



Charles Raymond Edwards

September 3, 1944 - January 30, 2018

Charles Raymond Edwards, 73, a prominent citizen of Altavista, died January 30, 2018, at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was born in Lynchburg on September 3, 1944, to the late Raymond and Pauline Edwards of Altavista.

He attended Altavista school, Hargrave Military Academy and Lynchburg College. In 1963, he began working at the family's business, Altavista Printing Company, former publishers of the Altavista Journal newspaper. He grew the company into what is now MidAtlantic Printers.

He served on Altavista Town Council under four mayors including Ed Burton, Donald Holland, Rudy Burgess and Mike Mattox. Among his priorities was the arduous and complicated task of eliminating PCBs in the town's water resources. He also helped develop the town's economic development office. He was a long-time member of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Nancy Thompson Edwards; two sisters, Mrs. Betsy Woodward of Fairfax and Anne Word and her husband, Mike of Jefferson, TN; two sons, Raymond Jason Edwards of Altavista and Carter Thompson Edwards and his wife, Rebecca of Spout Spring; one daughter, Betsy Edwards Kerrigan and her husband, Patrick of Charleston, SC; one grandson, Jake Emerson Edwards of Gastonia, NC and his mother, Julie Kickham Edwards; as well as four nieces and ten nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, Altavista by the Rev. Ben Horrocks, followed by a private burial.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Ave., Altavista, VA 24517 or a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kevin Patel and the nurses of the Diabetic Renal Unit at Lynchburg General Hospital for their support and loving care.

Please visit the online tribute at www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com to share a memory or send a condolence to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Inc. Funeral and Cremation Service
P.O. Box 85
Altavista, VA 24517

Memorial Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lane Memorial United Methodist Church
1201 Bedford Avenue
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 31, 2018 at 04:23 PM

SB

So glad you have all these pictures of Charles to enjoy as you reminisce about the time you shared his life. My deepest condolences and prayers for God' comfort.

Shirley Mayhew Bailey - January 31, 2018 at 08:20 PM

DA

“ *Grateful for your leadership, confidence, & encouragement today. Thank you. Let all grace & peace grip and guide your sleep friend. Blessings in Christ — the author and finisher of our faith. You gave me hope as the least of His, and may that now return to you.*

~dg



dave - August 15, 2018 at 11:07 AM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Marian - February 16, 2018 at 03:37 PM

WS

“ *Oh! the many memories I have of my former neighbor there in Altavista!! Sledding in the neighborhood and particularly down the hill behind the elementary school. Charles had bought a new sled for his son and had "borrowed" it to sled with Doug Dalton and myself. Charles broke the new sled on a hidden pipe and had to get to the store early the next morning to replace it. Maybe Nancy does not know about that event! Charles is one of my many fond memories of my 14 years in Altavista. May God continue his many blessings to the Edwards family.*

Warren Stephenson

Warren Stephenson - February 14, 2018 at 10:05 AM

SM

“ *Sandy Mayhew Myers lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Sandy Mayhew Myers - February 04, 2018 at 12:25 AM



“ *Robert Finch lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Robert Finch - February 03, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ *Virginia Clark lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Virginia Clark - February 03, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *Lane Crafton lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Lane Crafton - February 03, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ *Jamie & Kim lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Jamie & Kim - February 02, 2018 at 05:23 PM

PJ

“ Nancy, I am holding you in my prayers & thoughts. You and Charles were true supporters of my restaurant, Ruby J's.
Pat Jennings

Patricia Jennings - February 02, 2018 at 02:41 AM

ES

“ Charles was a fine man. My father worked for his family for many years. He was always there when you needed him. Blessings to his family!



Etta Skinnell - February 02, 2018 at 12:20 AM

LR

“ LARRY ROACH lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



LARRY ROACH - February 01, 2018 at 09:18 PM

MA

“ We at Piedmont Laminating & Coatings are very saddened by this loss. We have enjoyed 20 years of working with a fine, upstanding and fair man. Our deepest condolences go out to his family and work family. We know he will be missed.

Marty Agee - February 01, 2018 at 07:41 PM

AK

“ Thoughts & Prayers for his family & friends.
Alice Faye Krantz Keesee



ALICE KEESSEE - February 01, 2018 at 06:57 PM

BB

“ Simply put, Charles Edwards was a GOOD MAN!! More colloquially said, he was "one of the good guys" we are fortunate to meet in this life.

Our condolences go to Nancy and the entire family. (My Nancy will see you at the service on Saturday. I have a previous commitment.)

RIP "Bear" !!

*Bill and Nancy Blackwell
Lynchburg, VA*

Bill and Nancy Blackwell - February 01, 2018 at 05:46 PM

HF

“ Hearn Graphic Finishing purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Raymond Edwards.



Hearn Graphic Finishing - February 01, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ Charles was a good man. I well remember hanging out with him and Tom rolfe at the Altavista Journal office. RIP old friend.

Howard Swayne - February 01, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ Stephen Forbes & Esley Forbes purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Raymond Edwards.



Stephen Forbes & Esley Forbes - February 01, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ Although I only knew Charles for a short I could see he was a fine man with great regard for the well being of his family, employees and community... he will be missed by all that knew him... My condolences and prayers to the family. Stephen Forbes

Stephen Forbes - February 01, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Edwards.



February 01, 2018 at 12:34 PM

JB

“ Nancy please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your husband. May God's grace and peace surround you and your family during this difficult time. Our thought and prayers are with you all.

*Jan Deese Bryant and Family,
Florence Deese*

Jan Bryant - February 01, 2018 at 11:58 AM

JA

“ June and Bobby Arthur



June and Bobby Arthur - February 01, 2018 at 11:26 AM

TC

“ In 1988 I began a career in the business world, Charles gave me many invaluable tips on how to succeed. Charles took me and several buddies on a fishing trip to Harkers Island, NC. Charles was the captain on his boat, we caught plenty of fish as well as a wonderful memory.

Todd Carter

Todd Carter - February 01, 2018 at 10:48 AM

BM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. So sorry for your loss.

Brenda and Lizzie Millner

Brenda millner - February 01, 2018 at 09:45 AM

CD

“ *to the family I am so sorry for your loss' I worked for him for a number of years, Sincerely Cindy Davis,*

cindy davis - February 01, 2018 at 08:06 AM

PK

“ *Percilla Keesee lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Percilla keesee - February 01, 2018 at 08:00 AM

SJ

“ *Stuart Jennings lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Stuart Jennings - February 01, 2018 at 12:48 AM



“ *Tracy Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Tracy Ramsey - January 31, 2018 at 08:38 PM

SB

“ Charles and his mother, Pauline Edwards, provided me with some of the most enjoyable years of my career in Advertising and I am so grateful to the both of them. Deepest sympathy to all his family.
Shirley Mayhew Bailey, Burke, VA

Shirley Mayhew Bailey - January 31, 2018 at 08:34 PM

BC

“ Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Butch & Glenna W. Carr - January 31, 2018 at 08:01 PM

PJ

“ Nancy, I was so sorry to read about Charles passing. Both of you were true supporters of my restaurant, Ruby J's.

Pat Jennings

pat jennings - January 31, 2018 at 07:31 PM

WB

“ I was a member of the peer group that Charles participated in and enjoyed the association with Charles very much. I am sorry to hear of his death and will keep Nancy and his children in my prayers. --
Wendell H. Burns

Wendell H. Burns - January 31, 2018 at 05:39 PM

BW

“ So very sorry for the loss of your loved one!
May God bless and comfort you all!



Barbara Waller - January 31, 2018 at 04:01 PM

MR

“ Mark & Margie Robinson lit a candle in
memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Mark & Margie Robinson - January 31, 2018 at 11:57 AM

JM

“ Jimmy Marr lit a candle in memory of Charles
Raymond Edwards



jimmy marr - January 31, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Charles Raymond Edwards.



January 31, 2018 at 11:23 AM

PM

“ *Don and I are so sorry for your great loss.
Charles will be missed.
Patti and Don Morton*



Patti and Don Morton - January 31, 2018 at 11:18 AM

SB

“ *In the time I was privileged to know Charles, I not only considered him a colleague but a friend as well. I will miss him. My thoughts are with his family.*

Stephen Bond - January 31, 2018 at 11:10 AM

VF

“ *Valarie Farmer lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Valarie Farmer - January 31, 2018 at 11:04 AM

VF

So sorry for your loss

Valarie Farmer - January 31, 2018 at 11:04 AM

CB

We are so sorry for your loss, we are praying for God to comfort you all during this difficult time...Gregory Bonds and Family

Charlotte Bonds - January 31, 2018 at 02:18 PM

SC

“ Carter, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Becca at this time. Sincerely, Stephanie Cheatwood

Stephanie Cheatwood - January 31, 2018 at 10:27 AM

MW

“ Melanie Waller lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Melanie Waller - January 31, 2018 at 10:22 AM

LM

“ Lucinda Mattox lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Lucinda Mattox - January 31, 2018 at 10:16 AM

DB

“ Charles was one of a kind, a consummate professional and master at his craft. More importantly, he treated his employees and others with respect and care. While it is hard to say goodbye, his family and friends no doubt have many stories and wonderful memories to help guide them through their grief. There are not many like Charles in the business world these days, but I know he left a special and positive mark on the world and those whom he touched. May his soul be blessed and those he left on earth cherish the influence--large or small--that Charles had on their lives. God bless him.

Daniel Boyden - January 31, 2018 at 10:10 AM

AH

“ Anne Harrison lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Anne Harrison - January 31, 2018 at 10:09 AM

JP

“ Jerry And Becky Patterson lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Jerry and Becky Patterson - January 31, 2018 at 09:33 AM

CM

“ Nancy, So sorry to hear about Charles. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Most sincerely, Carolyn and Rob McEachern(Eckel). - Wilmington NC

Carolyn and Rob McEachern - January 31, 2018 at 08:34 AM

LK

“ Laureen Kickham lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Laureen Kickham - January 31, 2018 at 08:25 AM

LC

“ *Larry Catron lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Larry Catron - January 31, 2018 at 08:07 AM

JW

“ *Janet Wilson lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



janet wilson - January 31, 2018 at 07:59 AM



“ *Jeannie Marie Shelton lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Jeannie Marie Shelton - January 31, 2018 at 07:21 AM

KF

“ *Mr Edwards was a pillar in our community..Such a wonderful man.. When my dad retired as Postmaster and was honored as Hometown Hero Mr Edwards sent Dad the sweetest note .. it still hangs on the refrigerator . Prayers to all family*

KTaylor Family - January 31, 2018 at 04:23 AM

SK

“ Charles will be missed so much by so many. He showed me so much at the printing co. I will miss seeing him around town.

Sandy Kelley - January 31, 2018 at 12:50 AM

AP

“ Dear Nancy and Family, I am thinking of you with much love and sympathy. Praying you will feel God's nearness in the coming days.
xo



Anita Freeman Phillips - January 30, 2018 at 11:16 PM

CA

“ Chris And Beverly Angell lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Chris and Beverly Angell - January 30, 2018 at 10:41 PM

SE

“ Stephen English lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Stephen English - January 30, 2018 at 10:26 PM

Reggie
Bennett

“ *Reggie Bennett lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Reggie Bennett - January 30, 2018 at 09:49 PM

JH

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of Charles. I have always considered him a friend as well as "the boss". From the first time I met him in 1974, dressed in an ink smeared printers apron at my job interview, to the last time we talked shop a few months ago, I have known Charles as someone who would get "in the trenches" along side of you to get the job done. Someone who cared deeply for the people who worked for him. He was a remarkable man and a more remarkable friend. He will be missed. May God bless each of you left to mourn.*

John David Harris (JD)

JD Harris - January 30, 2018 at 09:45 PM

RS

“ *Rose Saunders lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Rose Saunders - January 30, 2018 at 09:44 PM

KW

“ Our sincere sympathy to Nancy, Jason, Carter and Betsy. May God's love and grace embrace you doing the difficult days to come.



Ken and Joan Woodson - January 30, 2018 at 09:24 PM

GG

“ Gwen Dawson Goggin lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Gwen Dawson Goggin - January 30, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Edwards.



January 30, 2018 at 08:59 PM

BM

“ Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Bud and Dean Moon - January 30, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ *Kathy Keesee lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Kathy Keesee - January 30, 2018 at 08:32 PM

CD

“ *We have known Charles a long time. Sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for the family.*

CarltonandLinda Dalton - January 30, 2018 at 08:22 PM

JM

“ *James & Denise Murray lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



James & Denise Murray - January 30, 2018 at 08:19 PM

KH

“ *KENNETH HUDSON lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



KENNETH HUDSON - January 30, 2018 at 08:17 PM

SD

“ *Stuart Dalton lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Stuart Dalton - January 30, 2018 at 08:15 PM

WS

“ *Wayne and Clara lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards.*



Wayne & Clara Smith - January 30, 2018 at 08:05 PM

KW

“ *Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Kathy and Ray Walker - January 30, 2018 at 08:04 PM

SD

“ Thank You for being a business leader in the Altavista community. You have given so many of us an opportunity to work and be a part of your work family. So many great memories to reflect on. Your sense of humor will be greatly missed. May God provide comfort to Nancy and the family during this time of loss. We will miss you greatly.

Stuart Dalton & family

Stuart Dalton - January 30, 2018 at 07:50 PM

WG

“ We are so sorry for this tremendous loss to you all as well as the citizens he touched. Charles was always great to me doing business with him and he and David attended school together. May the Lord wrap you all in love and kindness to get thru this
Love Wanda P Goodman and David M Hall

Wanda P Goodman - January 30, 2018 at 07:40 PM


RC

“ Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards



Ray and Kay Caldwell - January 30, 2018 at 07:17 PM

VC

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Edwards family.




Vicky Creasy - January 30, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ Nancy, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Connie Southerland

Connie Southerland - January 30, 2018 at 06:34 PM

DS

“ He was a very kind and good hearted man and will definitely be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



Donald & Hopie Seamster - January 30, 2018 at 06:33 PM

PP

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Charles and myself went to school together and worked on our 1962 class reunions together. Charles will be missed by all. Prayers are with you Nancy and the family.



Pat Puckette - January 30, 2018 at 06:25 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Mary Moses-Hicks - January 30, 2018 at 06:07 PM

RG

I knew Charles for 46 years. Most of that time was as members of the same church. I only really got to know him starting in October 2001 when he took a leap and hired someone who had never been a sales rep and knew nothing about printing as a print sales rep for him. For 14 years I worked 50-60 hour weeks, drove 45000 to 50000 miles a year and Loved my job as a MidAtlantic sales rep. A big reason was because I had a great boss and friend who always had my back. I could tell many stories that show what a great man and friend Charles was but let it suffice to say we have lost an individual who will be sorely missed by many

Rusty Giles - January 30, 2018 at 07:28 PM

TC

“ *Tobie Church-Bentz lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Tobie Church-Bentz - January 30, 2018 at 05:45 PM

SS

“ *Dale considered Charles a wonderful friend. They had some good times together. He will be missed by many. My heart goes out to you Nancy, I know what you are going through.*



Sandy Short - January 30, 2018 at 05:06 PM

MT

“ *Mike, Kim, & Hannah Towler lit a candle in memory of Charles Raymond Edwards*



Mike, Kim, & Hannah Towler - January 30, 2018 at 04:57 PM