



Charles James Rawlins

November 10, 1945 - April 23, 2026

Capt. Charles James Rawlins, 80, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 23, 2026. Born on November 10, 1945, in Memphis, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Charles Rawlins and Virginia Rawlins.

Charles was a devoted husband, sharing 59 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Sondra Rawlins. Charles earned his Bachelor's degree in Business/Accounting. His work ethic led him to a successful career in data processing, where he worked for both Santee Cooper and Piggly Wiggly. Charles served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1969. He was drafted in 1966, sent to Basic Ft. Gordon, GA, AIT Ft. Dix, NJ, OCS Ft. Benning, Officers Basic, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ft. Jackson 1 year, Vietnam, 1 year with 1st Field Force NhaTrang, Indianapolis AFEES 1 year. Awards, Bronze Star and Joint Services Commendation Medal. He loved listening to country music, bike riding, watching western movies, spending time on the golf course or tennis court, deer hunting and fishing. He was also a devoted fan of the Georgia Bulldogs football and never turned down a tootsie roll. Charles was also a member of the American Legion and VFW. Charles loved his family and prioritized time spent with them. He was a faithful member of Oaktown Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sondra Rawlins; his children: Ashley Jacobs

(George) and Lynn Sherwood (Ben); his grandchildren: Cassidy Jacobs, Joey Sherwood, and Madison Sherwood; his mother-in-law, Virginia Dale Brown; as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and two sister in laws. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Charlotte Lynn Street; as well as his brother in law, Ronnie Brown; his father-in-law, JO Brown; as well as his beloved springer spaniels: Duke 1, 2 and 3.

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 6pm until 8pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. The funeral service will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026, beginning at 11:00am. Burial will immediately follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC 29485.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

APR **27** (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens
11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Tribute Wall



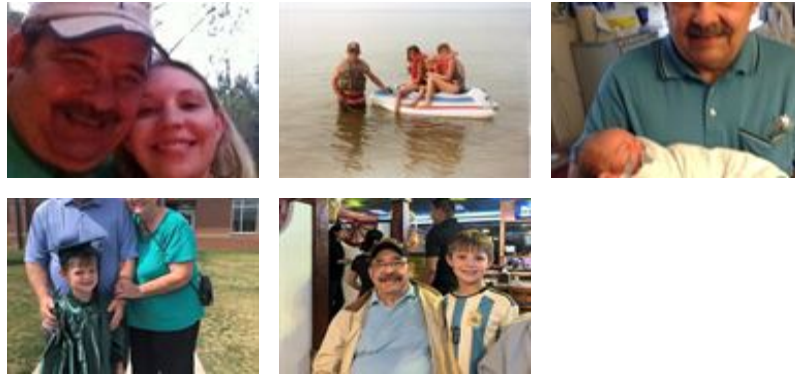
“ Terry, Trae, Lisa, Mikey, Rosie, & Pinky purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Charles James Rawlins.



Terry, Trae, Lisa, Mikey, Rosie, & Pinky - April 26 at 04:09 PM



“ 138 files added to the album Life Tributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - April 26 at 08:51 AM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Charles James Rawlins.



April 25 at 11:17 AM



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

April 25 at 11:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles James Rawlins.



April 24 at 02:06 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories of my Uncle Charles took place one summer when I was little and went to stay with my extended family. These stays occurred somewhat often, but this particular event definitely stands out. We had woken up very early to go fishing at a nearby lake. Out into the water we went on his boat finding a potentially good spot thanks to his fish finder. However, despite cast after cast luck was not on our side. I can't state for sure how much time we sat there, but we decided to move and try our luck somewhere else. Sadly, the poor luck extended beyond our attempts at a catch. Try as he might, the motor would not start. More time was spent as we drifted along in the blazing heat and he attempted to fix the motor. He eventually found the troller motor worked and we decided to try to use it to get us back to shore. Long story short, we spent HOURS on that lake and at one point he finally tried the regular motor again and it worked and we made it back to shore to head home. We never caught a single fish that I recall, but I truly treasured my time with two guys hanging on a boat. As I grew, we would often bring this up and laugh. It is truly one of my favorite memories not only of my Uncle, but in my entire life. I will miss him deeply, but I hope he is able to enjoy solid fishing where he is now with a fully functioning boat!

Dusty F. - April 24 at 12:18 PM