

“Randolph-Sheppard Vendors in Alabama and Across the Nation Lost a GREAT Advocate and Spokesman in the passing of “Charlie” Carroll, Chairman of Alabama’s Elected Committee of Blind Vendors”Joe Helm, ADRS Assistant Commissioner, Retired



Charles "Charlie" Leroy Carroll, age 59, of Clanton, Alabama, passed away, Monday, June 30, 2014 at his home. "Charlie" as he was known to so many of us will rest in peace in Memory Hill Gardens in Tuscaloosa, home of Charlie's beloved Crimson Tide. He was preceded in death by his parents, Buck Carroll and Sarah McCarter Carroll; and his beloved dog Biloxi. Charlie is survived by his wife, Patsy Gentry Carroll; two sons, Jimmy Whitehead (Savannah) of Tallassee, Ala., and Dewayne Trott (Laurie) of Weaver, Ala.; five grandchildren, Hunter Whitehead, Matt, Blake, Josh, and Patrick; sisters, Linda Holman (Randy) and Vicky Jent (Ted); stepsisters, Sherri Pharr and Lynn Pharr; stepmother, Helen Street; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

Charlie was born August 30, 1954 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Buck and Sarah "McCarter" Carroll. He graduated from Alabama School of the Blind Talladega in 1973. Charlie went on to graduate from Gadsden State and Jacksonville State Community College. Charlie was a successful vendor for over 40 years with the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind of Alabama. He was a member of ACB of Alabama and ACB of America. Charlie was a member of Randolph-Shepard Vendors of America where he served as 2nd Vice-President on the board of directors and received numerous awards from RSA. He was a member of the Alabama School for the Blind Alumni Association; a member of AER International and the Alabama Chapter of AER; as well the Clanton Evening Lions Club. For the past several years Charlie was elected and served as Chairman of Alabama's Elected Committee of Blind Vendors representing over 100 vendors working in Alabama's Business Enterprise Program.

Pallbearers were Shane Robinett, Jeremy Herbowy, Michael Coker, Matthew Synder, Keith Gentry and Corey Free. Charlie's family and friends would like to extend a special thank you to Southern Care Hospice, especially his nurse Karen Smitherman, social worker Pam Boyken, Dr. Keith Funderburg, Dr. Chris Woods, and West End Baptist Church for their loving care and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Charles "Charlie" L. Carroll Scholarship Award via Randolph Sheppard Vendors of America. You may contact:

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