



## SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin

September 5, 1934 - December 8, 2023

Charles Lawrence Franklin, a treasured and vibrant soul, graced this world with his presence for 89 remarkable years. Born on September 5, 1934, in Grenada, MS, to Benjamin and Lula Mae Franklin, Charles's life was a beautiful tapestry of love, service, and joy. He departed from us on December 8, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of warmth and inspiration in Fayetteville, NC, where he was a beloved figure. Charles's journey was one of adventure and passion. Before his illustrious career in the United States Army, which began in August 1956, he mastered a variety of trades, showcasing his innate talent and versatility. His military service was marked by exceptional achievements, including being honored with the Bronze Star medal. It was during his service at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, that he encountered the love of his life, Matylene Jordan. Their love story blossomed into a marriage on April 7, 1964, and together, they embarked on a journey filled with love, laughter, and the joy of raising four wonderful children. Charles's retirement from the military in April 1977 was just the beginning of his continued contributions to his community and nation. His skills as a mechanic and instructor were only surpassed by his zeal for learning and teaching. Charles was a man who loved to get his hands dirty, whether fixing a car or planting a garden, and his generosity knew no bounds. He was always there to lend a hand or a listening ear, touching the lives of not just his family but also neighbors, friends, and even strangers. He was preceded in death by his sister, Bennie L. Mister, and his parents. He leaves to cherish his memory, four wonderful children: Susan C. Franklin, Carl

L. Franklin, Belinda M. Johnson (Jamlain), and Timothy A. Franklin (Roxanne). His grandchildren; Tamra Franklin-Crank (Jayson), Anthony J. Franklin, Aries R. Lopez (Deeanna), and Timothy E. Franklin; his great-grandchildren Makena Crank and Dannelle Lopez and his sister, Odessa Kellin. Charles's life was a celebration of love, resilience, and kindness. He was a pillar of strength and wisdom, always eager to share stories, indulge in new experiences, and embrace every moment with enthusiasm. His legacy is one of boundless love and unwavering dedication to his family and community. Charles Franklin's memory will forever be cherished and celebrated by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His spirit of joy, compassion, and generosity will continue to inspire and guide us.

Lovingly submitted, Family

# Cemetery Details

## Cumberland Memorial Gardens

4509 Raeford Rd  
Fayetteville, NC 28304

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 19. 8:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral

DEC 19. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Burial

DEC 19 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ With Love, The Holmes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.

With Love, The Holmes Family - December 18, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.



December 18, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.



December 18, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.



December 17, 2023 at 08:47 AM

JM

“ *My Condolences To The Family From A Co-Worker At Fort Liberty*

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**Joe McLaughlin** - December 16, 2023 at 06:32 PM

JM

“ *Joe McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin*



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**Joe McLaughlin** - December 16, 2023 at 06:27 PM

BJ

“ *Bobby and Hazel Jordan*  
*When someone you love become a memory, the memories become a treasure. May the wonderful treasures fill your heart with love and bring you peace.*

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**Bobby Jordan** - December 16, 2023 at 04:37 PM

JJ

“ *Charles will forever hold a special place in my heart as a special Brother -in -Law who was more like my Brother.*  
*He offered kind, simple & caring words of advice when needed. I'm surely going to miss that ,the phone talks, jokes & late night texts. Miss you already*  
*Love, Jocelyn*



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**Jocelyn Jordan** - December 15, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.



December 15, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ We are praying for each of you during this difficult time. May it be of some small comfort to know other's care and, we are praying with and for each of you. Love and Prayers, Aunt Pat

Pat Jordan - December 15, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ I was a young kid when Charles came to visit my sister Madelyn. Thanks for making her happy, & being a loving Brother in Law. Wonderful memories 💕

Tommy Jordan Sr - December 15, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ Janet W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.

Janet W. - December 15, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.*



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December 14, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.*



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December 14, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ *From Your Sister Odessa and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.*



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**From Your Sister Odessa and family** - December 14, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.*



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December 14, 2023 at 03:20 PM

JD

“ *One of the most loving and caring person I ever had the pleasure of knowing. His home was always open to us when whenever we visited. I will really miss the phone calls. Much love to the family!*

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**Johnnie Dalton** - December 14, 2023 at 08:25 AM

MH

*our prayer are with the family of SFC C.L. ,Thomas and Ellen Farmer*

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**Mr @ Mrs Thomas H.Farmer** - December 16, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of SFC Charles Lawrence Franklin.*



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December 14, 2023 at 08:12 AM