

Charles L. Carson | 1930-2015

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Charles L. Carson, 84, of Denton died Saturday, April 11, 2015. Funeral is 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at DeBerry Funeral Home, 2025 W. University Dr., in Denton with burial at Plainview Cemetery.

Charles was born Sept. 8, 1930, in Boonsville, to E.W. "Kit" and Othello Jones Carson. He grew up in Greenwood and attended Slidell High School and the University of North Texas. He married Moleana Mason Carson April 4, 1950, and they recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. "Charlie" retired with more than 50 years of service with the Texas Department of Transportation Engineering Department at age 80.

He raised Longhorns and operated the Carson Cattle Co. Charles is a 50-year member and Past Worshipful Master of Decatur Masonic Lodge 447, Shriner (Moslah Temple), and Decatur OES No. 543 Past Worth Patron. He loved traveling throughout the U.S. with family to historic and presidential sites and nature areas. He loved telling and listening to stories, and he collected a variety of items from coins to presidential campaign buttons of losing candidates. Charles organized creative activities, including the annual Carson Cookout in Greenwood and "Run for the Wildflowers," horse race during a Keep Texas Beautiful Conference. He loved flowers, especially wildflowers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law Dr. Randy Sluder; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Lois Mason and Kenneth Slayton; sister-in-law Jean Mason; cousin Billie Jean Duckworth; nephew Michael Mason; and his beloved pet cat, "Front." Charles is survived by his wife, Moleana; daughters Dr. Linda Schertz of Gainesville and Cecile Carson of Denton; son Tom Carson of Gainesville; daughter-in-law Shelley Carson of Gainesville; son-in-law Terry Schertz of Gainesville; grandchildren Rhys Carson and wife, Claudia, of Dallas, Cole Carson, Kenzie Pringle, Kendra Pringle, Eric Schertz and Nicole Schertz. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Robert "Bob" Mason and Charles Mason, both of Denton, and Dean Mason of Ponder; nieces and nephews Delia Mason Weis and husband, Richard, Shari Mason and Greg Mason; and cousins J.E. Carson and wife, Betty, of Decatur, Cecil Carson Jr. and wife, Earlene, of Irving, Carol Ann Carson of Decatur, John Carson, Carolyn Sue Duckworth Fix of Leonard and Jimmie Duckworth of Grand Prairie. Extended surviving family members include DeeDee Covington, Diana Ochoa, Ann Powell and Stormi Godbey ("Charle's Angels"). Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Keep Texas Beautiful and Sacred Heart Catholic School of Muenster.