



Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish

July 19, 1937 - August 26, 2022

Charlotte Wiseman Parish passed away peacefully on August 26th with her family by her side at her Tullahoma home “The Barn”, the same property where the Wiseman dairy farm was once her family’s thriving business.

Charlotte was born on the 19th of July 1937 in Tullahoma, TN to Ollie and Mamyne Wiseman. She attended South Jackson Elementary, Tullahoma High School, and The University of Tennessee.

Charlotte was accomplished in so many ways, although many would never know her talents. In one sense, accomplishment is measured by what a person did and in another by who a person was.

Charlotte’s focus was on the who rather than the what. She would rather be remembered by who she was rather than what she did.

She centered her talents and her love on who she helped and who she supported. But in both, Charlotte lived a remarkable life.

She acquired a love for music from her mother who taught her piano. She went on to become an accomplished pianist, majored in music at UT, played the organ at church, and taught piano well into her adult years. She was a high school majorette and, like her music, carried her talents to UT where she was a majorette for the UT marching band. She continued her involvement with The University of Tennessee as a member of the UT Board of Trust from 1979-1987. Outside of her University, she had many other passions.

She was a member and past president of the Shady Grove Garden Club and nurtured her flowers in her greenhouse and grounds around her home. She was active in St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and an active member of P.E.O. for many years. Charlotte was an accomplished pilot earning her private pilot certificate, multi-engine, and seaplane ratings. She was a long-time member of the women's flying organization The 99's and a life member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) where she served as a volunteer chairman and host of women's activities at Oshkosh Airventure. She was a founding member and Merit Award recipient of the Beechcraft Heritage Museum.

It is certain to say, however, that Charlotte's greatest purpose was her husband and family. Charlotte and John Lannom Parish Sr. met in the first grade, were voted Best All-Around girl and boy in high school, but did not begin dating until their third year in college.

What began as a friendship in grade school grew into a 62 year-long marriage. Together, they supported one another and lived a remarkable life. She served as the support, balance, and anchor to the family. Through the years, their relationship was in harmony.

They had a perfect understanding of one another and approached life in a way that simply worked. They built a business together, traveled the world and raised four children. In their later years, Charlotte and John spent much of their time at their home in Ely, MN and Bending Lake Canada exploring the great north woods by seaplane and entertaining their many friends.

Charlotte is survived by her husband, John Lannom Parish Sr. as well as four children, Charles Lannom Parish (Rebecca McCool), Robert McCrary Parish (Jennifer), John Lannom Parish Jr. (Ann), and Gaither Parish Byrd (John). Grandchildren Robert "Mac" Parish Jr (USMC), Will Parish, Madeline Parish of Knoxville, TN, John Parish III, Allie Parish of St. Louis, MO, Jack Byrd of Dallas, TX, Mackenzie

Byrd, Nicole Byrd, and Catherine Byrd of Brentwood, TN. Charlotte's high school senior yearbook quote sums up her enthusiastic approach to life. It reads "Anything worth having is worth working for" and work she did. Those who knew Charlotte knew she was never about acclaim or about bringing attention to herself. Her definition of work was to play the best supporting role that she possibly could. Charlotte departed her life on earth in the same way she lived, with grace. Her work is done and her life well lived.

Private services are to be held. Memorial donations may be made to: Lannom Public Library 312 N. Collins St. Tullahoma TN 37388 or Beechcraft Heritage Museum P.O. Box 550 Tullahoma, TN 37388 If you choose to send flowers, please have them delivered to the Beechcraft Heritage Museum by 11:00 am Tuesday, August 30. Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JF

“Charlotte and I played in a scramble when I was in 7th grade. I will never forget how she made me feel as if I was an adult...and, we actually won! She had a great drive and gave us a huge advantage as she could play from the ladies tees! She was such a wonderful lady and always greeted me with a smile when I would see her on my visits back to Tullahoma. She was truly a blessing. My thoughts and prayers are with John and the family.

Jim Fuqua - May 03, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM

MH

“Many memories at our Wiseman reunions at Taus Community Center! She was so good to come see her aunt (my grandmother) in her latter years. She was my mothers 1st cousin! I would often see her at the gym and called her CUZ! We were neighbors on the Old Shelbyville Hwy for 21 years! Good bye Cuz! You will be missed

Marie Motlow Harmon - September 05, 2022 at 11:44 AM

AB

“Charlotte was always friendly and never failed to chat with me whenever we happen to meet. We had band together in high school, both playing clarinet. Later on our kids were in the Aristo cats together. I always considered her a good friend. My deepest sympathy to John and his family.

Ann Byrom - September 03, 2022 at 05:50 PM

PS

“ I will always remember Charlotte's very pleasant way and her many interests she had beyond her family life. She was such a remarkable support . I entered Vanderbilt in 1955 the same day as her husband, John. Later, I enjoyed meeting Charlotte . A real delight. Thinking of the Parish family and sending sympathy. Pat Pelot Sanders, Murfreesboro, TN.

Pat Pelot Sanders - August 30, 2022 at 10:42 PM

KN

“ Hackney Corporate will be praying for you and your family. We are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful loving woman. She will be dearly missed!

~ Kristi Neff

Kristi Neff - August 30, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish.



August 30, 2022 at 12:46 AM

CC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this difficult time. Cindy Cornelius

Cindy Corneius - August 29, 2022 at 07:59 PM

MH

“ *Such Hey sweet lady always very respectable her and her husband prayers for the family*

mark houston - August 29, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish.*



August 29, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish.*



August 29, 2022 at 09:54 AM

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“ *What to say about a woman that I admired so much from the first meeting in the shady grove garden club.. she always gave inspirational. A first class lady and friend. The love of her family shown with every Christian card received of her beautiful family. Hugs and prayers to that family now as I know the loss must be so overwhelming.*

Marie Thomasson - August 28, 2022 at 11:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish.



August 28, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish.



August 28, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish.



August 28, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ruth Wiseman Parish.



August 28, 2022 at 11:25 AM