

*Charles Ray "Charlie"*  
*Hollifield*

**May 2, 1950 - Aug. 12, 2025**

Charles Ray "Charlie" Hollifield, 75, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2025 after an extended illness.

Born in McDowell County, NC on May 2, 1950, he was the son of the late Claude Charles Hollifield and Bernice Rathbone Hollifield.

Charlie retired as a DMV Hearing Officer after 30 years of service to the state of North Carolina. He enjoyed working in his yard, watching the birds around his home, and all kinds of animals. He dearly loved his children and grandchildren.

Charlie is survived by his significant other, Kimberly Throneburg; son, Tracy Hollifield (Janice); adopted daughter, Hannah Throneburg; grandchildren, Taylor Hollifield, Reagan Hollifield, and Spencer Hollifield; special aunts, Daisey Harper and Kitty Stowe; and other special family members, Larry and Gail Throneburg.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. J.R. Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in McDowell Memorial Park.

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# Tribute Wall

Sad to learn of Charlie's passing. Sincere condolences to Kim and all of Charlie's family/extended family. I've known Charlie for many years and have always known him as a great man and a great Driver License Examiner who always treated everyone with dignity and respect in a friendly and down-to-earth manner. Have never known him to have a problem with the public or others he came into contact with through his work. Prayers for all.

—Lane Throneburg

I was so heart broken to hear that Charlie passed away. I met Charlie many years ago through working with the State and over the years had the pleasure of working as a Hearing Officer with him. If anyone could brighten up your day it was Charlie. It was hard to be serious around Charlie , he always made me laugh. Charlie will surely be missed by many but he will forever be in our hearts. Sending love and prayers for the family. Rest well my friend.

—Nancy Jones



I knew Charlie from the DMV but my daddy, Grady Thompson, knew him as one of his good friends. My daddy knew a lot of people but there were few he would say was a friend. Charlie and Sid were two on a very short list. Maybe it was bc he was a Dallas fan. Although I feel certain it was bc of the special person he was. My prayers are for his family tonight.

—Kimberly Thompson

Deepest sympathy.

—Ann Smith

So enjoyed working with you as a DMV hearing officer. Your sense of humor and outlook on life was to be admired. Your dedication to your friends and family in later years was something everyone could define as "Charlie". Rest in peace. You've earned it

—Brenda Saunders

Awesome guy, neighbor and friend! Will miss our chats and home made sausage from McDowell county! Charlie answered the question "can anyone or any thing great come out of McDowell county". He is probably eating some home made sausage right now!!

—Ed Hardin



A true friend. We spent a lot of time together working for the NC DMV. We shared many miles and a lot of adventures together along with Ed Booth. We three made memories. Prayers for the family. Rest in peace.

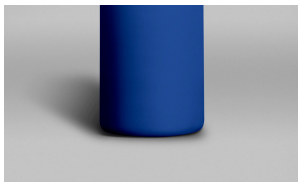
—Jamie Whitt

Life long friend Charlie. Your smile and laugh I will always remember. RIP you are pain free! Gods blessings and peace to your family and friends.

—Gladys Draughon P-Nup



What a dear and special friend. I will miss you Charlie and cherish all the memories. Prayers for his family and many



friends. Truly one of the good ones. Renee'

—Renee Link



—Glenda Hayes



So thankful for the memories with Charlie wile taking care of his mom , We all had lots of good times and laughs . Charlie would always send pictures on every holiday. He loved his parents and i could only imagine the reunion of them all being together again . You're gonna be so missed Charlie and I hope they have Georgia cornbread and Dallas Cowboys In Heaven

—Chelsie Moore



I hired Charlie as a driver license examiner and we worked together several years. Good guy who will surely be missed. My heart felt condolences to Kim and his family

—Sidney Simmons

One of my most favorite cousins. Rest in peace Charlie...

—Tina Hollifield Hendley

Prayers for the family, Charlie was a friend and a friend indeed Rip love you chew

—Ed Booth