



## Charles Ferris Cato

December 15, 1957 - May 2, 2023

Charles Ferris Cato (Charlie), was born in Roanoke, AL, December 15, 1957, he went home to be with his heavenly father May 2, 2023. Preceded in death by great great Aunt Julia Bell Ford, father Ferris Cato, mother Nancy Huey Bradsher. Charlie was raised by his great great Aunt, Julia Bell Ford. After graduating

Handley High School, Charlie joined the Marine Corps and served a two-year stint as a military policeman at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. It was there he found his love for guns and started his collection of guns. He returned to Alabama where he began working for the state of Alabama and taking classes in criminal justice at Auburn University. Charlie had a zest for life with a generous heart and a joy of meeting people. His love for Harley Hogs and Dodge Challengers was widely known among his family and friends, in his younger years he owned a Dodge Challenger and two Harley Hogs. Upon his retirement Charlie had planned to buy one of each as well as travel. He had already made plans to travel to Jamaica after his retirement. His love for his family was unrivaled. It was nothing he would not do to provide for them or protect them. It was known among his friends and co-workers that they could count on him when needed.

Charlie leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 36 years, Patricia Felder Cato; son, Javan E. Felder, Sr (Rachell) (Orr, OH); daughter, Carmen Cato, (ex-husband, Mechin Jones) (Montgomery, AL); grandchildren, Isaiah Marshal

(Pamplin, VA); Carissa Austin (Montgomery, AL); Laiya Felder (Indianapolis, IN); Shyanne and Caden Bennett (Montgomery, AL); Cameron Goulde (Virginia Beach, VA); Javan, Jr, Rashaun, Dominick Felder (Orr, OH); Makaylee and Makenzie Jones (Montgomery, AL). Special Aunt, Harriet Hall (Fairhope, AL); Uncle, Charles Huey (Auburn, AL); traveling buddies and co-workers, Jackie Vinson and Jeff High, special friend/contractor, Terry Cummings. A host of other loved family, friends and co-workers alike.

The Cato family would like to thank Passion Church family, Saint James UMC, and Staff of Baptist South Hospital. Prattville Memorial Chapel and any all who donated cards, flowers, food, love offerings, phone calls, visits and encouraging words for all that they did during our time of need.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel  
841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL 36066  
(334) 365-7147  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BT

“ To Pat and family,

*My heart aches for you all. Losing someone you loved and cared for is never easy. I don't have a lot of memories of Charlie. However, I don't recall the year but my late husband Wallace and I were visiting Montgomery and we were greeting everyone—I want to say—at Charles and Chris's home but it could have been at my late parents home—anyway— I recall him giving the warmest handshake greeting to Wallace (his first time ever meeting him), and a bear hug for me. I remember it because it was the warmest greeting I had ever gotten from him and I thought whoa brother, let me breathe. 😊*

*I wouldn't say I knew my brother-in-law extremely well but can say without question, that God knew him best, his achievements, his successes, his failures, and all in between the dash of his life span.*

*To me, one of his great achievements was the courage it took in modern day Montgomery, Alabama, to marry a black woman with a young son and help raise him as his own. I believe he had the love of my nephew, Javan. I also believe another achievement is that a fruit of their union was Carmen. Both are blessed great achievements, because love was the main ingredient. 💕*

*Rest in peace Charlie.*

*Barbara Felder Tyner  
Sister-in-law*

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**Barbara Tyner** - May 08, 2023 at 09:39 AM

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*Thanks #2. Charlie did put in my mind your own "teddy bear" Wallace. Who took in a skinny scared kid trying to run from home under his wing and loved her like a kid sister. That was Charlie willing to make others feel "at home" while doing what needed to be done, whether teaching or "straightening out". 😊*

Pat Felder-Cato - May 09, 2023 at 09:53 PM

JF

*Well Pat, Cato is in a better place and is in no more pain. I beleive he made peace with God before he left this earth. May he rest in peace.*

JoAnn Felder-Gaskins - May 13, 2023 at 11:06 PM

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*“ To Pat and family— from the Tyner clan, our sincere condolences for your loss. We wish that we could be with you now to give moral support. You did it for us when Big Wallace passed. In spirit and in sincere prayer, we are with you.*

*We love you all,  
Barbara, Yvette, Melissa, Wallace Jr, Joshua*

Tyner - May 08, 2023 at 09:32 AM



*“ My brother in law was loved by many. My Love and support goes to the family . I remember him helping wherever he could. He will be missed by many.*

Linda Lee - May 08, 2023 at 08:09 AM

CH

*Salute!*

Charliewang - May 08, 2023 at 10:41 PM

PF

*Thanks #10 for being one of my biggest supporters during this difficult time. And he will be greatly missed. 💕💕*

**Pat Felder-Cato** - May 09, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Ferris Cato.*



May 05, 2023 at 04:43 PM

CQ

“ *Pat and Carmen, I'm so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. he was one of my dearest friends and has always been there for me during my tough times. My prayers for you both and all of the family are that GOD will comfort you and if you will allow him, he will get you thru all of these days. I loved Charlie and he will be missed by us all.*

**Clint Quillin** - May 05, 2023 at 04:38 PM

PF

*Clint, thanks for the prayers and kind words. He will indeed be missed by many.*

**Pat Felder-Cato** - May 13, 2023 at 08:26 PM