



## Mr. William Charles Wingate

February 23, 1949 - May 19, 2023

My husband, Charlie, was born February 23, 1949, probably sounds like ages ago to some, but it was only just over 74 years. We were married in 1983, again sounds like way back, but not quite 40 years is all.

There was supposed to be so much more time for us or so we thought. I say all this to say it's hard to place pen to paper and call it a Tribute when you just lost your "lifeline", your "everything", your only nobody knows but him "soulmate". He deserves more than this, so I vow to live to make him proud as he looks on from above from here forward. As a longtime close friend told me he's found his "peace". That said, all the rest is smoke and mirrors made to meet conventional expectation/protocol.

But that is not who Charlie was----he was though, a strong lover of his children, Chad, Jasen and Jodi ; me, his wife, Shelby Jean; his sister, Donna; all the Grands and Great Grands, as well as all the rest of our family in-laws and out-laws, but especially his Mama and Daddy, who have come and gone already.

He loved his friends and he was one of "the good ones" in law enforcement for over 30 some odd years. He was the bestest Drummer boy ever, he loved Jesus and is now home with Him.

May God bless all of us who feel the loss of such a good man, with comfort and peace as well.

Thank you to the many, countless friends, family members, cards, prayers and conversations from you who know him have offered.

It is much appreciated...Shelby Jean and all the Wingate Family

AKA Mrs. W. Charles Wingate

Vaya con Dios

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *My deepest condolences Shelby. I thought the world of Charlie. He was a mentor and inspiring guy.*

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**Bill Gordy** - September 10, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ *As a friend, musical mate, and law enforcement person, Charles and I had an affinity for each other. We came to know each other's hearts. We called each other brother. Charles lives within my heart and that of many others. I won't forget you my brother. Love you much.*

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**Tony Corsentino** - September 20, 2023 at 05:27 PM

TH

“ *Shelby Jean, even though Charlie is gone in the way we have always known him, he will be forever alive in our memories. So just keep looking to God for your comfort. And always remember God and time are the best healers of the broken hearted. So when you lie down at night, that's not just the beating of your heart, that's also the rhythm of Charlie's drums. We will all miss Charlie. The Family*

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**Traci Hussey** - July 23, 2023 at 03:42 PM

SB

“ From the Bellamy family,  
We extend our deepest condolences to our love Mrs. Shelby Wingate! My husband and I have known them for over a year and from the first time meeting them they'd always treat us like family. I can remember the day when my husband told them we were expecting another child and boy were they excited. Although I didn't get to see them much, my husband Bobby got to spend time with them twice a month at least. They had always sent me something and Mrs. Shelby continues. To Mrs. Shelby, we love you sincerely and will always continue to love you no matter what. We are your children as well and you know whatever you need that we are there for you! Continue to have such an amazing heart and smile on your face like you have had since the day we met. To Mr. Charlie, until we meet again just know we loved you then and we love you now❤️

Shanekquah Bellamy - June 11, 2023 at 07:51 PM

JA

“ I've known Charlie for many years...first in Law enforcement, and then the Comptrollers office, just a fine fellow , who will me missed. I was saddened to learn of his passing. lost contact with him in later years, but always have thought of him fondly, it truly saddens me.....

Jeffrey L Atteberry - June 07, 2023 at 09:22 PM

WW

I will miss him everyday. I will never forget him. I love you granddaddy forever and always love your best baby girl in the world❤️

Whitney Wingate - June 12, 2023 at 09:53 PM

DS

*My Uncle Charlie, you have been in my life since I was a child. I have not been able to come up with the right words to post since you left us on Earth & now In Heaven.*

*But.. Oh.... The memories growing up going to Chuck E Cheese, skating rink & hanging out on weekends and so much great times & memories over the years! ❤️... I have always looked up to you. We miss you & you will be forever in our hearts! I know you are an Angel now and watching over us.*

*Love your Niece, Donna Skeen*

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**Donna Skeen** - June 14, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LP

*Shelby, I'm sad to hear of Charlie's passing. I know there's been much celebrating in heaven as he Joins our precious Lewis family. My Mama, MaryBeth, loved y'all. Truly. She spoke of y'all often and with such love and appreciation for the wonderful people y'all are. I know she was there, among the first to welcome Charlie home. I'll be praying for you and all who love Charlie. Sending love, Charlie's 1st cousin,  
Lisa Cooper Porter*

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**Lisa Cooper Porter** - June 20, 2023 at 10:08 PM

ME

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you Shelby and the Wingate family. I met Charlie in 1982 when he was a shift supervisor and I a rookie officer at FSUPD. We were on different squads most of the time but Charlie always offered advice, guidance, and assistance that aided me in my career. His love of law enforcement, music, and family was always evident to any who spent time around him. I hadn't seen Charlie for a number of years but he is well remembered and missed.*

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**mark Edenfield** - June 21, 2023 at 04:14 PM