



Chief Charles William Tackett

June 11, 1928 - October 11, 2014

Chief Charles William Tackett, 86, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2014. He was born on June 11, 1928 to William and Marie Tackett in Lexington, KY. His sister Polly was happy to have a little brother. The family moved to Corpus Christi, Texas during WWII. Both his parents worked at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi. After the war his father opened up Tackett Roofing Co. and Charles helped during the summer. Charles graduated from Corpus Christi High School in 1947. He went in the Air Force on January 29, 1948 and received Honorable Discharge B Company 15th Infantry BN, USMR on January 28, 1950. He served Corpus Christi Police Department from 1950 till 1973. He received Governor of Texas Scholarship while at Sam Houston State University for Academic Year 1971-72 and was granted a year leave with full pay by the Corpus Christi City Council during the Academic Year 1971-72 to complete his degree. Chief Charles Tackett served from August 6, 1973 to November 1, 2005 as Director of Public Safety at Sam Houston State University. Chief Tackett as Past President of Huntsville Rotary Club 1982-83, was presented the Paul Harris Fellow and Medal. On November 3, 2000 he was honored by the Board of Regents, The Texas State University System with a 10"x16" Resolution for his Fifty Years as a Texas Peace Officer. Also he was honored by The State of Texas House of Representatives, House Bill No. 590 on March 29, 2001 and The Senate of The State of Texas, Senate Resolution No. 459 for Fifty Years as a Texas Peace Officer. Chief Tackett received personal letters from former President George H. W. Bush, former

President George W. Bush, Texas' Senators, The Honorable Phil Gramm, The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchinson, and Congressman, The Honorable Jim Turner. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Betty; two daughters Charleen Tackett and Cheryl Skidmore; grandson Blake Skidmore and wife Allison; great granddaughter Raegan Skidmore; sister-in-law Patricia Durbin and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents William and Marie Tackett; sister Polly and brother-in-law Ray Chiorgno. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday October 11, 2014 at First Baptist Church, 1229 Avenue J in Huntsville, Texas. Masonic honors will be given by Forrest Lodge No. 19 A.F. and A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Chief Charles Tackett, SHSU Office of University Advancement, Box 2537, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2537. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Chief Charles William Tackett*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was a young man starting my career while attending Sam Houston. He gave me a campus security job before I went on to TDC. I later became a police officer in Corpus Christi. He played a major role in that. I retired as a captain and later a Chief of Police. Charles Tackett was a a great officer and person. Rest in Peace Chief.*

Sam Granato - December 19, 2020 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Tackett,*

My condolences to you and your family. I worked for Chief Tackett from 1987 to 1992. He was a real inspiration to me. God bless.

James Hickey

James Hickey - December 12, 2014 at 02:19 PM



“ *Betty, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear husband, Charles. You and he have always been loved for your commitment and service to this county. May your grief pass gently through you.*

Leta Reiner - October 27, 2014 at 11:38 AM

SK

“ Dear Tackett family,
I just today heard of Chief's passing. My heart is so heavy for you all. I worked for Chief Tackett at UPD for about 3 years. I absolutely adored him. He always had a smile on his face and a friendly word. I hate that I missed the service. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sheryl Brown Keys - October 26, 2014 at 08:07 AM

RP

“ Dear Aunt Betty, Cheryl and Charlene,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Charles. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and community leader. He led and supported his family with love and wisdom. His quiet voice could always be heard. You couldn't resist smiling when you heard his chuckle and saw the sparkle in his eyes. We were all truly blessed to know him.
You all are in our prayers, we are so sorry for your loss. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those lucky enough to have known him.

With love,

Randy, Patti, Valorie, Maddie, Samantha, Robert, Gabriella, Andie, Katerina, Gina, Ed, Justin, Kendra, Harper, Joshua and Joey

Randy & Patti Purdy - October 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM

EC

“ Mrs. Tackett and family, it was just a few weeks ago I had come across a personal letter Mr. Tackett had sent us in regard to our daughter being selected Homecoming Queen in 1987. I was so touched by his kind gesture of taking the time to send such a personal letter with a nice photo enclosed. I will never forget his kindness in taking to time to recognize us and our family with such kind words. We will treasure the letter , Always.. Our sincere sympathies to you and your family.

Earl and Sherry Carter - October 15, 2014 at 10:15 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry family and Betty !!
I truly loved working with him.
He was kind and forgiving!!
Love, Marilyn H

MARILYN HARPER - October 11, 2014 at 12:54 PM

RG

“ Ms. Betty and family, Mom and I are so very sorry to hear that Chief is no longer with us. I know, however, that he and Dad are enjoying seeing one another once again and swapping stories about their gals! Strength and much love to y'all, Regina Ernst Guthrie

Regina Ernst Guthrie - October 09, 2014 at 02:03 PM

NS

“ To Mrs. Tackett and family, our deepest sympathies. Chief Tackett ... what a wonderful man and an unequivocal class act! God didn't make many men like Charlie. Cry not for they are gone, it is said; rather, smile because they were here. While that may be easier said than done right now, when we think of the Chief only the fondest of memories flow forth and, indeed, the warmest of smiles follow! Our family owes nearly all we have and hold dearest to us because of what the Chief did for our family when we were at SHSU in the 1980s. He will be missed, but always carried in our hearts and never forgotten!

Nick & Cheri Swanstrom - October 07, 2014 at 08:56 PM

DM

“ It was a pleasure to have known Chief Tackett during our time at SHSU. Always friendly and courteous to students and staff alike.

David McKee - October 07, 2014 at 11:56 AM

DW

“ Ms. Tackett, I cannot find words to express my sympathy and support. Know that you and the family are in my prayers. May God keep you and protect you. Chief was an amazing man and mentor. I will miss him greatly.

David Watson - October 06, 2014 at 06:20 PM

NB

“ Mrs. Tackett, I am so sorry for your great loss. May the Lord comfort you during this time of mourning.

Nathan E. Boyd - September 30, 2014 at 09:26 AM

TS

“ I was so sad to hear about the passing of Mr. Tackett - He was such a wonderful, kind man. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He is rejoicing in heaven now, making sure everything is done just right. He is finally at peace now. If I can do anything, please let me know. Love all of you so very much.

Thressa Skidmore - September 29, 2014 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ Condolences to the Tackett family. I am a 1987 SHSU graduate and read about Officer Tackett's passing. A scripture that has always encouraged me during times of loss is John 5:25,26 which mentions a resurrection of our loved ones thank to Jesús Christ's ransom sacrifice. Also, Revelation 21:3-5 speaks of an end to all the things that cause us suffering and pain. I hope these thoughts will be of some comfort to your family. For more uplifting scriptures, please visit jw.org

Janice Marsalis - September 28, 2014 at 06:46 PM

JS

“ Betty, I'm so sorry to hear about Charlie. I have many fond memories of our careers together with the Corpus Christi PD and our studies together at Sam Houston. We enjoyed many good times together. Charlie was a very dedicated police officer and a devoted husband, father, and friend. God bless and comfort you during this time of profound grief.

Love,
John

John Hudgens, Sr. - September 27, 2014 at 05:08 PM

CR

“ Charles Tackett was the greatest Police Officer and friend who has ever graced the Law Enforcement Brotherhood. There never will be another equal to him. What an honor it was to serve under his leadership. Betty Our prayers are with you and family. Don't forget God does has a Police Force and Charles Tackett has already been appointed as "Chief Of Police" for it.

Captain Ron Edgington, Sr. Ret. - September 27, 2014 at 08:10 AM

JR

“ My most sincere condolences to Ms. Betty and family. Like many young college students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, I was blessed to have crossed paths with "Chief" back in 1981. I have always appreciated the fact he gave me my first start in law enforcement at the age of 19. God Bless "CWT" and the entire Tackett family.

Jeff Rosenthal - September 26, 2014 at 07:05 PM

DB

“ Charlie Tackett was a good friend and a wonderful person. We can all take comfort in the knowledge that he is no longer suffering and that he is now enjoying the company of his Maker.

Dan Beto - September 25, 2014 at 10:54 AM

SC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as always. I will miss his handsome smile and beautiful blue eyes. Love you.

Sherlena Cagle - September 25, 2014 at 10:21 AM

MH

“ *What a sad loss for Huntsville and Sam Houston State University with the passing of Chief Charles Tackett, who served with kindness, equality, and infinite law enforcement knowledge. We were honored to have known Charles and Betty as friends and send our sincerest condolences to Betty and the family.*

Mary Lee & Terry Hoage - September 25, 2014 at 09:15 AM

MH

“ *Betty You are in my prayers for your loss. May our Lord give you comfort, strength, and assurance that our Lord is there for you. Charlie was a wonderful person. He gave a lot to the university and the people he came in contact with. He praised you when we talked and that says a lot about the man he was and how much he loved you. That by itself is a great example of a husband. He was never too busy today Hi as he met people. Both of you are friends I have the privilege to know. There is no words to express that friendship.*

M Hyvl - September 24, 2014 at 09:48 PM

MW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I know from experience how hard it is to lose your husband. I am praying for you.*

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - September 24, 2014 at 08:39 PM

JM

“ *Ms. Betty, we rejoice that Chief is free of all the health issues he had and is in the presence of the "King." But we are saddened for you that you won't physically get to be with him every day. He was such a pleasure to work with. Praying God's peace that passes all understanding for your family.*

Jim & Linda McKenzie - September 24, 2014 at 08:17 PM

NJ

“ *What a good friend I have lost! Betty, my heart is so sad about your loss. Soooo many good memories of this great man! Both of you were so very nice to me while at SHSU! and many years after! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peach, Chief!*

Norma Dell Jones - September 24, 2014 at 10:58 AM