



Lee, Charles 'Charlie' Ray

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Charles "Charlie" Ray Lee, 74, passed away at home peacefully with the love of his life, Barbara Lee, by his side Feb. 24, 2022, after a courageous 5-year battle with cancer from Agent Orange exposure during his service in the Vietnam War. He was the oldest of eight children.

Charlie was born in Decatur to Jasper Bruce "Happy" Lee and Catherine Marcell Poteet Lee Putnam.

Charlie loved playing basketball and was well liked by his classmates at Forestburg High School. He attended North Central Texas College followed by proudly serving in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Worden DLG.

Ever the heart of a servant, he graduated valedictorian from North Central Regional Police Academy in 1975. He was a police officer in Decatur and Denton for six years. Bonded Lightning Protection Systems, Ltd. is where he spent the rest of his working career as a beloved trainer earning the nickname "The Professor" and father figure to many a young person. Charlie stated, "I didn't

work for a company, but for a family." Bonded Lightning Protection has graciously renamed the training center in his honor of his 38 years of faithful service and contribution to the industry at large.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Lee; daughters, Shawna Lee of Adolphus, Ky., Shelly Lee King and husband, Tom, of Roswell, Ga., Sandy Lee Hart and husband, Dave, of Argyle; 16 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; mother in-law, Blondell Poteet of North Richland Hills; sisters, Cathy Moseley and husband, Johnny, of Forestburg, Linda McAhan and husband, Charles, of Saginaw and Becky Harwell of Forestburg; brother, James Putnam and wife, Katherine, of Gainesville.

Charlie was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who loved and enjoyed his family. His favorite past-time was sharing his passion for fishing and lake life with his children and grandchildren.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Norman Bruce Lee; sister, Virginia Louise Lee, half-sister, Paula Dianne Putnam; uncles, Jim Poteet and Milton "Cotton" Leon Poteet.

A Celebration of Life with military funeral honors for Charlie will be held 1 p.m. March 12, at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home, 740 Edmonds Lane in Lewisville with graveside service following at Alvord Cemetery in Alvord.

If desired, memorial donations can be made online or by mail to Shiloh Military Ministries for Lanny and Stacey Groves-Account No. 3101, shilohmilitaryministries.org/Page/18091, P.O. Box 102, Woodlawn, TN 37191.