



## Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.

September 26, 1956 - April 23, 2022

Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench, Jr, 65, of Charles City, VA passed away April 23, 2022 after a long battle with cancer surrounded by family in his home, while looking at pictures of his grandchildren. Charlie was born and raised in Charles City County and was a life-long farmer, entrepreneur and follower of Jesus. He was a true outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing as well as working with his hands. Charlie was loved by everyone and was a very giving person. He worked 6 to 7 days a week but always had time to help someone in need.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Margaret Robins Tench; his grandparents Lucille Binns Tench and Bob Tench; and close friend Shirley Tooley.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 24 years Teri Tench; his children Justin and Katelyn Tench, Charles and Kortlin Tench, Bob and Lea Dill, Jeremy Dill, and Nathan Dill; his siblings Margie and Frank Hula, Henry and Nancy Tench, Robin and Chuck Schreiber; his mother and father-in-law Larry and Louise Smith; and the light of his life, his grandchildren, Eli, Ryland, Laurel, Fielding, Prosper, and Opal Tench, Nani Tench, Sean Dill and soon-to-be-born granddaughter Dill.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church,

19300 The Glebe Lane, Charles City, VA 23030. Interment will be on the family farm. The family will receive friends 1 to 2 p.m. just before the service, at the church.

Memorials may be made to Mr. Pleasant Church (address above) or American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Vincent Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

APR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
19300 AThe Glebe Lane  
Charles City, VA 23030

## Funeral Service

APR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HB

“ To the Tench family just want you to know you are in our thoughts & prayers. We have known your family for a long and we have nothing but good things to say. Know that God will take of them and keep looking to the sky and they are looking down at you. Keep smiling until you meet again. God Bless Bubba & Hattie



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**Hattie Brooks** - May 12, 2022 at 03:53 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry to just learn about Charlie's passing. Just found out. He was truly a great man of statute and loved his family dearly. Created in God's image. My sincere love goes to Justin , Charles , Teri and the rest of his family. Charlie loved my brother Shirley. He will be missed by many. Go rest high on that mountain Charlie your work on earth is done my friend. Love, Prayers and sympathy to all. Aunt Carol Ann Tooley Hall

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**CAROL TOOLEY HALL** - May 08, 2022 at 08:44 PM

HB

“ To Margie and her family may god give all of you the power to keep going and stay close . You are in my thoughts and prayers always. They will be missed but God has a plan. God Bless. Bubba & Hattie.



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**Hattie Brooks** - April 30, 2022 at 09:07 PM

CL

“ So sorry for the loss of Charlie, prayers for the family



Chris & Kathy Leftwich - April 27, 2022 at 09:03 PM

AS

“ Alice Starke lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Alice Starke - April 27, 2022 at 04:03 PM

MR

“ Teri,  
Sending my condolences and prayers during this difficult time.  
Melissa Roberson



Melissa Roberson - April 27, 2022 at 04:02 PM

SR

“ Smitty & Rita lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Smitty & Rita - April 27, 2022 at 12:58 PM

CB

“ Charles and I were classmates in high school at Charles City High School rest on my friend see you on the other side. Charles Barbour.

Charles Barbour - April 26, 2022 at 07:09 PM

Jl

“ Teri, you and Charlie are truly heroes of the faith. You have endured much and always sought your God for direction, comfort and love. I hold you both in such high esteem. Love and prayers to all of you.

Jan

Jan Ivey - April 26, 2022 at 04:38 PM

SS

“ Love and healing to you and your family from ours. ❤️ Sue Summers, Laurie, Nadelyn and Graham King

Susan Summers - April 26, 2022 at 10:39 AM

CB

“ Cecelia Bradby lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Cecelia Bradby - April 26, 2022 at 10:14 AM

CT

“ Teri - I offer my condolences and prayers during this very sad time.



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**Christine Turner** - April 26, 2022 at 09:26 AM

AC

“ Anne Crom lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



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**Anne Crom** - April 26, 2022 at 08:42 AM

KS

“ From my parents (Stuart and Beth Ferguson) who are overseas but had their own memory to share:

*I can picture the time we first met Charlie, very soon after we did the initial clearing on the property (in the early summer of 1981). Sonny Waltrip had finished drilling the well and then brought his equipment out our cleared, but not prepared or surfaced, "road" in the middle of a terrific thunderstorm. The result was a wet and muddy series of bottomless sinkholes that greeted our first delivery of milled lumber to the work site on Wesley Sheldon's brand new flatbed truck. Somehow we convinced the young driver that she could make the turn from the utility cut and come up the path through the woods to the house site. Big mistake as the truck was completely and hopelessly sunk at an angle in the Charles City clay. Of course, in those days before cell phones, she had no way to communicate with the yard. Our small Ford 8N tractor was incapable of pulling the truck, with it's heavy load, out of the mire--not that we didn't try! So, we walked down to Woody and Annie's house and asked if we could borrow the slightly larger and newer Ford Jubilee tractor that they were borrowing from Charlie. Woody was doubtful about letting us do that--although they generously allowed us to use their old pickup truck on the site (which they called "Rusty"). Woody or Annie did manage to get hold of Charlie and after a not too long interval he came down with the tractor himself, looked over the mess we had gotten into, and proceeded to first pull off the lumber from the truck (something we'd begun to do, but it was slow work for the two of us, as the load included the 2x12x12' ST sills and the 2x12x20-24' primary rafters, plus all of the 2x10; 2x8 and 2x6 dimensional lumber we needed for the laminated post & beam construction of the main house and purlin-based roof). That was a lot of heavy lumber... Of course, the only way to "pull" the remaining lumber was to drag it off sideways and...into the mud and water that was supposed to be the access road. As we saw how Charlie maneuvered the tractor, at times on just its rear drive wheels it dawned on us why Woody was hesitant about letting us use it--and we were very glad that he was able to let Charlie know we needed*

*his help and expertise. After the load was off, he was then able to help the driver extricate the truck and get it turned around for its journey back to the yard. It's a wonder that Mr Sheldon not only didn't add a (massive) "handling" (cleaning, really) charge onto our account--and even still kept doing business with us, even though we had much to learn about how to be owner-builders, which included a chapter on "how to prepare a house site in the woods of Charles City County" (step 1: put in the road first ;-).*

*All of that hopefully awaited day of the first lumber delivery is recorded in our house project photo album--painful, but good memories. But especially good in meeting Charlie and finding that he indeed "was loved by everyone and was a very giving person. He worked 6 to 7 days a week but always had time to help someone in need." That was us--on that day--and many more over the years.*

*We will miss him. Charles City will not be the same without him.*

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**Kyndra Ferguson Steinmann** - April 26, 2022 at 06:40 AM

BC

“ *Belinda Ciejek lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.*



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**Belinda Ciejek** - April 26, 2022 at 04:10 AM

KB

“ *Kendall Black lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.*



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**Kendall Black** - April 26, 2022 at 03:32 AM

GJ

“ Gail Jones lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Gail Jones - April 25, 2022 at 10:06 PM

CW

“ CJ Williamson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



CJ Williamson - April 25, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ Vicki Kelley lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Vicki Kelley - April 25, 2022 at 08:51 PM

AJ

“ Anthony L Jones lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Anthony L Jones - April 25, 2022 at 08:25 PM

KM

“ Kim Moyer lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



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Kim Moyer - April 25, 2022 at 08:24 PM

KS

“ Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit for those left behind.

*I first met Charlie when I was five and the Mountcastle lumber truck got mired to the axles in our brand new "driveway" which was a sea of Charles City Muck! He was plowing up at the end of the Loop Road (as Horsehoe was called then) and left his plow in the field to first pull the wood off the lumber truck and then pull the truck out of the mud.*

*Later I babysat Justin and Charles, and tutored Justin, Charles, Bob, and Jeremy. Nathan was too little (maybe three or four). I so enjoyed those sessions even the frustrating bits of trying to figure out how to get the concepts across in ways the boys understood. I learned so much from them!*

*Charlie was there with his tractor too when my Dad (Stuart Ferguson) had his chainsaw accident. Helping carry him through the woods to the waiting helicopter, putting our tractor back in the shed, finishing the day's work of splitting firewood that we had been doing. Didn't say anything, just looked around and did what he could. A solid man. A humble man. A quietly, great man.*

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Kyndra Ferguson Steinmann - April 25, 2022 at 08:22 PM

CJ

“ Thinking about all of you and sending prayers. Charlie was such a sweet, kind, good man. We are so sorry for your loss. Love Dan & Cindy Joyner



Cindy joyner - April 25, 2022 at 07:53 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Brenda Jones - April 25, 2022 at 07:51 PM

BJ

Ernest and I send our sincere condolences to our 1975 Charles City County classmate.

Ernest & Brenda Jones

Brenda Jones - April 25, 2022 at 07:53 PM

LS

“ Larry And Louise Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Larry and Louise Smith - April 25, 2022 at 07:35 PM

LS

*Charlie was one of God's best creations, fashioned with righteousness and clothed in love. He was made for Eternity...We loved him so very much.*

**Larry and Louise Smith** - April 25, 2022 at 07:38 PM

FB

“*Felicia Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.*



**Felicia Brown** - April 25, 2022 at 07:27 PM

BS

“*Bud, Amy And Trevor Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.*



**Bud, Amy and Trevor Smith** - April 25, 2022 at 06:51 PM

YB

“*Yvonne Bradby lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.*



**Yvonne Bradby** - April 25, 2022 at 06:36 PM

MT

“ *Melinda Tench lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.*



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**Melinda Tench** - April 25, 2022 at 06:35 PM

MT

*Best Brother-in-law a girl could have had! RIP Charlie, we will miss you so much, your struggle is over and your pain is gone. <3*

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**Melinda Tench** - April 25, 2022 at 06:39 PM

JL

“ *I love you, Rest In Peace 🙏*



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**Jaden Leath** - April 25, 2022 at 06:29 PM

BC

“ *We are so so sorry for your loss. We will hold your family in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.*



*Brian and Brenda Carter*

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**Brenda Carter** - April 25, 2022 at 06:28 PM

SA

“ Susan & Dwayne Adkins lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Susan & Dwayne Adkins - April 25, 2022 at 06:22 PM

RS

“ Robin Schreiber lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Robin Schreiber - April 25, 2022 at 05:30 PM

DD

“ Rest easy sweet Cousin. Your work here on earth is done. You will be missed.



Debbie Dzula - April 25, 2022 at 05:24 PM

LK

“ Laura Key lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Ryland Tench Jr.



Laura Key - April 25, 2022 at 05:17 PM

DB

“ *This is so sad to see. This obituary definitely describes Charlie. He was always so Loving and Giving. The Lird most definitely gained a Angel. Charlie will be missed by so many. You could not have asked for a better man.*



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**Donnie & Sharon Brown** - April 25, 2022 at 04:55 PM

JW

*Condolences to Charlie's family. He was a friend for many years and will be sincerely missed.*

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**Jenella & Bob Walls** - April 26, 2022 at 05:33 PM

SM

*Teri, I am blessed to have met you and shared special times for a season. You have touched my heart, as I know you have touched so many. I am sorry to hear about "Charlie", I wish I could ease this pain. Just know that you are lifted up in prayer and loved! Susan Moore*

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**Susan Moore** - April 27, 2022 at 02:02 PM

LM

*We knew he had been ill and kept you all in our prayers. My thoughts are with you Teri and the kids. You were blessed with a wonderful family, man who had his faith and priorities in order. Luckily you have your faith, family and large support system.*

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**Linda and Dave Maines** - April 27, 2022 at 08:46 PM