



## Charles Irwin Westbrooks

April 5, 1935 - April 24, 2025

Charles Irwin Westbrooks, Sr. passed away peacefully in Monroeville, PA on April 24, 2025.

Raised in Homestead, Charles attended Homestead public schools, graduating in 1954. In 1955, Charles enlisted in the United States Air Force. Upon his honorable discharge, Charles returned home to Homestead and married Marjorie Ann Twyman. Charles joined the Homestead Police Department in 1960. He earned an Associate's degree from the Community College of Allegheny County, a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In 1977, Charles retired from the Homestead Police Department and accepted a position at the University of Pittsburgh, Office of Community Relations. He was a highly regarded instructor at the Allegheny County Police Academy and later taught Criminology at Duquesne University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In 1983, Charles became Director of Campus Security and Special Assistant to the President at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Campus, where he also taught criminology. He retired from the university and teaching in 2005 and 2008, respectively.

He leaves to cherish his wife of 65 years, Marjorie, his children Charles Irwin, Jr., Barrett Alan (Willa), Alyson Rene (Pierre), Donna Marie (Jeffrey), Elaine Louise (John), and Franklin John (Nyjah). He was preceded in death by his

daughter, Denise. In addition to his children, Charles is survived by six grandchildren, four siblings, many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service to honor Charles will be take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, 2:00pm at Tunie Funeral Home, 218 E. 11th Ave., Homestead. A meet and greet of family and friends will be held that same day at 12:00pm to 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Carnegie Library of Homestead ([carnegieofhomestead.com](http://carnegieofhomestead.com)) in honor of Charles I. Westbrook, Sr.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 17. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
218 E. 11th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120  
(412) 462-6466  
lisajohnson@tuniefuneralhome.com  
<http://www.tuniefuneralhome.com/Default.aspx>

*Meet and Greet with family 12:00 to 2:00PM Service begins at 2:00 Military honors presented by United States Air Force*

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc. - May 18, 2025 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr. Westbrooks will be remembered as a kind and funny man who always had a story or joke to share. He could always make us laugh when we were gathered together for Christmas dinner. Rest in Heaven kind Sir. Our prayers are with Mrs. Westbrooks, Donna & Jeff, Sydney and Jeffrey and the rest of the Westbrook family today and always. Love, Linda, Dewitt and kids.*



Linda Harrell - May 17, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *RIP Mr. Westbrooks. You were a Policeman with my father. You were around me often during my formative years. Thank you for being a positive influence and a guiding light to a kid growing up in Homestead. Godspeed Sir .*

Ron Andrews - May 15, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles Irwin Westbrooks.*



May 14, 2025 at 05:56 PM



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

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Irwin Westbrooks.



May 12, 2025 at 10:19 AM



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May 12, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ My Uncle Charles...so many amazing and touching memories. He and Aunt Marge, his wife and my father Vincent's sister were ever present in my life growing up. Countless hours spent with them and my cousins. My childhood and adult life was and is still defined by the relationships I had with my uncles and aunts on both sides of the family and Uncle Charles was a role model for me in many ways. I have said many times that successful men of his generation were special. They stayed focused on doing what they had to do to move them and their families forward and build the social foundation that we benefit from today. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude and respect. I loved my Uncle Charles and will miss him dearly. I will choose to honor him by continuing to stay focused and build on the family foundation that he set for us. With Love. Mark Twyman

Mark twyman - May 12, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of Charlie Westbrook. He was one of Homestead's finest. My father was a fireman at the time he was a Police Officer. I remember meeting him many times. He was truly a great man. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Charlene Emery** - May 06, 2025 at 11:58 AM

HJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Westbrooks, Chuckie, Barrett, Alison, Donna, Elaine, Frankie and their families. Growing up on West 15th Ave just five houses down from the Westbrooks, we shared so many great memories. I will always remember the time Mr. Westbrooks led all the neighborhood kids on a bike ride through the streets of Homestead. Good neighbors and a beautiful family. Years later running into Mr. Westbrooks and Chuckie at Giant Eagle and catching up on old times was always a joy. Rest in paradise Mr. Westbrooks!

*Harriet Freeman-Jackson*

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**Harriet Freeman Jackson** - May 02, 2025 at 10:11 AM

JW

“ *Family Chain*

*Our Family Chain has been broken.  
And we must not ask why.  
We must as he did... accept Christ as Our Lord.  
To one day meet Him ... in the sky.  
To be absent from the body, God's Word states  
Is to be present with The Lord.  
After his toils and labor were through  
Eternal life is his reward..  
There were so many links  
In our Family Chain of life.  
he had his own special place in our heart.  
But still we will miss him in our sight.  
Tears will come fast and furiously,  
some slowly, uninvited,  
They just flow down our cheeks  
then meet and drop from our chin.  
Memories recalled seem like just yesterday.  
Stirring up that deep longing  
to just see him just once again.  
But the memories that bring smiles,  
oh the smiles...  
That dance lightly across our face.  
As each recollection is so unique!  
Each one has it's individual space!*

*Yes, our Family Chain is broken  
And nothing will ever seem the same;  
But as God calls us one by one  
Our Family Chain will link again!*

*Cousins  
jane rhoda walker and family*

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**Jane Rhoda Walker** - April 30, 2025 at 11:56 PM

DB

“ *My Deepest Sympathies to the Family of Charlie Westbrooks. Charlie worked with my father, Ralph Borcik on the Homestead P.D. Lt. Westbrooks was a fine Man Father, Policeman and Supervisor. I have many fond memories of him and my father. May he Rest in Peace. Cannot be there for the service but will be with Chief Culbertson's Granddaughter for her wedding out of town that weekend. Sleep in God's Hands Charlie. Drew Borcik*

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**Drew Borcik** - April 29, 2025 at 12:34 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Whitfield sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Irwin Westbrooks*



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**Lisa Whitfield** - April 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM