



# Charles Edward Blythe

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**C**harles Edward Blythe passed away at his residence near Orlando FL on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 8:45 AM after a long yet courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was under the compassionate care of Cornerstone Hospice. He was 72 years of age. He was born December 30, 1947 at St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield IL, to Christena Faye (Carr) and Thomas John Blythe. "Charlie" as he was known to his friends, worked many years for Great American Insurance Companies in Los Angeles and Cincinnati before relocating to Florida where he was an auditor for Texaco prior to retirement. He was an accomplished artist, musician, singer and was a very patient and caring person. He loved Southern Gospel music and attended many of the Gaither Homecoming concerts and other events. He was an avid follower of drum and bugle corps competitions and fan of the Madison Scouts. For 14 years he enjoyed producing unforgettably large Christmas displays at his Gainesville FL (Sunningdale) home and even appeared on HGTV's "Light Up the Holidays". He especially enjoyed many trips and extended stays in his motorhomes with fur babies Pookie and Tippie.

He is survived by his husband and life partner of 45 years, Jeffrey W. Smith, brother Thomas (Rev. Donna) Blythe of Edgewater FL, three sisters, Sharon (James) Turner of Jonesboro AR, Christena (Kenny) Jackson of Gillespie IL, Rebecca (William) Davidson of Mt. Olive IL; and numerous nieces and nephews. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and brother in infancy and nephew, Richard Turner. Services will be private with interment at the Memorial Park Cemetery (North Drive) Mausoleum, 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709. Rev. Donna Blythe will officiate. In lieu of flowers donations in Charlie's memory can be sent to Edgewater United Methodist Church, 211 North Ridgewood Avenue, Edgewater FL 32132.



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## Cemetery Details



**Memorial Park Cemetery**

5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



**(727) 369-8228**





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**Lois Reeder** posted:

So sorry.. did not know Charlie real well but what I did know is that he had a kind heart and an awesome voice. I heard him sing "How Great Thou Art" once and it was incredible. Jack and Lois Reeder Neighbors from the Woodlands

April 17 at 7:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Angel Wind Chime - Bronze to the Blythe family.



April 16 at 11:49 PM



**Ruth Osbon Wilder** posted:

Jeff, my heart breaks for you. God bless you and his family. I love and miss you. Your in my thoughts and prays. God be with you in your time of need.

April 15 at 5:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Blythe family.



April 15 at 1:33 PM



**Gayle Payne** posted:

I will never forget Charlie's hugs and acceptance! He was gracious and loving! He and Jeff's love warmed every corner of my heart! I am praying for Jeff and all the families and friends! I know he is with Jesus in Heaven waiting for us all while singing his music to Jesus! Buddy and I love you!👉

April 15 at 9:28 AM



**Ron** posted:

Sorry Jeff for your loss he will be missed prayers to you

April 15 at 9:05 AM



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RT

**Rose Tebbe** posted:

Our sympathy to Jeff & Charlie's families on his passing. He was our cousin & raised with us. Very talented man. Prayers for all..

April 15 at 8:42 AM

MM

**Michelle Martin** lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Jeff my heart breaks for you- I'm thinking of you and praying for you and the family I can't imagine what you are going through please let me know if there's anything you need May God Bless you during this difficult time and always ❤️ Sending big hugs and love



April 15 at 6:52 AM

CJ

**Chris Jackson** posted:

RIP brother Charles. my best memory was his love for florida gators and his 2 fur babies pookie and tippy love you brother ....chris

April 14 at 1:56 PM

BD

**Becky Blythe Davidson** posted:

RIP Charles Edward. I have so many memories of my brother. My favorite memory is his love of Christmas and how he would decorate his yard and house and was featured on HGTV. I was so proud of him. You will not be forgotten. Love Becky and family.

April 14 at 1:38 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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