



Charles Ray Dorton

March 20, 1945 - April 25, 2025

Charles Ray Dorton, 80, of Mooresville, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2025 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on March 20, 1945 in Iredell County, NC. Charles was the son of the late Martha Heglar Lowrance and Marshall Douglas Lowrance and the late Charles William Dorton. He was a graduate of West Rowan High School. Mr. Dorton started as butcher for Winn-Dixie grocery store and later was a longtime small motor mechanic, retiring from Fiber/Celanese. He was a lifelong member of Centenary Global Methodist Church, where he served as the Assistant Scout Master. He was a president and fire chief for Centenary Fire Department. He loved fishing, gardening, playing golf, and just being outdoors.

Mr. Dorton is survived by his loving wife, Lura Donaldson Dorton; children, Luann Orbson (Rusty), Chuck Dorton (Stephanie); grandchildren, Regan Garris (Brandon), Victoria Epps (Caleb), Rustyn Orbson, Alex Dorton, Mallory Dorton; and great grandson, Rayden Garris.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 27 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday at Centenary Global Methodist Church with Rev. Brad Treece officiating.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Dorton family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

APR **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

APR **28**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM.

Centenary Global Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

JM

“ My heart, thoughts and prayers to the family of Ray Dorton. So good of people So much I could say, however will briefly comment. I met Ray & Lura ,46 years ago and later a very young LeAnn, and Chuck. Ray was our fire Chief at(then)Centenary Vol Fire Dept, in 1979. Such a kind decent, patiently leader, who encouraged me at 18, built me up for my future. Serous or jokingly, that big smile, calmness he had it in spades. Sometimes I thought he was sort of like Andy ,and I questioned myself alittle like Barney Fife. I grew in that, later on would also work at Lowrance Hospital as a Security Officer, where Lura was in nursing. Ray just was just a good fellow, I can't put it into words. One of the times I saw him many years later at grocery store once, we just picked up where we left off. Ray put an impression guide on my life. I will always remember Ray. Ray Dorton will be deeply missed.

Jeffrey 'big Jeff'"big boy' McKnight ,Former Captain ,Centenary Volunteer Fire Department

Jeffrey McKnight - May 02, 2025 at 02:53 AM

WD

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking about all of you. 💖💖💖💖

Winnie Donaldson - April 29, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JG

“ Jake & Carolyn Goodman lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Dorton



Jake & Carolyn Goodman - April 29, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss.



Cynthia McLaurin - April 28, 2025 at 09:18 PM

KS

“ Kristi Eury & Studio115 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Ray Dorton.



Kristi Eury & Studio115 - April 27, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Dorton.



April 27, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Ray Dorton.

April 27, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss! Ray was a good man and loved his family very much.

Nancy and Gary Archie

Nancy Archie - April 26, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Dorton.*



April 26, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ *Our love, our prayers...
Carl & Teresa Moore*

Teresa Moore - April 26, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *Ray was a friendly and kind man. Excellent grandfather and uncle. He was great at grilling out and I loved the cookouts and potlucks he and my Aunt Lura hosted for our family. It was a lot of work, but they never complained and were always gracious! The hardest part about getting older isn't the aches and pains, it's missing the one's you love when the Lord calls them home.*

Andy Winders - April 26, 2025 at 01:20 PM

DO

“ To the Dorton Family, I can think of many good memories with Ray going way back to some of Centenary’s Scouts BBQ (fund raisers), However, one memory just happened this past Sat., as he told me of a recent mishap that he had experienced. As per his character he laughed it off, and I will forever giggle when I think about him. Ray you surely will be missed! Love and Prayers for Lura, and the whole family. RIP Ray

Donna Orbison - April 26, 2025 at 01:13 PM

TC

Uncle Ray was one of a kind. He was such a giving and loving person. When our family gets together, we usually have a cookout. Ray always did the cooking and made sure everyone had plenty to eat before he would finally have his turn to eat. Ray and my Aunt Lura had such a loving relationship. I pray that my Aunt Lura will be able to continue to be happy by remembering all the wonderful years they had together. Uncle Ray, we will miss you so much.

Tara Cashion - April 26, 2025 at 07:40 PM

FT

“ Rich and I are so sorry to hear of Ray’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He is for sure at Peace in heaven now 😊❤️ I remember how he loved when my “Littleman” would jump up on his lap and snuggle up ☐ He was a one of a kind great man and you all were blessed to have hom for so many years . Love to all, Rich and Flo.

flotence tabak - April 26, 2025 at 12:14 PM