

## **Joseph Clay Charlton, Sr.**

**April 23, 1923 – January 11, 2009**

(From Ancestry and Findagrave.com)

Joseph Clay Charlton Sr., 85, of Salem, Va., passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2009.

He was born on April 8, 1923, in Winston Salem, NC, and was the son of the late Edgar Ray and Georganna Leone Charlton. Joseph served our country in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1969. He was drafted into the Army Air Corp in England on February of 1943. His tours of duty included Guam, Korea, Japan, Germany and Italy. SMSGT Charlton retired on August 1, 1969. After retiring from the service, he began his employment with the USPS in Salem from 1970 until his retirement in 1988.

In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Ruth, Bill, Charles, Betty, Caroline, Bobby, Mary, and David.

He is survived by his wife, Ryoko Charlton; son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Kim Charlton Jr., of Midlothian; daughter and son-in-law, Anna and John Legard, of Moneta; and two grandsons, Adam and Kyle Charlton.

A funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the chapel of John M. Oakey and Son with the Reverend Roy Kanode officiating.

Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park. Military Honors will be conducted at the graveside by the United States Air Force. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening, January 13, 2009, from 6 to 8 p.m. at John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home, Salem.

The Charlton family would like to express a Thank You to Dr. Malaisamy, Phillis Whitehead, RN, and the CCU staff at Roanoke Memorial Hospital for their excellent care and compassion for Joseph during his last days.