



Charles Albert Maples

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Maples, Charles Albert was born on September 2, 1930 in Dallas, TX passed away August 19, 2014 in Plano, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, William H. and Agnes R. Maples; brother, Dr. William Maples; aunt, Charlotte Bliss. Charles is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Shirley Cooper Maples; daughter, Pamela Maples Craig, Glenn of Baton Rouge, LA; son, Major William Curtis Maples, USMC; Lisa of Bogata, TX; 3 grandchildren, Dr. Courtney Smith, Josh of Bellaire, TX, Caitlin Craig, fiancé' Cpt. Matthew Oetken USAF of Mary Esther, FL, Tyler Maples of Tyler, TX. Charles graduated in 1953 from SMU with his BS while lettering in Pole Vaulting and being a member of Delta Chi fraternity. He was then commissioned to the USAF. He then served for 25 yrs with DISD, and served an additional 11 yrs. with RISD then retired to enjoy golfing, cruises, snow skiing and spending time with family and friends. He has touched a tremendous amount of lives throughout his educational career. He will be missed by many. The visitation for Charles will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Saturday, August 23, 2014 at Restland Funeral Home followed by a service at 12:30 PM at The Abbey Chapel at Restland Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the ICU unit at Medical Center of Plano.



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PC

Pamela Maples Craig posted:

Browning and Teresa, Thank you so much for coming to my Dad's funeral on Saturday. I know that it meant a great deal to Curt. My parents were always talking about how successful you had become and how proud they were for you to be a friend to my brother. Please keep in touch with our family. – Pam Craig –

August 28 at 9:28 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples was my principal in junior high and high school. He was a terrific leader, and we were fortunate to have his guidance at Marsh and W.T. White. Posted by: Catherine Mooney Aug 21, 2014

August 25 at 11:46 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples was my Principal at W.T White HS. He struck a perfect balance of rapport and discipline with his students. I was shy, and Mr. Maples was able to engage me and just check in. He was a gift. Thank you for sharing him in his life of service to our country and to our educational system. We were very lucky. God Bless his family and friends. I pray for peace for you during this difficult time. Rest in peace Mr. Maples. Posted by: Melissa – Dallas, TX – Former Student Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:46 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Rest in peace Charles. Will always remember you and your passion for knowledge! Posted by: Charles Kuykendall – Columbia, KY – student at WTW Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:46 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples was my principal at W. T. White High School. It is my belief his consistent leadership was a benefit to all his students. My deepest condolences to Mr. Maples' family. May he rest in heavenly peace. Posted by: Suzy Tims Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:45 AM



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RE

Restland posted:

I will always remember "Mr Maples" as the Smiling Principle. He always was a friend and handled matters fairly and firmly when need be. As a graduate of W.T.White class of 1979 it was an Honor to have such a fine man heading our great school. R.I.P. Posted by: Alan Mathis – Tulsa, OK – Former Student Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:45 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Thank you Mr Maples for making my HS years so positive and memorable. You had a positive influence on so many of us. We hope your legacy will provide comfort to your loved ones in the days to come. Posted by: Sandy Ruffeno Pevey WTW 1981 Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:45 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples was always a smiling face at WTW. My deepest condolences to all. Julie. Class of 82
Posted by: Julie Nichols forrer – Plano, TX – Past student Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:45 AM

RE

Restland posted:

RIP,,, will diff, be missed by all,, I All ways looked up to him in school "79" Posted by: Michael mcmaster Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:44 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Thank you Mr. Maples for the positive impact you had on our family as we attended WTW from 1975 to 1982 as there were 7 of us that graced the doors at WTW. Posted by: Laura Durand Elkins Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:44 AM



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RE

Restland posted:

I went to WTW From 1979 throw 1982 he handed me my diploma what a great day that was,he was a great man and a Awesome principal. my prayers go too Him and his family . Posted by: John Lynn – Livermore, CA Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:44 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples hired me for my first teaching job at W.T. White. I learned so many things during those years. Elaine Posted by: Elaine Erback – Dallas, TX – Teacher Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:43 AM

RE

Restland posted:

I remember Mr. Maples as my midedle and high school principal many years ago (1970s-80s). He was a cheerful, friendly presence in my school life. I'm glad to know he went on the have a good career in the DISD and RISD school systems and a comfortable retirement. He impacted many young people through his work. Bless him. Posted by: Layla Goushey – Fenton, MO – Former student Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:43 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples was a great friend, educator, and mentor. It was a pleasure to work for him at Lake Highlands. He gave me great advice and experiences to help me advance in my career. I will always be grateful for what he did for me and the personal interest he took in my family. Posted by: Chuck Carona – Dallas, TX – Friend Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:43 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples meant a great deal to me first as my high school principal but then after high school as a great friend and mentor. He helped mold me into the man I am today. You will be forever missed. Posted by: Browning & Teresa Shippee – Plano, TX – Friend Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:43 AM



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RE

Restland posted:

I send my condolences. Best wishes to the family in this time of sorrow. I do not have a computer but my address is 6147 Ravendale Ln., Dallas, TX 75214. Phone 214-824-3303. Posted by: Hillis Ray Moore – Dallas, TX – teacher at Marsh and White High Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:40 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr Maples was an extraordinary educator. He always had a smile on his face. He was a wonderful man. My condolences to his family. I'm sure you know what a positive influence he was on thousands of lives. Posted by: Robert Rieter Aug 22, 2014

August 25 at 11:40 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Some of us were lucky enough to learn from Mr. Maples as he was our Principial from Elementary School through High School. (Gooch Elementary, Marsh Jr. High, WT White). Mr. Maples was the right educator and leader for our time.... Challenging times and he seemed to always have the perfect balance of compassion, understanding and discipline... Everyone knew who was in charge when he lead... And his strong leadership was respected and oft times welcomed. Condolences to the family. Posted by: Brian Center (WTW '78) Aug 23, 2014

August 25 at 11:40 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples was the principal during my high school years at Lake Highlands. I'll never forget his infectious enthusiasm and support of our marching band.... Which he loved. I can still hear his voice during the morning announcements. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. I'll pray for peace and comfort for his loved ones during this difficult time. He had a profound effect on the students he served and will be missed. Posted by: Heather Storer – Carlsbad, CA – Student Aug 23, 2014

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RE

Restland posted:

Mr. Maples was my principal at T.C. Marsh and then moved with my class to W.T.White HS. He was involved in most all of the kids lives by leading as a leader. He helped me through a very tuff time during my high school years. I don't think I would have graduated if it weren't for this man. He was an inspiration to a great many kids. God rest his soul. Posted by: Mark Croucher Aug 23, 2014

August 25 at 11:39 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Never having needed Mr Maples assistance I only knew of him from afar. I still remember clear as day him walking the halls. He had a specific stride about his walk and his leather shoes turned up ever so slightly from all of his walking. He was somewhat reserved but could also burst out laughing! Posted by: Jayne Aug 23, 2014

August 25 at 11:39 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Prayers to Mr. Maples' family as you grieve the loss of such a wonderful man. I did not spend any time in Mr. Maples' office as a student, but I do remember him walking the halls of Lake Highlands with a smile. He was highly visible, and we students knew how much he cared. Rest in peace, Mr. Maples. Posted by: Kelly Howard Fagan – Arlington, TX – Former Student Aug 23, 2014

August 25 at 11:39 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Mr Maples was our principle at W.T.White class of 78. He had an impact on so many of his students. Our prayers go out to his family. Posted by: Jerry Chennault – Rowlett, TX – student Aug 23, 2014

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RE

Restland posted:

I ran into some serious trouble in the 9th grade when Mr. Maples was my principle at TC Marsh. Though I was a straight "A" student, I was also quite the ruffian. Mr. Maples came to my defense during a DISD hearing, and then mentored me when we both moved up to WT White HS. I graduated in the top 10% of the Class of 79, and I owe alot of that to Mr. Maples. He made a huge impact on my life. May his family be blessed by knowing he help many, many students in his service. God Bless you all! Posted by: Kevin Clowe – El Paso, TX – Student Aug 24, 2014

August 25 at 11:38 AM

RE

Restland posted:

Charles Maples. It is hard to know where to start, about a man who played an enormously important role in my life and the lives of thousands as he did several different administrative jobs in the DISD, and one of them was heading the grade school, middle school (then JR High) and High School I went to and graduated from. And did it masterfully. Since I have learned of his passing, I have spent several moments just sitting in reflection and being oh 10 or 14 or even 17 again. I was a very apprehensive child when my parents moved from Boles Home to DAllas and then transferred into Tom C. Gooch elementary. But the first person other then the office secretary's I met was Mr. Maples....and as I walked the stage at W. T. White on my way to the future it was a moment that will stick with me forever. In between I watched Mr. Maples deal with enormous societal and child/semi adult issues and there is not one bad thing one can say about how he did it. He was always fair, kind, and tutoring. Mr. Maples had a way of telling you that you did wrong but letting you discover it and understand it. He also complimented success and mentored people very very well. So many stories I could tell, so many smiles...and I suspect that most of the people who were "my age" then who dealt with him would say the same. And maybe that is all that needs to be said. Some people just live their lives but some change the world while living their lives. Charles Maples did the latter. A life extraordinarily well lived...may we all do as well Hale and Farewell Sir, you changed us all. Robert G. Oler WT White a long time ago. Posted by: Robert Gayle Oler – Santa Fe, , TX – former student Aug 25, 2014

August 25 at 11:38 AM



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