Charles Curry was a man of impact—quiet impact—but significant, life changing impact on those he served. And that’s exactly how Charles lived his life, as that of a servant. Others before self, “we” before “me,” was his constant mindset. But to us, Charles was not only a servant, he was a strong, strong leader.

Charles was a leader who impacted us in more ways than he probably ever knew. His work ethic and the value he brought to our team and clients made others want to be better, not only in our professional lives, but as people. He was a friend to so many, always taking the time to listen, to coach, to mentor and to advise. He lived out his calling every day by helping others grow, and helping them become the best that they could be. He was practical and honest, but always kind and compassionate.

Charles was a fearless leader. Not because he was never scared, but because he found the courage to push through his own fear. He took on challenges that many of us have never known or had to deal with. His ability to give others the benefit of good intentions was powerful. He spoke with wisdom and insight, and when he spoke, we all certainly listened. He had a gift for delivering truth with gentleness, refusing to shy away from hard conversations whether about accountability or belonging. He set an example for everyone at HORNE—everyone.

At the end of a man’s life, is there a greater honor than to say he lived his faith, he impacted lives, he made this world a better place? For those who knew him, we’ve remembered him with tears these past few days and spoken of just those things: his faith, his great impact on our organization, and how he made this world a better place.

We are better for having known Charles, and we are forever changed by the way he impacted our lives.

Thank you, Charles, for all you gave to our firm and our team. Thank you for challenging us. Thank you for being vulnerable and sharing your heart. Thank you for guiding. Thank you for your faith and the way you modeled servant leadership. Thank you for your unending devotion to making this world a better place. We will miss you more than words can express.

With love,
Your HORNE family