



## Charles David Laxton

March 17, 1956 - January 30, 2021

Charles David Laxton was born on March 17, 1956, in Harriman, TN. He was called to rest on Saturday, January 30, 2021. He was a 1975 graduate of Harriman High School and a graduate of Roane State Community College with a Criminal Justice degree. He had a law enforcement career spanning almost 40 years. Over the years, Charles has served with Harriman Police Department, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Fairfield Glade Police Department.

Charles committed his life to serve others. Many remember him for his sense of humor, his love for his grandkids, and spending time on the lake. Charles loved going to the movies, fishing, and spending time with his family.

He was born to the late Rothel "SOP" and Marie Henline Laxton. In addition to both sets of parents, he is preceded in death by his father-in-law, mother-in-law, Harold and Freda Wester, and sister Betty Bowman.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife: Cheryl Laxton; his children: David (Heather) Laxton, Courtney (Andy) Voyles, Misty (Chris) Godoy, Chasity (Nathaniel) Lowery; his grandchildren: Lexi Voyles, Aiden Laxton, Reagan, and Jaxon Bagnell, Radie Lowery; his siblings: Ray Williams JR, Bobbie Joe Laxton, Bobbie Camp, Melva Graham. Special uncles, Roy, Bill, and Donald, and special friends, Oscar Cox and Bubba Vaughan, as well as a host of

nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The family will have a celebration of life on Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at Harriman High School Gymnasium located at 920 N Roane Street, Harriman, TN 37748. The funeral service will follow at 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Masonic Lodge #536 Oliver Springs, TN at PO Box 549 Oliver Springs, TN 37840. The Kyker Funeral Home is serving the Family of Charles Laxton.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harriman High School Gymnasium  
920 N. Roane Street  
Harriman, TN 37748

## Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Harriman, TN 37748

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Sorry to hear of your loss of Charles. May God bless each of the Family and give comfort and peace during this time. I met Charles at Smoky Mountain Raceway and enjoyed his friendship. And he also worked a wreck my son was in, and he did a great job.



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**Curtis Jackson** - February 05, 2021 at 08:07 PM

MA

“ I think of Charlie in our years of high school together. You to Cherly. When I came back to Tn and ran into you , you glowed when you talked about him and your life together. I can tell you this, when you get to experience. The wonder of real love, it doesn't die when they do. They continue to touch your heart , you for eternity. Just remember when the wind caresses your check, the sound of a baseball hit, the feel of sun touching you. Each time Charles still watches you and it Will only be a blink until you are back together

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**Martha** - February 03, 2021 at 05:39 AM

ZC


“ Misty, so very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers.



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**Zora Laxton Cotton** - February 02, 2021 at 10:19 PM

DW

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Cheryl, David, Misty and their families at this time of sorrow. The Laxton's lived across the street from us and they became close friends of ours. We would always look out for each other's children, car pooling to school or to the ball fields. Our front doors were always open for them to come and go. Good times, good memories. We'll see each other again one day!* 

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**Debbie Williams** - February 02, 2021 at 09:34 PM

GL

“ *So sad. Prayers for the family. RIP my friend.*

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**Grady Langley** - February 02, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles David Laxton.*



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February 02, 2021 at 11:46 AM

JM

“ I grew up in the neighborhood that Charles lived in while raising his kids and became close friends with his son David. Since then me and David both have followed the carrier of his father. I recall starting my internship program in Law Enforcement where I would do a ride a long program on the weekends and would see Charles on accidents. He noticed right off that I was not wearing a vest and I had to explain to him that the internship did not equip us with vest. The next day Charles was at my door with a new bullet proof vest and told me "wear it... don't leave home without it". That showed me the brotherhood in this line of work and how we take care of each other. I was honored to have known him growing up. Just like my own father, if I was out of line he'd straighten me out in a heart beat lol. I've know the family my entire life and consider it an honor to call them my friends. Jennifer and I continue to pray for the family to seek comfort during these horrible times.

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**Jamie & Jennifer Melton** - February 02, 2021 at 10:57 AM

TJ

“ Kingston Police Department would like to send our condolences to Troopers Laxton's family. Cheryl you and David and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Chief Washam and Staff*

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**Teresa Johnson** - February 02, 2021 at 10:11 AM

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“ I remember Charlie from my days as a TBI Agent in Roane, Loudon, Morgan, and Meigs Counties. I had served as a Trooper before, so a friendship with him was easy. I was sad to learn of his passing and offer my sincere condolences to Cheryl and his family. At any given time, THP only has some 15 Captains out of a force of 1,000 plus - Charlie attained that rank for the Knoxville District. On behalf of my former colleagues at the Department of Safety & Homeland Security, I'll miss you, my friend...

*David W. Purkey (Retired)*  
*-Governor's Homeland Security Advisor*  
*-Commissioner of Safety & Homeland Security*

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**COM David W. Purkey (Retired)** - February 02, 2021 at 12:53 AM

CC

“ Carolyn Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Charles David Laxton



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**Carolyn Clemmons** - February 02, 2021 at 12:13 AM

BG

“ Cheryl, I know I speake for all the Graves family in sending all of our love and prayers and resharing what you already know and all of us who know and trust in Christ know: Charles just beat us to the family reunion for which we all wait for with great hope and joy. I so wish I could be there in person; but my heart, love and Savior are with you.

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**Brian Graves** - February 01, 2021 at 10:47 PM

BG

*Cheryl, my heart breaks for your loss of your husband. Prayers for you and your family that God will give you peace.*

**Becky Gilbert** - February 02, 2021 at 07:53 AM

JB

*“ HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF MINE AND A GREAT OFFICER. WE LIVE BY EACH OTHER IN HARRIMAN FOR YEAR'S ALWAYS LIKE HIM AND HIS MOTHER PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY !!!!*

**james brown** - February 01, 2021 at 10:01 PM

CG

*“ I had the privilege working for him at THP. So very kind and thoughtful to the dispatchers. Would stop and chat with us and always had a smile. My prayers are with his family. He will be missed*



**Carolyn Gentry** - February 01, 2021 at 08:24 PM



*“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles David Laxton.*



February 01, 2021 at 07:17 PM

TB

*“ Work with Charles and his son David through the years. Very professional. Prayers for you Cheryl and your family at this difficult time.*

**Teresa Cook Bates** - February 01, 2021 at 05:28 PM

CR

“ Prayers to the family. I worked with Charles for several years and he was always a joy to be around. He will be missed.  
Cathy Robertson

Cathy Robertson - February 01, 2021 at 11:39 AM

JE

“ Sorry to hear about Charles, we worked together in the mid '80s while I was with RCSO, answered a few calls with him, a great guy.

James Edwards - February 01, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles David Laxton.



February 01, 2021 at 10:12 AM

SB

“ Sheena Bilbrey lit a candle in memory of Charles David Laxton



Sheena Bilbrey - January 31, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles David Laxton.



January 31, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ An individual who dedicates his life to serving others (be it law enforcement or other notable "life callings") has a true understanding as to what the real meaning of life is all about. While having never met Charles, I have worked with his daughter for a number of years and can attest that she displays many intangible qualities that must have been demonstrated to her through the life of her step-father. Perhaps the greatest legacy a father can pass to his children (and to succeeding generations) is the memory of a compassionate, caring parent who puts their interests above his own. I see this quality in Charles' daughter; I'm sure this was indeed a notable character trait of Charles.

Howard Teeter - January 31, 2021 at 08:33 PM



Thank you Howard!

Courtney Voyles - January 31, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss you all are experiencing. Charles was one of a kind we loved him dearly



wayne and sharon jeffers - January 31, 2021 at 07:04 PM