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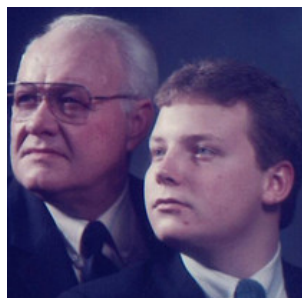
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## Obituary for Charles "Charlie" E. Crowe

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Mr. Charles Edwin "Charlie" Crowe passed away peacefully at his home on January 16, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was released from his pain and received his healing in Heaven.

Surviving are: his wife of 62 years, Betty Jean Wyatt Crowe of Greenville; two daughters, Vicki Crowe Brunetti (Gardner) of Easley and Donna Crowe Craig (Don) of Greenville; four granddaughters, Andrea Craig Tilley (Brent), Charlie Craig, Lenai Brunetti Smith (DJ), and Rebecca Grace Brunetti; three great-grandchildren, Collin Smith, Campbell and Wyatt Tilley; one brother, Welford P. Crowe (Joyce), two sisters; Thelma Crowe Hall (Rick) and Kay Crowe Bayne (Danny) and many nieces and nephews.

Charlie is predeceased by his only son, Timothy Alan Crowe; a sister, Joyce Crowe Clark; and a special nephew, Ronald Keith Crowe.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Open Arms Hospice and LaFrance Sitter Service. They worked closely with Charlie to make sure his remaining days were as pain free as possible. Debra Martin, a nurse with Open Arms and Dawn Roberts, a caregiver, were both caring and loving sources of help during this time.

Charlie's story begins on June 24, 1932 in Pickens County, where he was born to the late Albert and Elsie Davenport Crowe. He was of the Baptist faith.

He attended Greenville High School. After high school, he served his country in the U.S. Navy at Subic Bay, Philippines, enlisting when he was 17 years old. During his time in the Navy, he developed a love for the game of baseball. After being discharged from the Navy, he continued to play in the Evangeline League in New Iberia, Louisiana and the Florida-Georgia League for the Waycross Bears. In the early 1950s, the Evangeline League was considered to be one of the strongest leagues in the country. Charlie also played in Textile Leagues around the Up-State. In 2016, he was inducted into the Textile Heritage Sports Hall of Fame.

After playing baseball, Charlie was employed at Saco Lowell. He was the Director of Membership on the Employees Recreation Association Executive Board. Charlie coordinated

baseball, basketball and golf teams. He also helped organize Easter Egg Hunts and Christmas parties for the families of the employees at Saco Lowell. On Easter morning, Charlie would dress up as the Easter Bunny and deliver baskets to the children at Shriner's Hospital on Pleasantburg Drive.

Charlie began a new career path after his time at Saco Lowell. He became a fireman. His first job as a fireman was working for Furman University Fire and Public Safety. He served in this position until the University and Duncan Chapel Fire Departments merged. Charlie was selected as Fireman of the Year in 1993. Charlie was the assistant chief at Duncan Chapel Fire Department until his retirement in 1999. He mentored and encouraged many young volunteers to pursue a career in public service. His influence was far more reaching than he even realized.

Charlie was a wonderful cook. The more people he could cook for, the better. He prepared numerous meals for volunteers and commissioner meetings.

While being a fireman, he also worked for J.C. Penney. He retired from J.C. Penney in 1999 after working there part-time for 23 years.

The Old Crowe was an avid fisherman. He cherished his times at Santee Cooper with his nephews and friends.

Charlie will be long remembered for his: quit wit, smile, ability to never meet a stranger, card playing, cooking, Fa La La La's, and easy going conversations.

He was a Son, a Brother, a Husband, a Dad, a Papa, an Unc, a lint head, a sailor, a baseball player, a fireman, and a fisherman. He was Charlie.

The family will have a visitation Friday, January 19, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Northwest. The funeral service will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Northwest Chapel. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery West following the service.

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Randy Clark, Kenny and Brian Crowe, Danny and Joey Leopard.

Memorial donations can be made to Open Arms Hospice, 1836 W. Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680, The Greenville Textile Heritage Association, PO Box 4355, Greenville SC 29608 and/or Duncan Chapel Fire Department, 5111 Old Buncombe Road, Greenville SC 29617

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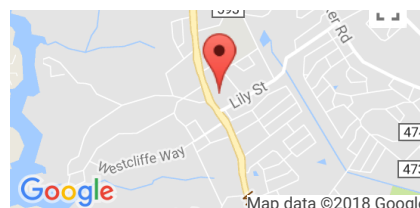
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Northwest Chapel  
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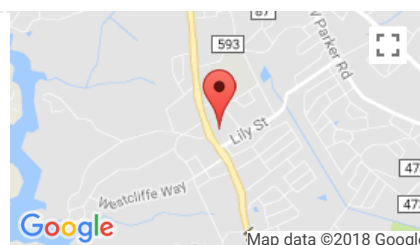
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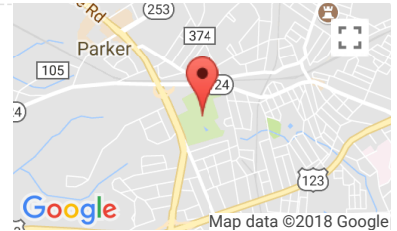
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### Graceland West

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