim Todd's 56th birthday, I saw the sad news about Charlie. I remember the time we had a party at Jim's house years ago and how much I enjoyed talking with you and Charlie about the early days on Lake Livingston. Brought back a lot of memories from when my brothers and I explored the river bottom before the lake came, and the fun we all had when the lake was new. The fishing back then was the best!! It was such a pleasure to share stories with someone whose memories were so like my own. I'm so sorry to see this sad news; he will be missed. Your family is in my thoughts.
Janet (Ladenburg) Gunn

Janet Gunn - February 10, 2010 at 02:42 PM

GL

“ Edna and Family,
I was so sad to hear of Charlie's death. He was a wonderful, caring friend. I will always remember him with a big smile and a kind heart. My prayers are with you all.

Georgette Lawson - February 10, 2010 at 02:34 PM

DC

“ Edna and family, my heart goes out to you at this time of sorrow for all of us. I joined TDCJ in May, 2008 and when I met Charlie I discovered we shared a love for the outdoors, music of the 70's and cooking. I will always cherish his smile that greeted all. May God give you strength and peace. Debby Cook, Facilities, Maintenance

Debby Cook - February 10, 2010 at 01:15 PM

PD

“ Edna and family, having just terminated from TDCJ at the end of January, I was so saddened to learn of your loss. Charlie's smile and sweet disposition certainly brightened up Suite 400, and he will surely be missed by all who knew him and by his many TDCJ work friends. God Bless you, and may you find strength through God's holy presence to get through this. With heartfelt sympathy and sadness.

Patti Boyd (formerly of Program Analysis Department) - February 10, 2010 at 12:36 PM

JA

“ To the Fain Family and especially Edna. Charlie was an exceptional man and he will be missed. It was my honor to consider him a friend. His help was essential to the Facilities Projects. I know you will miss him dearly and I pray God will give you comfort and strength in the days ahead. If I can help you in any way, please give me a call. 936-661-6876. Our prayers are with you all. Jeannette Alford and NAI staff - Ruby Dawson and Rona Moser

Jeannette Alford - February 10, 2010 at 12:11 PM

LE

“ Edna our heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Charlie was a wonderful person and he will be truly missed. His work and dedication were an example to us all. He was our main link with the Facilities Projects and with his absence it will put us at a stand still. His shoes can not be filled. Just know that you have a friend here at the office when you are ready to come back. I'll be talking to you soon. Love, Laura

Laura Echols - February 10, 2010 at 12:07 PM

JG

“ Edna, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Charlie was a wonderful man and will be missed by all. Please accept my sincere condolences. God Bless.

Janna Griggs - February 10, 2010 at 11:41 AM

JB

“ Edna & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss of Charlie. A better man could not be found nor one that loved you & your family as much! I always envied you two when I would see you & Charlie out at lunch because I could tell that you two truly loved spending all your time with each other. He will truly be missed by all that have ever known him. I am still out on medical leave so I do not know if I will be able to attend the services, but if I am not there, it is because of my health and not because you are not such a special friend to me. Hopefully, we will be able to meet one day for lunch after our returns to work. You are in my heart! God Bless...

Jamie Brinegar - February 10, 2010 at 09:59 AM

GF

“ Edna,

My heart goes out to you and your family.

I want to pass along a telephone call I received this morning from Luann Kile at Region 4 Maintenance. She extends her condolences and said, "I never met a better man."

*Ginger Freeman
Staff Development
Facilities Division*

Ginger Freeman - February 10, 2010 at 08:50 AM

KJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Charlie will be missed dearly. He was an AWESOME boss and a GREAT person to be around. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you. Hugs, Kimberly

Kimberly Johnson - February 09, 2010 at 11:32 PM

KH

“ My prayers are with you and your family.

Krystin Horne - February 09, 2010 at 08:17 PM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are you and your family.
Tom and Barbara Stafford

Thomas and Barbara Stafford - February 09, 2010 at 06:19 PM

OM

“ The TDCJ Office of Space Management staff extends our condolences, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time to you and your family. God Bless.

Office of Space Management - February 09, 2010 at 04:30 PM

BB

“ YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. PLEASE KNOW YOU HAVE A FRIEND IF YOU NEED A SHOULDER, EAR OR ANYTHING.

BOBBIE BARROW - February 09, 2010 at 04:29 PM

SO

“ *Your fellow family at State Counsel for Offenders wishes to express our sincere condolences. Our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time.*

State Counsel for Offenders - February 09, 2010 at 04:21 PM