



Charles Wallace Grosse

September 5, 1926 - February 27, 2021

Dr. Charles Wallace Grosse passed away in Covington, Louisiana on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the age of 94. Charles was born on September 5, 1926 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late, Wallace Charles and Lillian Pearl (Skinner) Grosse. In 1950, Charles was united in marriage to Carolyn Durham of Salem, and they were married 59 years. Charles was proud of his Missouri heritage that dates back to the 1800s in Warren County and Dent County. He shared many memories of living on the family farm in Jonesburg, Missouri before moving to Salem at age 7. In Dent County, he enjoyed fishing, float trips, and hunting with his many friends, especially Ted Ziske whom he considered his brother. Following after his father who served in France during World War I, Charles enlisted at 17 and was a member of the Army Air Corps from 1945 to 1947 and was stationed in Germany. Upon returning home, he enrolled at the University of Missouri majoring in agriculture. He took a one-year break from his studies to live in Miami where he crewed a boat and enjoyed fishing the Florida Keys. He then returned to Missouri and shortly thereafter married Carolyn whom he loved dearly and admired greatly. In 1955, he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri. He built his career with the United States Department of Agriculture. After retiring, he worked for the state of Virginia for five years. Charles really enjoyed the outdoors, especially quail and dove hunting. He also loved to trout fish and walk the streams of Montauk State Park and Meramec Springs, and he looked forward to Opening Day of trout season each year. At 92 years old, he visited Salem and spent a whole week fishing, never missing the opening or closing whistle and catching his limit each day. He was an avid gardener and took pride that all of his children and grandchildren were successful at growing vegetables as well. Charles was a member of Audubon Park United Methodist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He was known for his integrity, compassion, leadership, and kindness. As his friend Dr. Ziske often said, "What's not to like about Charles Grosse." He will be lovingly missed by all who knew him especially his children and grandchildren as well as his college roommates and vet school classmates, Dr. George Imes and Dr. Herb Utgard who became lifelong friends and part of the family. Charles is survived by his children: Charles "Chuck" Willard Grosse and wife Nancy, of Atlanta, Georgia; Chandra Grosse Gordon and husband Joey, of Covington, Louisiana; daughter-in-law, Leslie Lee Grosse of Louisville;

grandchildren: Scot Lafferty, Shawn Lafferty, Chase Grosse, Stephen Grosse, Michael Grosse, Nickolas Gordon, and Carolyn "Mia" Gordon as well as nieces and nephews: Denise, Kevin, Danny, Kirk, Elizabeth and Robert. In addition to his parents, Wallace and Lillian Grosse, Charles was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn; son, Herbert Fred "Chip" Grosse; grandsons Chad Grosse and Tommy Grosse; brother, Robert Grosse; and mother and father-in-law Willard and Lila Dukes Durham. Services for Charles Grosse were held Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the United Methodist Church in Salem, Missouri with Pastor Barry Baugh officiating. Interment with full Military Honors followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery with Chuck Grosse, Joey Gordon, Chase Grosse, Stephen Grosse, Michael Grosse, and Nickolas Gordon serving as pallbearers. Memorials are suggested to Heifer International. For online condolences please visit <http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>.

Cemetery

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO,

Events

MAR 6 **Service** 10:00AM
Salem United Methodist Church
Salem, MO, US, 65560

MAR 6 **Interment** 11:30AM
Cedar Grove Cemetery
Salem, MO, US

Comments



“ Uncle Charles, you were a kind and wonderful Uncle and brother to my dad, Robert. I was so grateful you flew up to Alaska to help me after my dad died. I remember when you came off the plane my knees buckled. You looked so much like my dad. Took me by surprise.

I was also grateful to have known how much you loved my dad. The calls with you and Aunt Carolyn, sharing with me over the years stories about my dad meant so much to me. I did not know a lot about my dad, and your time and stories are priceless to me.

Chandra, I am so very sorry for your loss.

elizabeth@fesco.us

Elizabeth Grosse - May 16, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ Dear Family,
All our Love to you all.
Denise, Bob, Mark, Michael and Christopher
Gods speed Uncle Charles and yes I rinsed my milk glass!

Denise Todd - March 06, 2021 at 05:09 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. I am a cousin, Jeff Shelton. My mother was Virginia Jeffries and her mother was Maggie Jeffries. As you may know, Maggie and Wallace Gross were brother and sister. Your father was well respected in the family and a kind person. My contact information is: sheltonjeffrey49@gmail.com. Currently, I live in Denver, CO.

Your cousin

Jeff Shelton - March 03, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles Wallace Grosse.



March 02, 2021 at 02:09 PM