

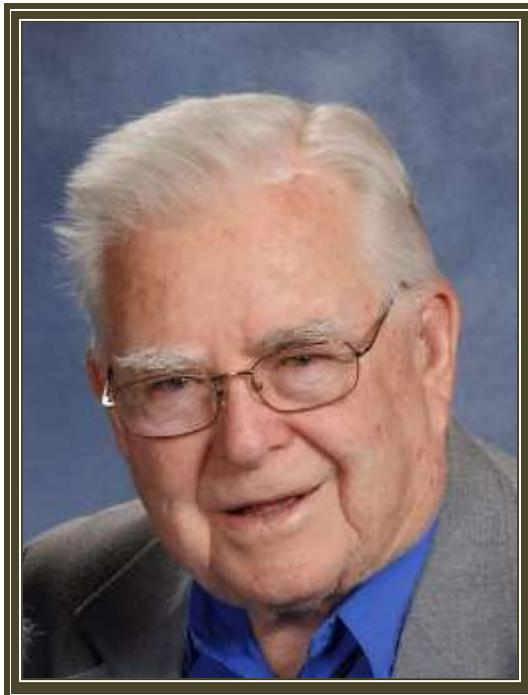
Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
And Thanksgiving for the Life of

Thomas Edward Charlton

April 5, 1924 ~
August 22, 2018



Friday, September 7, 2018
11:00 am

The service of Death and Resurrection is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised.

This service is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

However, this joy does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into a nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The Order of Worship

✠ Congregation standing as able

~ We Gather Together As God's People ~

THE PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE Mrs. Cheryl Needham, pianist
Mr. Jason Evans, organist

✠ THE HYMN OF PROCESSION NO. 8: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" NAVY HYMN

✠ THE WORDS OF GRACE & GREETING (*Spoken in Unison*)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb. Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come again in glory. As in baptism Tom put on Christ, so in Christ may Tom be clothed with glory. Here and now, dear friends, we are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Christ as he is. Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died and behold I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also."

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us pray.

THE INVOCATION

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Tom, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE EPISTLE LESSONS

Philippians 3: 12-16, 20-21

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

II Timothy 3: 6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

✦THE HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 69: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"HERE I AM (Schutte)

THE NAMING & WITNESSING

Catherine Charlton
Larry Landaker

✦THE HYMN OF COMFORT: "Nearer My God to Thee" BETHANY

**Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E'en tho' it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God, to Thee,
Nearer my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.**

**Tho' like a wanderer, The sun gone down,
darkness be over me, My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be, Nearer my God, to Thee,
Nearer my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.**

**There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me, In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me, Nearer my God, to Thee,
Nearer my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.**

**Or, if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God, to Thee,
Nearer my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.**

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: "You Raise Me Up" Tom Fettke
The Sanctuary Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSONSThe Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

John 14: 1-4, 27

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Matthew 5: 1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for

they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: "At the Name of Jesus"Cindy Berry
The Sanctuary Choir

~We Respond to the Word~

✠THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Spoken in Unison*)A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 10.3

In the death of Jesus Christ God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed, and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Spoken in Responsively*)

ONE: For Tom, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and I am the Life." Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Tom and dry the tears of those who weep.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

ONE: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit, give him fellowship with all your saints.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

THE SILENT PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~ We Commend Our Brother to God ~

✦ THE COMMENDATION *(Spoken in Responsively)*

ONE: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Tom, with your saints

ALL: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting.

ONE: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us to dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALL: Give rest, O Christ to your servant, Tom, with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Tom Charlton. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~

✦ THE BENEDICTION

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY HONORS

✦ THE HYMN OF SENDING: "When the Saints Go Marching In"..... SPIRITUAL

**O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**

O when the sun refused to shine, O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown Him Lord of all, O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown Him Lord of all.

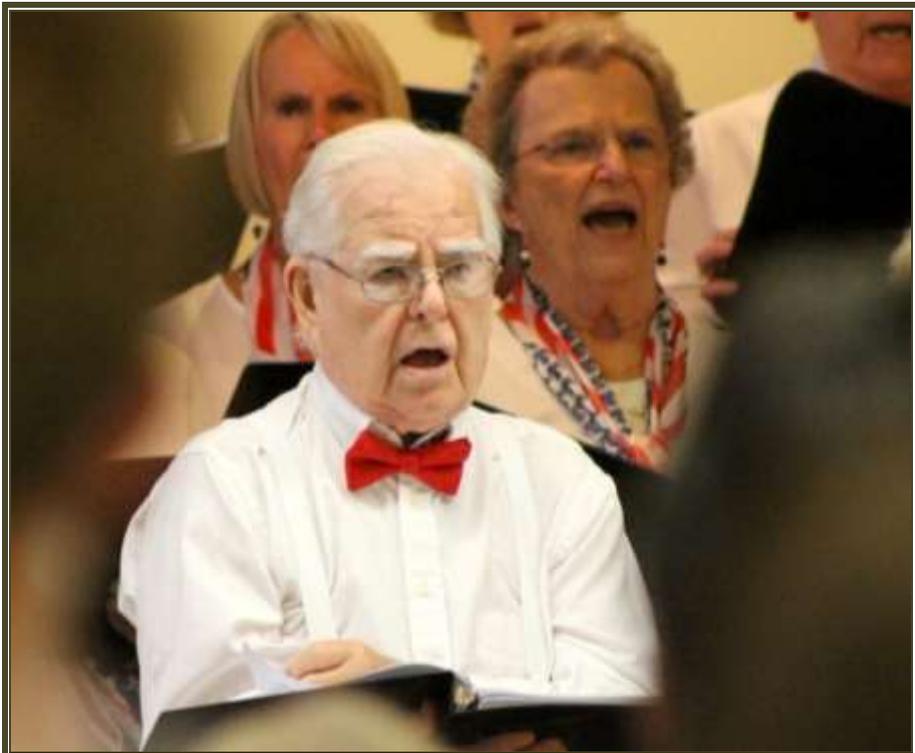
THE ORGAN POSTLUDE Mr. Jason K. Evans, Organist

All are invited to greet the family at a reception in Tom's memory
in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

A private family burial will take place in Southern Shores Cemetery.

If I Should Die by Joyce Grenfell

If I should die before the rest of you
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone
Nor, when I'm gone, speak in a Sunday voice.
But be the usual selves that I have known.
Weep if you must.
Parting is hell.
But life goes on.
So sing as well.



- Obituary for Thomas E. Charlton-

SOUTHERN SHORES - Thomas E. Charlton, 94, of Southern Shores, North Carolina, went to be with his Lord August 22, 2018 in Nags Head, North Carolina.

Tom, as he was best known, was born April 5, 1924 in White Plains, New York to Edith Russell Charlton and DEA Charlton, he attended high school in Scarsdale New York. He went on to earn a degree in 1949 from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Tom served honorably in the US Navy as a pilot in WW II in the 1940's. Following his military service, he had been in the building business and for many years was purchasing agent for Morris Bean and Company and also a past president of the Dayton Purchasing Agents. Prior to retirement he operated his own kitchen design business, Buckeye Cabinets in Xenia, Ohio. For many years, Tom served as a Scout Master for a boy scout troop in Yellow Springs, Ohio and was active in The Kiwanis Club in Xenia, Ohio.

Tom Charlton retired to the Outer Banks from Ohio in 1987. During his thirty-one years in Southern Shores, Tom Charlton had been active in SCORE, the Nags Head Woods Conservancy, the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department. He was a past member of Duck Woods Country Club, the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club and the Dare Squares, a square dance club. Nicknamed "Tenor Tom", he was a long-time member of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church where he devoted many hours serving as a church elder, choir member and member of the building and grounds committee. Until his passing, he was an active member of the Nags Head Lion's Club, the Outer Banks Community Chorus and an Elder at the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. For many years, he faithfully ran the horse race games for the residents at Colony Ridge Nursing Home. Tom's legacy is helping whoever was in need whenever he could.

Over his long life, Tom Charlton was an avid golfer, fisherman, poker player, gardener, singer and lover of the wild. Tom was known to all who knew him as kind, generous and an active member of the community. He was always happy and often heard whistling before you'd see him.

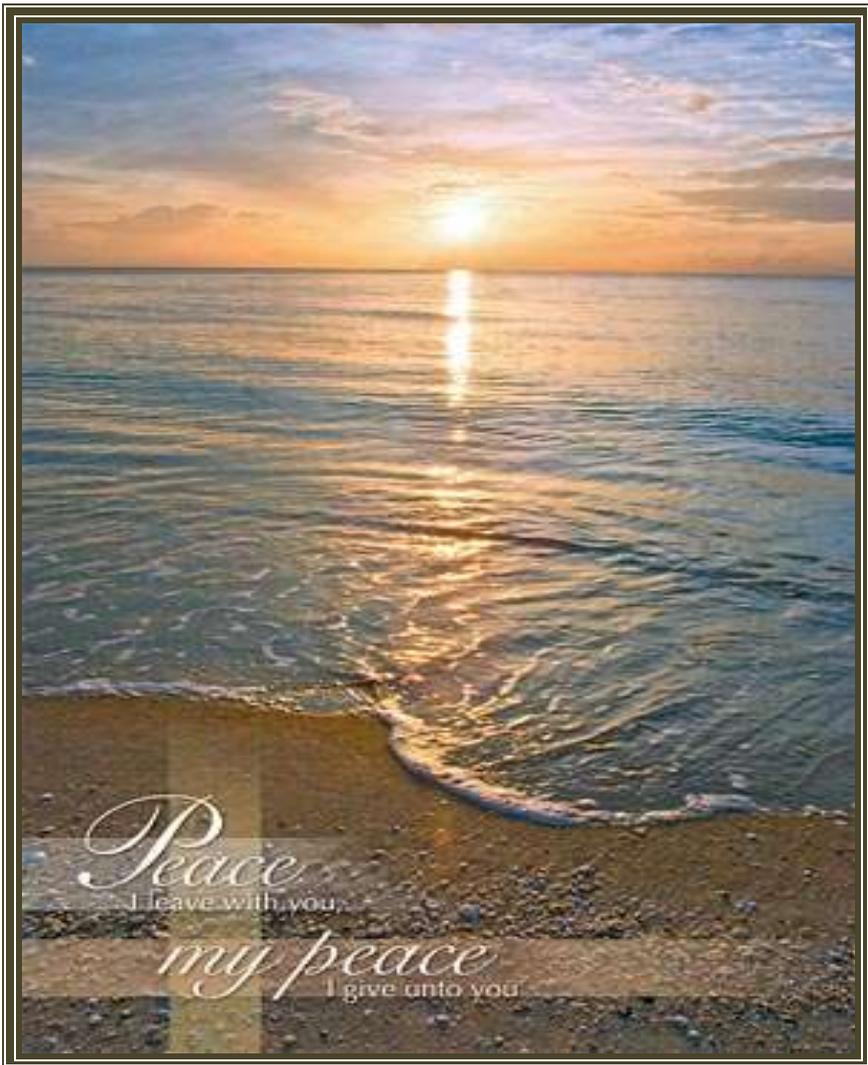
Thomas is preceded in death by his two brothers, James M. Charlton and Fred R. Charlton. His wife of 41 years, Marjorie Charlton, preceded him in death in 2002.

Surviving him is his wife, Ruthie Stover Charlton; two sons, Russell Charlton and Bruce Charlton; three daughters Carol Charlton, Elizabeth Stone and Catherine Charlton; and two step-sons, Larry Landaker and Peter Landaker. There are three grandchildren, Caitlin White, Holly Landaker and Wyatt Stone also surviving.

A service of witness to the resurrection will be held Friday September 7, 2018 at 11 am at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church (MP 8.5 in Kill Devil Hills) with Reverend Jody Moore officiating. Burial will be private in Southern Shores Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are welcome to be made in Tom's name to the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund (P.O. Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948) or to the Outer Banks Chorus (P.O. Box 3657, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948).

Condolences may be expressed via the online register at www.gallopfuneralservices.com. Gallop Funeral Services, Inc. was entrusted with arrangements. The family wishes to extend its gratitude to all who knew, loved and cared for Tom Charlton over the years.



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