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Abstract: **CHARLIE MORGAN**

Charlie Morgan, a very proud fifth generation Texan born at home in Monaville in 1926, provides interesting tidbits about raising cattle not only in Texas but around the world. Mr. Morgan spent 34 years managing the Bar C ranches. He traveled extensively to Europe, and South and North America to purchase cattle, share breeding ideas and provide expert advice.

Charlie was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and helped many young men and women attain scholarships. He was passionate about ranching. He was a director of the National Charolais Association, Past President of the Texas Charolais as well as Ambassador to South and Central America through the United States Agriculture Department, judging that countries cattle. He is in the Charolais Association Hall of Fame and was enshrined into the Who's Who of Agriculture Genetics in Washington DC.

Charlie proudly served our country in the United States Navy. He was in charge of the fire fighters during WWII, on the USS Bexar. As a veteran he was passionate about honoring Fallen War Heroes, and was actively working to have a Veterans Wall of Honor erected at the Waller County Courthouse to honor all of the Fallen Heroes of Waller County.

He and his wife Catherine raised three children in Fort Bend while both were involved in various organizations in the county and around the state.

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Mr. Charlie Morgan died on September 3, 2016. His obituary may be found at:

[http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary-search.aspx?](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary-search.aspx?daterange=365&firstname=Charlie&lastname=Morgan&countryid=1&stateid=57&affiliateid=298)

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

John William Morgan – father

Fanny Pearl Martin Bonner – mother

Dunbar Chambers

Harry Richards

Colonel Bryan

George Washington Morgan

Barba Morgan

Sterling Robertson

Marlin Family

Stacey Ann Marlin

William James Morgan – grandfather

George Washington Morgan, Jr

Andrew Morgan

John Morgan

General Sam Houston

Edward (Ned) Morgan

Tom Brokaw – news caster

Hitler, Tojo & Mussolini

William James Morgan – brother

Johnny Morgan – brother

Lily Morgan –sister

Pearl Morgan – sister

Allen Morgan – brother

Terrell Morgan – brother

Ellen Morgan – sister

Edna Morgan – sister

Bell Family

Trott Family

John Smith Family

Wright – grandmother

Frank Bonner – grandfather

Fanny Martin Bonner – grandmother

Lin Family

Davis Family

Miss Thompson – teacher

Miss Bracewell – teacher

Miss Zimmerman – teacher

Miss Nagley – teacher

Miss Stassney – teacher

Vernon Evans

Ed Paul

A E “Snake” Bailey

Gordon Banks

Arthur Hilton

Sloan Williams

Mr. Parker

Dr O D Butler

Ed Huggins

Bill Clements – governor

Dr Red Duke

Catherine Morgan – wife

Dorothy Morgan – daughter

Charlie Morgan, Jr – son

Cathy Morgan – daughter

Maurice Berkman – Berkman’s Grocery Store

Jim Rosen

Otto Schulte

William James Morgan – brother

Places / Businesses

Brookshire/Monaville Texas
 Fort Bend County
 Waller County
 Second National Bank – Houston
 Bar C Ranches
 Rocksprings Texas
 Greenwood Springs Ranch
 Hempstead Texas
 Bryan - Burleson County
 Clodine
 Sharpstown
 Prade Ranch
 Boss Peterson's ranch

Kerrville Bus Service
 Farnsworth, Texas
 Washburn Tunnel
 Houston Ship Channel
 Los Alamos NM
 Selma AL
 Falls County
 Texas Rangers
 Borden – Colorado County
 Austin County
 Simonton and Fulshear Texas
 Protestant Community Church
 Bracey Island
 Bank of the Southwest

Events

Born at home in Monaville 10/03/1926.

Spent 34 years managing the extensive ranching operations called the Bar C.

His family came to Texas in 1833 from Selma AL.

He was one of 9 children.

Raised in Monaville on his parent's ranch among a tight knit community.

Entered the Navy at age 18 in 1945 without graduating from high school.

Simonton/Fulshear/Brookshire had very rich soil and was known as the River Oaks of the pure bred cattle business.

Houston Livestock Show played a huge part in promoting improved breeds of cattle.

Fort Bend and Waller counties was home to large pure bred cattle ranches.

Luling, TX had a gain test station that tested and promoted better breeding concepts.

An officer in the Texas, American and International Associations of Charolais and Charbray cattle.

Served as a judge and adviser in various countries in Europe and the Americas

Wife Catherine involved with the Girl Scout program. They raised 3 kids.

Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1995 as one of North America's outstanding breeders of Charolais cattle.