



Charles Edward Rothrock

August 15, 1949 – May 22, 2019

Celebrating the Life of
Charles Edward Rothrock

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:00 a.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Nederland, Texas



Prelude

Prayer

Reflections

Raven Hauge “Rhonda Lynn”

Bill Morgan

Minister of Senior Adults Calvary Baptist Church, Beaumont

Ralph Burrage

Charlie's Sunday School Teacher for the Early Risers' Group

Military Funeral Honors

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

Prayer

The “Navy Hymn”

Postlude



Charles Edward Rothrock, 69, of Port Neches, died Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas, Beaumont. He was born to Myrtle Jean Gibbons and Robert Ed Rothrock, on August 15, 1949, in Levelland.

Survivors include his father, Robert Rothrock and his wife, Alice, of Orange; sister, Barbara Jean Vincent and her husband, Butch, of

Nederland; and beloved dog, Lucy. There were too many friends to be listed, but a few of the longest and best were Sheri and Gary Bell, E.J. Ashford, John Wilson, Dallas Sparks, Keith Hauge, Jerry Bridges, Gary Rayburn, Pinkie Reynolds, Don Sample, Bull, George, Paws Veterinary Clinic and Grooming Spa and Charlie's own, Rhonda Lynn.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle Jean Rothrock; and brother, Michael Robert Rothrock.

On behalf of Charlie, a special thanks is to be given to Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group and Broussard's, Nederland for their impeccable and gracious service in this time of sorrow.

God chose the path on which Charlie Rothrock travelled.

With one swoop, Charlie's life was forever changed. A motorcycle accident in 1972 left him paralyzed from the chest down.

He lost a good job at DuPont, his ability to walk, a year to date his wife divorced him, and he lost everything he owned.

With the construction of the prison system in the area in the 1990's came opportunities Charlie never thought possible. Through Christianity, he strived to reach inmates and forever touch their lives.

He believed he didn't go to prison to save the world but to find one person and help him change his life and not hurt anyone else. A success story? Absolutely, if you can get someone to think before they pick up a weapon.

Southeast Texas had over 13,000 people locked away. There were as many locked away as those who attended Lamar University if you counted the three state prisons and the juvenile center combined.



The King James Version of the Holy Bible tells the faithful to visit the imprisoned and Charlie took those words to heart, spending about 32 hours each week with inmates in capacity as chaplain. "Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me," is taken from Matthew 25:36.

Charlie, who won several awards for his volunteerism including the prestigious Carol S. Vance Volunteer of the Year Award, worked in several capacities with inmates at the Stiles Unit. From being a teacher's aide at the Windham School District in both academic and vocational areas to working as a mediator with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Services, Charlie embodied the term "volunteer."

Charlie believed The Lord put us here to serve our fellow man, not to just sit and talk, and that is why he went into a prison setting with hardened criminals day after day.

Charlie had a vision for the future. His goal was to get to heaven and take as many people with him as he could.

Charlie Rothrock Biography

- **1949** – Born August 15th to Robert and Jean Rothrock in Levelland.
- **1955** – The Rothrock family moved to the Golden Triangle area because of father's work at Mobile Oil.
- **1968** – Charlie graduated from Nederland High School.
- **1972** – Charlie received an honorable discharge from the United States Navy, after having spent 38 out of 38 months in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. While in the Navy, he served as a machinist mate/hydraulic mechanic.
- **1972-1976** – Charlie was employed as a wood pattern marker in various pattern shops/foundries from Beaumont to Houston.
- **1976-1978** – Charlie was employed with DuPont Sabine River Works in Orange.
- **1978** – On May 20th, he was involved in a motorcycle accident which left him paralyzed from the chest down.
- **1979-1980** – Charlie attended Lamar University to obtain course work in drafting.
- **1980-1981** – Charlie assisted in the administrative and shop-operations of a local brass, bronze and aluminum foundry.
- **1987** – Charlie obtained a United States Patent for an aquatic aeration device.
- **1987-1994** – Charlie volunteered numerous hours in a business in which they engineered, built and shipped foundry patterns to 25 states as well as to five foreign countries.
- **1994** – Charlie left the business sector and became a volunteer and devoted his time and talents in various community and prison projects such as Friday Night Prison Fellowship, Kairos Prison Ministry, teacher's aide for Windham School District in both academic and vocational areas, was a mediator with the Dispute Resolution Center as well as a mediator with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Services. He also volunteered as Santa Claus for kids with AIDS.



















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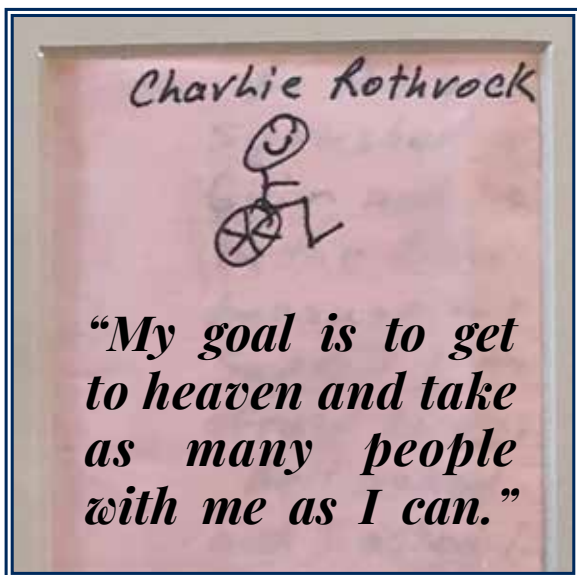
Jodi B. Henkey CPDT-KA

Certified Professional Dog Trainer

Nov 1, 2013

Date





Interment to be held at a later date
at the Houston National Cemetery

Memorial Contributions

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Please sign Mr. Rothrock's guest book and share your memories at
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