



Charles Helms

July 14, 1934 - May 9, 2012

Conway...Charles Lester Helms, Conway businessman, died May 09, 2012 at his residence.

Mr. Helms was born July 14, 1934 to Lester Lee "Leck" Helms and Mary Smith Helms in Wingate, NC. He attended North Carolina State University where he was a member of the track team and the Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Helms joined the U.S. Army and became a helicopter pilot, at one point flying the area of the Korean DMZ. He worked in the family business in Wingate before moving to Conway in 1973 where he turned a small, worn tobacco barn located in the Homewood community into a thriving business named Charles Lesters' where he conceived, manufactured and distributed wooden decorative accessories sold throughout the US and Canada. Mr. Helms, affectionately known as Mr. Lester, was actively involved within the community through sponsoring little league teams, working with the Lions Club and performing with the Theatre of Republic. He was predeceased by his first wife, Sylvia Ann Schanck Helms.

Surviving are his wife, Vonice J. Helms of Conway; two daughters, Sylleste (Mike) Davis of Moncks Corner and Charlotte (Wayne) Cooper of Conway; three grandchildren, Lee Davis, John Davis, and Gracie Cooper; one step-son, Sammy T. (Frances) Carroll of Conway; one step-daughter, Beverly (John) Poindexter of Myrtle Beach; one brother, Ben Helms of Norfolk, VA; and one sister, Sybil (Bill) Wickliffe of Murrells Inlet; seven step-grandchildren, Cameron Carroll, Atlas Carroll, Jonathan Poindexter, Dustin Carroll, Madison

Poindexter, Drew Davis, and Scott Davis.

A memorial service will be held 12:30 PM Saturday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to National MS Society, PO Box 4527, New York, NY 10163.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ We just became aware of Mr Helms passing. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the entire family. Our parents Hoyle & Alma worked with Mr Helms for many years. You will be in our prayers.
Hoyle & Sharon Wallace
Alma Lee Hildreth Wallace
& their children

Crissy Williams - May 17, 2012 at 07:53 AM

RC

“ Dear Ben, Sybil and family, I was saddened to learn of Charles passing. Although Charles was a part of my life for a relatively short time -- the two years I was the CFO for Maleck --he was my friend. When a friend passes -- even those I haven't seen for decades -- a little of me is lost. I share your loss and offer my condolence.

In Sympathy
Roger H. Carpenter

Roger H. Carpenter - May 12, 2012 at 11:06 AM

CB

“ Charlotte and family, I am so sorry to hear the loss of your dad. I'm here for you always.
With much sorrow, Cheri



Cheri Baxley - May 11, 2012 at 09:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Helms.*



May 11, 2012 at 02:53 PM



“ *Beverly and FAMILY I WAS REAL SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR STEP DAD .OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY YOU MAY NOT REMBER ME WE WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AT SOCASTEE WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH BASE WITH YOU BEVERLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL ME 843 4507382 OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOU FAMILY LORI COLLINS MCDOWELL*

LORI COLLINS MCDOWELL - May 11, 2012 at 01:08 PM



Beverly we went to school together at socastee I would love to talk to you Lori Collins McDwoell 843 450 7382 please call me

Lori Collins McDowell 843 4507382 - June 18, 2012 at 06:18 PM



“ *Cynthia G Alford lit a candle in memory of Charles Helms*



Cynthia G Alford - May 11, 2012 at 11:32 AM

YC

“ Vonice, Sylleste, Charlotte, and family, You all are in my thoughts and prayers. We have lots of fond memories of Charles. He was a very special person. Much love, Yvonne Callahan and Family

Yvonne Garrett Callahan - May 11, 2012 at 11:17 AM

JF

“ Sylleste and family,

Lifting you all up in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God surround you all with comfort, strength, and peace.

Jason Fulmer, South Carolina School Improvement Council

Jason Fulmer - May 11, 2012 at 08:48 AM

TH

“ Sylleste and family: Thinking of you during this difficult time. May you be comforted by many happy memories.

Tom Hudson - May 11, 2012 at 08:30 AM

MH

“ Miss Vonice,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your great loss. I will be there for you and help Bev as much as I can. Sooo much love, Marcey

Marcey Howett - May 11, 2012 at 08:26 AM



“ Gerberas and Palms Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Helms.



May 10, 2012 at 09:27 PM



“ Sylleste and Family,

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We will be praying for you all.

Todd and Sabrina Crawford

Sabrina Crawford - May 10, 2012 at 02:13 PM



“ Sylleste, so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Beth Oliver

Beth Oliver - May 10, 2012 at 01:40 PM



“ Glenda Horne lit a candle in memory of Charles Helms



Glenda Horne - May 10, 2012 at 01:30 PM

GH

Sylleste, Mike, Lee and John....We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking and praying for you....God Bless...Angela, Glenda and Gaylene

Glenda Horne - May 10, 2012 at 01:34 PM

SD

Thank you so much.

Sylleste Davis - May 10, 2012 at 09:11 PM