



Charles Edward Dodd

November 17, 1932 - February 3, 2025

Charles Edward Dodd was born in Greenwood, Mississippi, on November 17, 1932, to the late J.C. Dodd Sr. and Olivia Jackson Dodd. As a young boy, he enjoyed playing outdoors and visiting his family's farms in Mississippi. At the age of 10, Charles traveled by train with his brother and sister to Detroit, Michigan, arriving at Michigan Central Station. He was the youngest of three children, preceded in death by his siblings, J.C. Dodd Jr. and Reola Dodd Smith.

Charles attended Miller Middle School and later Cass Technical High School, where he studied Chemical and Biological Sciences. At Cass Tech, he was actively involved in the track team and various social clubs. After graduating, he pursued a degree in psychology at Wayne State University. However, after three years of study, he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean War. He served as a First Field Artillery Surveyor and Chemical Warfare Specialist, stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, with assignments in Korea and Japan. His notable military honors included the Korean Service Ribbon, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Rifle Marksmanship award. He also played intramural football during his service.

Upon returning to the United States, Charles began working as a social worker in Wayne County. He later transitioned into a successful career in sales, working as an insurance agent with Prudential Insurance before advancing into corporate sales. With a deep passion for the philosophies of

Dale Carnegie, he became a national sales trainer. Throughout his career, he held leadership roles with companies such as Metro Media, TransAmerica, Kimberly-Clark, and Color Tile, earning numerous sales awards. Eventually, he pursued entrepreneurship, establishing and operating C & C Carpet and Tile until his retirement.

Charles met and married the love of his life, Joyce Marcille Lawrence. Together, they celebrated 41 years of marriage. Joyce made her transition in 2001 and preceded Charles in death. Their union was blessed with four children: Pamela Denise, Sharon Kay, Dena Marie, and Charles Lawrence. A devoted family man, Charles enjoyed taking his children on vacations throughout Canada and across the United States. His dedication to his community was evident in his volunteer work with the Northwest Detroit Cougar Youth Association Inc., where he coached girls' softball and boys' football. He also served as Treasurer for the league and Schultz Elementary School and was an active member of his neighborhood block club.

Beyond his professional and community contributions, Charles had a variety of hobbies. He was an avid gardener and a lover of games, particularly blackjack, poker, and spades. He was a frequent visitor to the casino, always enjoying the thrill of the game. A lifelong learner, he was passionate about reading, education, and collecting rare coins.

Charles was a mentor and father figure to many beyond his immediate family, always offering guidance and encouragement to young people in his community. Known for his kindness, lighthearted spirit, and sense of humor, he was a gregarious and generous man who left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

On Monday, February 3, 2025, Charles made his heavenly transition after a brief illness.

He leaves to cherish his memory:

- Daughters: Pamela Nolen (Rodney), Sharon Dodd-Kimmey, Dena Dodd Perry (Jeffery)
- Son: Charles Lawrence Dodd (Roxane)

- Grandchildren: Glenn Joseph Dodd, Angela Clark (Brian), Jamaal Allen Adams (Alyssa Rose), Camille Lynn Smith, Bryon Andrew Kimmey, Jonathan Stewart Perry, Nolan Myles Kimmey, Donovan Rudolph Perry, Joshua Dale Nolen, and Olivia Joyce Perry
- Great-grandchildren: Isaiah Clark and Kairo Adams
- Special friend: Consuelo Dent
- A host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Charles' legacy of love, laughter, and generosity will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB 14. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Charles Edward Dodd*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 14, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Edward Dodd*



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“ *Charles, I am going to miss you so very much. I only have memories and they will last forever. I am so glad that I was able to see you when I was there. You will always be my Special Friend. I will always remember those times that we had together!! . It was always a joy to be with you and have those conversations and talking about our lives. I was so glad that you were able to get to know my family and I know your family. Rest in peace and I will always love you.*

Consuelo (Connie) Dent

Consuelo Dent - February 15, 2025 at 01:01 PM

MD

“ Charles - I am going to miss you so very much - each time I think of you - I can hear your joyful laugh and the many conversations we had on the phone laughing and talking. The many times you always had advice for me when I called you. You were a true father figure to me with me no longer having my own father here. I will always cherish all of our talks.

We talked so much about life, education, sports, and of course the casino. I am so grateful that you were such a wonderful and special friend to my Mom Connie Dent., and now proud you were of my son Robert.

I know you are with the angels now - rest in peace and know that I love you and am so blessed that you were so special to us. Love Always Michelle Dent and Robert Stone. To the Dodd Family - I am so sorry for your loss and you were truly blessed to have such a wonderful and loving father and grandfather.

MICHELLE DENT - February 14, 2025 at 10:36 PM

NW

Uncle Charles had a sense of humor I enjoyed sometimes I would call him with a joke his favorite one was hey nephew I'm working on my second million, I couldn't catch up to the first one. As funny as he was he could also be as philosophic.

The last time I talked to him he said u know I used to be 6ft but after the world finished kicking my azz I shrunk to 5'10. I could hear him say well nephew I'm gonna go on and get out of here but don't take any wooden nickels. He'll be missed

Nephew Wayne - February 15, 2025 at 12:01 AM

SH

Daddy Dodd, I cannot say that it is with a heavy heart that I bid you farewell. It is to such a great extent that I feel joyful in your rest. Suffering, discomfort, discontent of any kind is now gone and you are at rest in God's presence. I was unable to fully express how deeply loved you were; time from you taken for granted. My opportunity to do such things has been missed, but you are forever in my heart. YOU were the bonus dad that God saw fit to enrich my life; you have done so in many ways. For this I will be ever blessed. Thank you dad, for simply being you.

Shannon E. Hardy - February 18, 2025 at 08:13 PM

TD

“ *My condolences!* ”

Trazana Dodd - February 14, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JD

“*Mr. Dodd, I am so grateful that our paths crossed on this side. I will forever remember your kindness, smile, and contagious optimism. You personified family, loyalty, love, duty, and honor; all that it means to be a man. You could be depended on for a word of encouragement -- with an uncanny ability to show genuine interest in everyone in your presence. You made people feel seen and cared for.*

What we do in life echoes throughout eternity; you created a family that is so strong, so filled with love that your memory will live forever in your children and grandchildren. Stories of you will abound. Fortunately, for you family was more than those biologically related to you. Those who weren't related by blood still received your love and care. Thank you for being like a father to me and a grandfather to my son.

I will remember you always. And, I will keep my "Happy Birthday" voicemail to hear your voice every now and then.

Rest well.

Love,

Jyarland

Jyarland D. - February 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM

TD

“ From Tracy Denise Dodd: My condolences to the entire Dodd Family on the loss of a wonderful man. Charles Dodd (Uncle Chuck) was always a kind and warm-hearted person, with a great sense of humor. I did not get the opportunity to him see often, however, whenever I did see him, he always took the time to try to impart some knowledge and always made me feel welcomed. I loved Uncle Chuck, Aunt Joyce, and the entire Dodd Family and I am forever grateful for his love and kindness to me.



Tracy Denise Dodd - February 14, 2025 at 10:45 AM

WP

“ William P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Dodd.

William P. - February 13, 2025 at 03:26 PM

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“ -Howard University Alumni Club - Detroit purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.



-Howard University Alumni Club - Detroit - February 13, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.*



February 13, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *The Riesgo Family Michelle, Damon, Robby purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.*



The Riesgo Family Michelle, Damon, Robby - February 13, 2025 at 12:43 AM



“ *Charles and Dominique Lash purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.*



Charles and Dominique Lash - February 12, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ *Charles and Dominique Lash planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Dodd.*

Charles and Dominique Lash - February 12, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.*



February 12, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.*



February 11, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Edward Dodd.*

February 11, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ *Marion, Lori & Arthur George purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.*



Marion, Lori & Arthur George - February 11, 2025 at 09:37 PM

MG

“ Marion, Lori & Arthur George planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Dodd.

Marion, Lori & Arthur George - February 11, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.



February 11, 2025 at 04:34 PM



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February 11, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.



February 10, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Edward Dodd.

February 10, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ I'm so very blessed to have met Charles and Joyce Dodd. I don't think they knew just how special they were. I had such fun doing their hair and some enlightening conversations while cutting his hair. He was a very intelligent and extraordinary man. He's joined his beautiful wife now. May God grant them peace in Heaven. Love, Cassi

Cassandra Ward - February 10, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Melvin&Pat, Wardell&Rose, Dwight purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.



Melvin&Pat, Wardell&Rose, Dwight - February 08, 2025 at 11:24 PM



“ Ofori and Freda Agboka purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.



Ofori and Freda Agboka - February 06, 2025 at 09:43 PM

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“ *Ofori and Freda Agboka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Dodd.*

Ofori and Freda Agboka - February 06, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Dodd.*



February 06, 2025 at 09:11 PM