



## Charlie Linn Crabtree III

June 21, 1939 - October 10, 2019

Charles Linn Crabtree III passed away peacefully in his home on October 10, 2019 in Henderson, KY. He was born on June 21st, 1939 in Henderson, KY to Charles Lee and Mary Lou (Ferguson) Crabtree. He was a 1957 graduate of Henderson City High School and 1976 graduate of ISUE (USI).

Charlie was a member of four branches of service (Air Force, Navy, Army National Guard and Army Reserve) and was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he worked for Armed Forces Radio on the USS Hancock. He married Grace Kimiko (Kim) Nakamura on September 24, 1961 at All Soul's Episcopal Church in Machinato, Okinawa and was married for 58 years. He later worked as a parts man for Whayne Supply Company for 27 years. After retirement, he devoted his time and energy to co-creating the City High Alumni Association and member of the American Legion, War Memorial Foundation, South Middle School Veterans Day Committee and life-long member of St. Paul's Church. Charlie's life was devoted to service to his family, country, community, church and friends.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by his sister Carol and her husband Gus.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Grace Kimiko; his children: Robert, Ane, and Shawn; his brothers, Jim and wife, Bette, Thomas and wife, Tabitha; his sister Christine and husband, Rick; brothers-in-law: Kikei Nakamura and wife, Kiyoko, Kiyoshi Nakamura and wife, Masako, Kisaburo Nakamura and wife, Kazuko; sister-in-law, Kikuko Shimabukuro and husband, Kiichi. Charlie also

had four grandchildren: Hana Gilbert and husband, Marcus, Mary Cobb, Sara Ferchichi and husband Amine, Klaus Cobb; four great-grandchildren, Penelope, Hiromi, Zeid and Olivier; and thirteen nieces and nephews .

A funeral service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on October 14th, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Henderson, KY. Father Rich Martindale will officiate. Donations may be left in memoriam to the City High Alumni Association, War Memorial Fund, South Middle School Veterans Day Committee or St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentonglunt.com](http://www.bentonglunt.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St Paul's Episcopal Church  
5 S Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**ane** - October 30, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**ane** - October 30, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Charlie Linn Crabtree III*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM

CH

“ I just found Charlie's obit on the internet. In 1969...I reported to the USS Hancock to replace him as enlisted station manager of the ships AFRTS radio station. He was heading to Saigon.

*He taught me the ropes in a short amount of time. After all these years, I have remembered him. I'm sorry I've found out too late that he has passed away.*

*I've been a professional broadcaster the rest of my life...and still doing morning radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa...semi retired.*

*I'm sorry I've found out too late that he has passed away.*

*God bless.*

*Cary J. Hahn (former Navy Broadcast Journalist)*

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**Cary J. Hahn** - January 12, 2021 at 10:03 AM

BS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Charlie's family and friends. He was my First Sergeant in the Army Reserves and was well respected by all. Charlie always kept up with me thru my mother and father.

*The whole community has lost a tremendous man who poured his soul into the South Middle School Veterans Day Ceremony and helped make it the event that it is today.*

*See you on the high ground, Charlie!*

*With sympathy and much respect! COL Brad Summers, USAR (R)*

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**B. Summers** - October 15, 2019 at 02:22 PM

KT

“ I did not know of Charlie's passing until this morning. We attended HCC together and became friends. Throughout the years we kept up with each other thru City High alumni events and South Middle School Veterans Day program. When I would see Charlie we would catch up on our kids and all their accomplishment. He was certainly a proud father and a devoted husband. He truly loved people and celebrated life each day. I want to extend my sincere sympathy to his entire family

*Sincerely,*

*Kathy Roberts Turpin*

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**Kathy Roberts Turpin** - October 15, 2019 at 09:12 AM

BW

“ May God's grace and mercy surround all of you at this time and in the journey to come. Blessings and peace.



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**Beth Macke, Mark Sellars and Will White** - October 14, 2019 at 08:12 PM

WT

“ From the Thomas family: Ella Thomas, Aaron Thomas, and Wendell Thomas

*Our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time.*

*Keeping you and your family in our prayers.*

*We pray that God will grant you the strength. Charlie will always be remembered.*

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**Wendell Thomas** - October 14, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlie Linn Crabtree III.*



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October 14, 2019 at 08:31 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charlie Linn Crabtree III.*



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October 13, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ *Ane Crabtree lit a candle in memory of Charlie Linn Crabtree III*



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**ane crabtree** - October 13, 2019 at 05:54 AM



“ *Charlie will be missed. He was a man full of life's experience which he used to help others. We will miss talking with him and learning from him. We send his family our prayers. We mourn him, but also thank god that he lived.*

*Tom & Donna Windberg*

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**Tom & Donna** - October 12, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlie Linn Crabtree III.*



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October 12, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charlie Linn Crabtree III.*



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October 12, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charlie Linn Crabtree III.*



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October 12, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Stately Lilies was purchased for the family of Charlie Linn Crabtree III.*



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October 12, 2019 at 09:30 AM

SS

“ *Rest in peace, my friend. You went over and beyond most half your age in both work efforts, service to your country, and community involvement.*

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**Samuel Smith** - October 11, 2019 at 10:41 PM

CW

“ *I have lost a lifelong friend. Condolences to the family.*



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**Charles ( Mickey) Woodward** - October 11, 2019 at 09:51 PM

MT

“ *Missy Brodsky and Moe Torres purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlie Linn Crabtree III.*



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**Missy Brodsky and Moe Torres** - October 11, 2019 at 08:56 PM

MB

“ *Missy Brodsky lit a candle in memory of Charlie Linn Crabtree III*



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**Missy Brodsky** - October 11, 2019 at 08:07 PM