



## Mr. Charles E. McFarland

July 12, 1935 - May 31, 2015

Charles Erma McFarland of Roswell died Sunday, May 31, 2015 at the age of 79. Born in Meridian, MS he was the son of the late Harris G. and Franke Brown McFarland. He was a graduate of Heidelberg High School (1952), Maryville College (B.A., 1956) and Georgia State University (M.Ed., 1977). He joined the Marine Reserves while at Maryville College and served for a number of years. He taught high school Biology and Human Physiology in the Fulton County School system for 41 years until his retirement in 1998. Since 1960, Charles was a dedicated member of Roswell Presbyterian Church, serving as both deacon and elder. He and his loving wife, Jean, served on many church committees, taught Sunday School classes, and were cherished youth group leaders. He served as president of Roswell Kiwanis Club and the North Fulton Retired Educators Association. He was a talented woodworker and an antique car enthusiast. Gifted with a quick wit, a generous heart, a love of nature and travel, a love of storytelling, and an indomitable spirit, Charles was a man who always focused on the positive and never met a stranger.

Charles was preceded in death by a sister, Faye McFarland Nelson. He is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Jean Dildy McFarland; two wonderful sons: Bryan Field (Diane) McFarland of Greensboro, NC and Kent Erwin McFarland of Alpharetta; a cherished granddaughter: Meagan Aline McFarland. He is also survived by an "adopted" family: Robb and Lanette (Henry) McClendon and their children, Michaela, Shelly, and Alex; and many

nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

A ten-year cancer survivor, Charles had been on home dialysis for the past three years with Jean and Kent as certified assistants. Because of the home dialysis option he was able to travel and enjoy visiting family and friends. The family is deeply grateful to innumerable medical professionals over the years, including the doctors, nurses and specialists at North Fulton Hospital ICU over the past two weeks.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 3rd from 1-3 pm and 6-8 pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors in Roswell. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Thursday, June 4th at 2:00 PM at Roswell Presbyterian Church with Rev. Brad Clayton and Rev. Bill Nisbet officiating. After a reception, a brief committal service will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIAL GIFTS MAY BE MADE TO THE MUSTARD SEED PROJECT THROUGH ROSWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 755 Mimosa Blvd., Roswell, GA 30075.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA 30075  
(770) 645-1414  
[info@northsidechapel.com](mailto:info@northsidechapel.com)

## Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roswell Presbyterian Church  
755 Mimosa Blvd.  
Roswell, GA



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Charles E. McFarland*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *For Bryan McFarland and your close family,*

*I am sure the service for your dad was beautiful and I was thinking of all of you!! I want to quote a Taize song that helped me so much after my dad passed on. It is from "Reflections for peace Chants" by Margaret Rizza. It was only available online when we bought it years ago. The song is: "A Celtic Blessing":*

*The guarding of the God of life be on you,  
the guarding of loving Christ be on you,  
the guarding of the Holy Spirit be on you,  
to aid and uphold you each day and night of your life.*

*The guarding of God,  
the guarding of Christ,  
the guarding of the holy Spirit,  
be upon you.*

*May God bless all of you, always,  
Laurie Heath Southworth*

Laurie Southworth - June 05, 2015 at 09:12 AM

SP

“ Prayers for Jean and the family. Meet Charles when I worked at Roswell North with Jean. Saw him and Jean several times since then, he was always very socialable always a smile on his face. My heart aches for Jean.

---

**Shirley Pilcher** - June 04, 2015 at 09:08 AM

LM

“ Dac Mac was the most intelligent, engaging, joy-giving man I have ever known. Together, he and Mom Mac taught me to love God, cherish family and friends, and love others as Christ would love them. Until we meet again in heaven, my family and I will hold tight to Mom Mac and the memories we share.

---

**Lanette Henry McClendon** - June 03, 2015 at 10:39 PM

KC

“ I met Charles when I was teaching with Jean at NRE/RNE and he was such a nice man. He always was so positive, smiling Christian man.

McFarland family, I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers go up for all of you.

*Katie Mason Cargle*

---

**Katie Mason Cargle** - June 02, 2015 at 08:45 PM

NC

“ I almost can't remember when Charles was not part of my family. "Jean & Charles" are simply a part of speech with the Copelans. In the almost 60 years that I have known Charles, I have been grateful for many of his gifts. A major one is how he and Jean embraced my parents. Mom and Dad loved them so. Another is simply who he was and how he shared himself with others. Through all these years he was positive, engaged in the moment, interested in the people who were with him and interesting to us as well. What a terrific role model. There are few who can have that said about us.

Our prayers and love go to you, Jean, Bryan, Kent and all who loved Charles.

Neil and Helen Copelan

---

Neil and Helen Copelan - June 02, 2015 at 07:06 PM

RB

“ We are thankful for our cousin Charles's life. As a teacher, he touched many lives in a positive way, and for that we are thankful.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jean, Bryan, and Kent.

Ann and Ralph Burns

---

Ralph Burns - June 02, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles E. McFarland.



---

June 02, 2015 at 03:18 PM

KW

“ I never had the opportunity to meet Mr. McFarland yet I know his son Bryan. He must have been an amazing Dad because he raised an amazing and generous son. We went to seminary together and Bryan sang at our wedding. I know Charles will be greatly missed and we are lifting the family up in our prayers. God bless.

---

**Katherine White** - June 02, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles E. McFarland.



---

June 02, 2015 at 12:06 AM

ST

“ *Mr. McFarland was my Human Anatomy teacher at Roswell High School when I was a Senior. He was a standup, no-nonsense type of teacher, but you could tell that he enjoyed his work and that he enjoyed teaching students about the wonders and complexities of the human body. He taught me self-discipline and how to focus on details on a granular level in that course. Prior to that, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland were chaperones for a Spring Break trip for the Science Club to beautiful Cumberland Island. Although I went on the trip for fun and a good time, Mr. McFarland helped to foster a love and appreciation in me of nature and wildlife that was plentiful on the island. His talents and dedication to teaching has left a positive and lifelong impression on my own life to this day. So many great teachers and administrators from Roswell High School from the 1980s have passed on and Mr. McFarland was definitely in the hallmark of great educators that I had the privilege to learn from. He will be greatly missed and my thoughts and prayers are with the McFarland family during this difficult time.*

*May God Bless,*

*Shannon Thompson  
Roswell High School, Class of 1985*

---

**Shannon Thompson** - June 01, 2015 at 09:26 PM

SB

“ *We will cherish the memory of our last visit with Charles, Jean and Kent. Jean was exhausted and Charles was ready for some talking.*

*We were happy to share our visit with Kent as well, and to see his devotion to his parents.*

*We remembered our parents, ours in particular and how much they thought of Charles and his family.*

---

**Sherry Gerald Burns** - June 01, 2015 at 09:11 PM

JP

“ Jean, Bryan, Kent - Some of my favorite memories of trips as a child to visit my Dad's Georgia family were at your home. Charles, and all of you, always made Mary Jo and I feel so welcomed. I will remember Charles in particular for his quick wit, his smile, and his laugh. A great man, husband, father, teacher, Christian. Sending my love to each of you.  
Jonalee Dildy Powers

---

**Jonalee D Powers** - June 01, 2015 at 07:17 PM

GE

“ Donna said we should all take an Alka Seltzer in our mouths at a water fountain to remember one of Charles's classic stories from his youth. I am so glad to be the holder of so many of those stories and to remember his father so fondly, too. Love to you, husband of the Boss Lady.

---

**georgann** - June 01, 2015 at 06:58 PM

LC

“ Dear McFarland family, My prayers are with you. Charles fought a good fight for many years. I have wonderful memories of him with growing up in RPC. I remember when he and Jean lead the youth group program. Always a smile and laugh. Sending me love to you.  
Lydia Crawford Conner

---

**Lydai Conner** - June 01, 2015 at 06:39 PM

KA

“ Jean, Brian and Kent, We have lost a great Christian, friend and teacher. Charles will be missed by all those who knew him. K. Craig

---

**KarenCraig** - June 01, 2015 at 05:49 PM

AC

*I admired Charles for his very positive outlook on his health problems and his thankfulness for each additional day he was blessed to share with all of us., He always said thank you to everyone-even for the smallest favors. He was always so very pleasant to be with even though his pain was great . He made the day brighter just to see him. Jean and boys are facing the future with sweet memories.*

*Amy Crawford*

---

**Amy Crawford** - June 02, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JS

*Jean, Bryan, and Kent, our hearts are saddened in the loss of Charles, but we are happy that The Lord was merciful in taking him home to be with Him. We love all of you , and we will be praying for you. Judy sends her thoughts and prayers, too.*

*Wayne and Jo (Thatch) Sanders  
Keller, TX.*

---

**Jo Sanders** - June 02, 2015 at 10:35 AM

RO

*I taught with Charles and found him to be a very kind understanding man! He and Jean helped me when I was left with two kids after my wife became sick and was no longer in the life of our family. He also helped many times when I needed a person to talk to and have some fun conversations with. We always talked about me taking a ride in his famous Model A rumble seat. Never did make it. His boys also where part of my life when teaching at Roswell High School. They are a product of a wonderful family, as you can see both of the sons have turned out as wonderful people. He will be missed!*

---

**Robert Olson** - June 03, 2015 at 08:37 AM

VR

*Thoughts are tumbling , to manyspecial thughts to remember at this moment..*

*I met Jean and Charles at Maryville College .Friendship with Jean and Charles has been cherished by me all of these years. Charlies became the "" the man in Jean's. life..Charlie was a true friend. My list of positive thoughts are long.*

*My husband and I have had many good times with Charles and Jean. After we moved to Marietta, our friendship bloomed even more.*

*Charlie ...what can I say..." My friend " that shared a loved for liver at the Cattle Company..Your are missed as your laughter is remembered.*

*Bryan and Kent.....we are blessed to call you friends. Blessed to watch you grow into wonderful men.*

*Blessings from Dave and myself.*

*Virginia (Ginny) Ramsey*

---

**Virginia (Ginny) Ramsey** - June 04, 2015 at 11:05 AM

KA

*Mr. Charles McFarland was my Human Physiology teacher at Roswell High School in 1988. He continues to be the greatest teacher I have had throughout my education. He was brilliant and so motivating and encouraging. I am honored to have known a man that knew how to live so well. My prayers are with the McFarland family as you grieve the loss of this dear man.*

*Karen Ake*

---

**Karen Ake** - June 12, 2015 at 11:03 AM

RK

*A really neat guy. A quick wit. It was always a pleasure to see he and Jean at Biscuits and More on Thursdays.*

*In Christ.*

*Ron Kuntz*

*Part of the Mt. Zion Romeo group*

---

**Ron Kuntz** - June 29, 2015 at 10:15 AM