

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
CHARLES LEE LOVE

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Family and Friends

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INTERMENT
Paradise Garden Cemetery
184 Minnis Drive
Edmondson, AR 72332

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Mr. Charles Lee Love acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

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IN MEMORIAM
May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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REVEREND CHARLIE WRIGHT
Officiating



LEGACY OF
RULES
OVER

At an early age, he confessed Christ and united with Blairs Chapel Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee. Upon relocating to Auburn, Alabama, Charles became an active member of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church.

Soil Survey for Region-7 headquarters in Auburn, Alabama. He received many awards as an employee with the USDA-NRCS.

On October 16, 1993, Charles Love and Alice Shackelford-Love united in holy matrimony in Chatman, Illinois. In 1996, they welcomed their pride and joy, Princess Mildred Love.

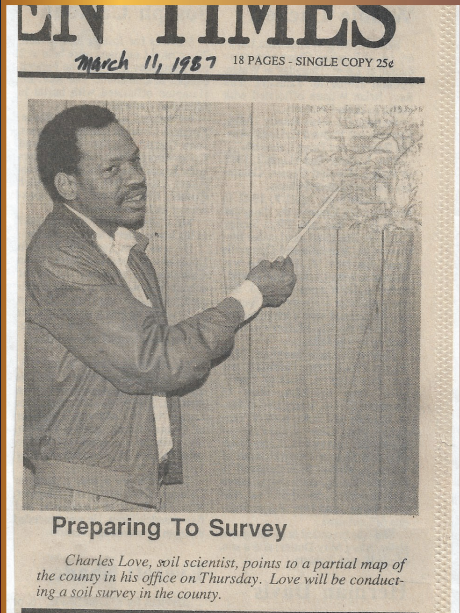
On Friday, October 2, 2026, he departed this life at his home in Auburn, Alabama. Charles was preceded in death by: two brothers, Larry Love and Carl Ross.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife of thirty-two years, Alice Shackelford-Love; a loving daughter, Princess Mildred Love; four brothers, Terry Love, Jerry Love, Thomas Love, and DeRoy Ellison; one sister, Glenda Rogers; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Charles Love's legacy will forever and always be cherished by family and friends.

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THE GREAT FIRST SURVEY

131TH YEAR NUMBER 32

First Soil Survey in 75 Years Starts

The first soil survey in Pike County was 75 years in under way. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with several other agencies, is conducting the survey.

It began in January and will take 5 years to complete, said Charles L. Love, soil scientist with the USDA.

Love said 437,914 acres of land in the county are being surveyed.

Soil surveys can be and are used in many different occupations including farming, engineering, urban and rural development, highway construction, water conservation, and real estate appraisals.

The survey will contain soil maps of the county, describing the capabilities and limitations of the different soils, Love said.

It will also contain information on crop yields, wetland productivity, wildlife, recreation, wildlife habitat, building site development, water resources, environmental priorities, physical and chemical properties, and flooding.

Love said that farmers across the county will be able to use the soil quality as prime farming.

Love said that farmers across the entire state will be able to reduce erosion and manage their properties of their farms.

The USDA has been conducting soil surveys since 1910.

Charles Wright, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, said the last soil survey in Pike County was completed in 1910.

The Pike County Soil District committed in 1985 to obtain assistance from various agencies in conducting a survey.

Those agencies that will be assisting, Love said, are the University of Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Pike County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Pike County Commissioners. The commissioners are paying for an office for the survey team in Village Plaza in Bowling Green, at the intersection of business Highway 54 and 61.

The 1985 planning committee members were Melvin Shephard; Carlyle; Mike McCrory of Felt; Ben J. Lewis of Louisiana; Roger Gray of Bowling Green; Steve Jones of Clarksville; and Judy Moss of Newburg.

The public will have access to the survey about one year after its completion.

Love said the survey is published, it is examined by several agencies.

The first step of the study is to conduct field transects. Love said, field transects is a soil sample taken for a specified number of feet of soil.

"That's just to get an idea of a soil pattern," Love said. It helps the soil scientist determine what type of soil they will probably be dealing with.

Then, the county is mapped out in blocks and the survey begins. Field mapping begins after the project has been mapped. Scientists will cover approximately 350-400 acres a day doing field transects and samples from 10-15 of those acres will be taken.

A soil scientist is used to take a sample and the soil is evaluated based on the sample. Soil probes take samples as deep as five feet, Love said.

Some areas are examined deeper, up to 8 feet.

Love said the survey, the survey is in frequent contact with landowners in the county to get their permission to walk on their property.

Love said the survey will be conducted according to national standards and that quality control checks will be conducted on each agency.

The agencies will review some of the areas where the survey has already been conducted and will review the work done.

Rain or snow will interrupt the work; otherwise, it will be mostly constant.

Love has opened the Pike County Soil Survey office in the Village Plaza.

He is a native of Jackson, Tenn., and graduated from Tennessee State University.

He started his career with the USDA Forest Service in Wyoming and Oregon.

He joined the USDA's Soil Conservation Service in 1979 as a soil scientist.

He was instrumental in the completion of soil surveys in Knox County, Mo., and Peoria, Ill.

He is an associate soil scientist registered with the American Register of Certified Professionals in Agronomy Crops and Soils and the Illinois Soil Classification Association.

He is doing mapping and interpreting the soils.

Love said that other soil scientists will be added to the project soon, Love said.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Expressions of Love.....Two Minutes Each (Please)

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Reverend Charlie Wright

Recessional

BEYOND THIS WORLD

There's a place I've never seen beyond this world we know,
A place I've only heard of but someday hope to go.
It's not on any map there are no roads to take me there,
But it's a place of perfect peace where hearts are free from care.
And though I understand some may be saddened when I leave,
One day we will all meet again, that's what I believe.
When it's time to travel there, I think I'll wear a smile,
I'll say goodbye to those I love but only for a while.
Knowing there are others who have traveled there alone,
Who cannot wait to greet me and to whisper, "Welcome home".

