



Pastor Joseph Charles Reitz

April 20, 1929 - August 25, 2016

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Bro. Charles, age 87, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, August 25, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He was a native of Georgia and a resident of Independence, LA. Bro. Charles proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. In his last year of service he was in North Korea during the battle of the Chosen Reservoir. He started his ministry in 1955 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Georgia. Bro. Charles retired as an associate pastor at Blood River Baptist Church in 2012, but continued his ministry until his death.

Bro. Charles is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Kathleen E. Reitz; sons, Mark Reitz and wife Jeanie, Bryan Reitz and wife Brenda, Rodger Reitz and wife Pat, and Timothy Reitz and wife Kim; sister, Shirley Williams; and brothers, Richard Reitz, and Richard Melton. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Wendy R. Lea and husband Matthew, Marcie R. Besse and husband Jason, Joey Reitz and wife Jennifer, Ryan, Vanessa, Taylor, and Karlie Reitz, and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Reitz and Ruth Melton; and brother, Gene Melton.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at Blood River Baptist Church on Monday, August 29, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Victor Roudkouski, Rev. Sammy Smith, Rev. David Collins, Bro. Joey Reitz will be officiating and interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 on behalf of Bro. Charles.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Blood River Baptist Church Cemetery

31186 Pea Ridge Road
Albany, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life Service

AUG 29. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, TIM. I'M GLAD WE COULD DO THE PRE-PLANNING LAST WEEK. I'M SURE HIS SOUL IS WITH OUR LORD NOW. CALL ME WHEN YOU GET SOME TIME AFTERWARD.

SINCERELY,

JACK CATALINOTTO
BGTFH PRE-NEED ADVISOR

JACK CATALINOTTO - August 29, 2016 at 10:07 AM

AW

“ May your anguish and sorry be lessened by the knowledge that we will meet in Glory! Keeping his family in my thoughts and prayers.
Alan Wozniak

Alan Wozniak - August 29, 2016 at 08:06 AM

RH

“ I always enjoyed it when Bro. Charles would sing "His Eye is on the Sparrow" during a service.
Brett and I were very thankful that he was willing to come back to OZHBC and perform our wedding ceremony.
May the Lord comfort the hearts of all who knew and loved him.
Rhonda Starns Bourg

Rhonda - August 29, 2016 at 12:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Joseph Charles Reitz.*



August 28, 2016 at 10:55 PM



“ *TO THE REITZ FAMILY! SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF BRO CHARLES! WE'VE KNOWN HIM FOR MANY YEARS, AND SUCH A NICE PERSON! MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS BE UPON YOU. DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME! CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY!
CAROL AND GLYNN STARKEY!*

Glynn Starkey - August 27, 2016 at 08:13 PM



“ *Rob, Lisa and Emily Elliott purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Joseph Charles Reitz.*



Rob, Lisa and Emily Elliott - August 27, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences to all the family and friends.*

Greg Mocsary - August 27, 2016 at 10:37 AM

MB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Marcie Reitz Besse - August 27, 2016 at 08:27 AM

GA

“ Mark so sorry to hear the sad news about your dad. Our prayers are with you. And your family

Gordon Anderson - August 27, 2016 at 02:35 AM