



Charles "Charlie" Maggard, Jr.

February 17, 1923 - June 7, 2011

Maggard, Jr., Charles E. "Charlie," 88, of Big Stone Gap, VA, passed away peacefully at Heritage Hall in Big Stone Gap, Va. On Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

Charlie was born in Roda, VA on February 17, 1923, to Charles and Maggie (Wells) Maggard. He served in World War II in The Pacific Theater 383rd Anti Aircraft Battalion and received 3 Bronze stars and several medals. After his return from service, he married his soul mate, Majil Highfield in Cumberland, Ky. and moved to Big Stone Gap in 1952 where they have resided since. Charlie was saved and baptized under the ministry of Rev. U. L. Graham at West End Baptist Church and attended faithfully for the past 30 years.

Charlie was employed with Bristol Herald Courier as District Manager for 22 years and tried several other venues but music was his love from an early age. He was a member of the Big Stone Gap Fire Department for several years until injury prevented participation. In the beginning years of the "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" drama, he played guitar and danced the "flatfoot" during the homecoming scene. He has performed in several regional bands, gospel, bluegrass and country and written numerous songs.

In 1964 Maggard Sound Studio was started in a small room with a 2 track recorder. From a hobby to a business, the studio flourished and grew and is still going strong today. Hundreds of #1 Gospel songs and albums, Grammy

nominations and wins and lifelong friends were made in this small town recording studio. Charlie was a most honorable man with integrity, character, and a witty personality. He was a songwriter, a musician, a loving husband, an amazing father and "Papaw," and a loyal friend.

Charlie was preceded in death by: father, Charlie Maggard, mother, Maggie Wells Maggard, brother, Clifton Maggard, sister, Laura Lee Maggard Sturgill, sister, Lorraine Maggard Collette, and grandson, Charles "Freddie" Luntsford, step fathers, Harm C. Frazier and Tom Lawson.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Majil Highfield Maggard; children, Lois Maggard Swain (James), Carolyn Maggard Ketchersid (Dallas), Alan Maggard (Diana); grandchildren, Darren Caruso, Michelle Luntsford, Shanna Maggard Barber (Jason), Brandon Maggard (Ashton); great grandchildren, Chelsea Caruso, Kaylin Barber, Alyssa Barber, Laken Barber, Kylie Maggard, and Alex Caruso; brother, Robert "Buddy" Maggard (Rose) of Oakdale ,LA; sister, Betty Maggard Melton (Joe) of St. Petersburg, FL; brother-in-law Jack Sturgill of Lexington, KY; sister-in-law, Flossie Maggard of Brunswick, OH.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 10th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm at the East Stone Gap United Methodist Church (3926 East Stone Gap Rd, East Stone Gap, VA 24246).

The funeral service will follow at 7pm Friday in the church worship center with Dr. Roy Smith and Dr. Ken Sprinkle officiating.

A military graveside service, with local DAV and VFW posts and the Virginia National Guard Honors team will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. The precession will begin at East Stone Methodist Church at 10:30am on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

The pallbearers will be Maggard Sound studio musicians and friends.

On-line registry and condolences may be forwarded to www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Maggard family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles "Charlie" Maggard, Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *To Charley's Family,
I've been gone from BSG since 1981, but have such fond memories
of your Dad. From the Trail, to just gabbing in his Studio, I'll never
forget that golden smile. May God bless and comfort you.
Love in Christ,
Greg Sturgill*

Greg Sturgill - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *We are truly saddened by Charlies passing. He was a great friend
for many years and it was a pleasure to work with him in his studio.
He will truly be missed but we know he is in a much better place.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, may God give you
strength during this time of great loss.*

The Cookes - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *Charlie was a remarkable man who will be sorely missed not only
by his family but by all who knew him. He touched so many lives
during his time on this earth.*

You have my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Patsy Keith Fix - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

DR

“ Thanks for everything Charlie. My sincere condolences to the family of this special man. God Bless.

Drew Robbins - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

SY

“ To Alan and the family of Charlie Maggard,

There have been only two men who influenced my musical ambitions. One was David Tipton and the other was Charlie. I think I was 11 years old when a friend and I visited the small "one room studio". That visit changed my life forever. Music is still a passion of mine. I never heard Charlie say a bad word about anyone. He was truly "one of a kind". Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sonny and Marilyn Young

Sonny and Marilyn Young - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

BF

“ I will miss Uncle Jr. He was one of my favorite Uncles. I have always felt close to him, Aunt Majil and the family. My heart is heavy and I know he is in a better place, but it still hurts. Love to all the family, wish I could be with you.

Barbara Jean

Barbara Francisco - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

SS

“ My prayers are with the family of "Charlie" Maggard. Our Lord is with all of you through this time of your loss.

Shirley Smith - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

MG

“ *My condolences to the family in your bereavement. It was a pleasure to have met Charlie.*

Mike Garrison - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

JL

“ *My thoughts are with the family. I feel so blessed to have gotten to know Charlie. I will never forget his kindness and generosity of spirit. He was as fine a man that has lived and the world is a better place because he was here. He sure loved his family. He was a joy and inspiration to be around! Jim Lauderdale*

Jim Lauderdale - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

PB

“ *Charles "Charlie" Maggard, Jr.*

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