



Charles E. Butler

November 11, 1940 - September 18, 2015

Charles E. Butler of Salem, Missouri passed away Friday, September 18, 2015 in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 74. Charles was born in Salem, Missouri on November 11, 1940 to the late Vernon E. and Ada (Stayton) Butler. As a young man, Charles was baptized into the Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was a very active Mason and Shriner; he was a member of the Masonic Lodge #225 where he also served as an officer, Scottish Rite, IOOF #118, American Legion Post #99, Eagles Lodge, Motorcycle Club, and the SOCMO Clowns. He was very dedicated to the Shrine and really enjoyed being "Fudd" (his clown name) and for the past 31 years he traveled all over Missouri representing SOCMO, the kids all loved him and he always seemed to know which balloon animal would put a smile on their face; he loved children and has sponsored many children through the years at the Shriners Hospital. In every area of his life Charles gave back to the community through the many organizations he belonged to. He also enjoyed riding his Harley, from the first nice day in the spring, until the last nice day in the fall. He was a loving and devoted brother, uncle, and great friend to many.

Charles E. Butler is survived by his sister Mary Lou Smith and husband Richard, of Salem, MO; nephew Randel Smith and wife Julie, of Salem, MO; great-nephew Garrett Smith, of Salem, MO; special cousins Nadine Victor, of Salem, MO, Gary Leonard, of Jackson, MO, Evelyn Sykes, of Summersville, MO, and Lucille Allen, of Summersville, MO; many friends. Charles was preceded in death by his parents Vernon and Ada Butler.

Funeral services for Charles will be held at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 1:00 PM with Clinton Massey officiating. Interment will be in the North Lawn Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Chapel from 6-8PM with a Masonic service at 7PM. Memorials are suggested to the Shriners Hospital, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Masonic Service

SEP **21**. 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
103 West Center
Salem, MO 65560
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Visitation

SEP **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles E. Butler*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Charles E. Butler*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *My family and I would like to offer our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

Michelle - September 28, 2015 at 06:54 AM



“ *To the family of Charlie, may God bless and comfort you at this time, for he was a special person.*

Ronnie (SHS 1959) & Margaret

Ronnie White (Classmate/Friend) - September 22, 2015 at 06:40 PM

VH

“ *Veronica J. Hambacker lit a candle in memory of Charles E. Butler*



Veronica J. Hambacker - September 22, 2015 at 12:07 PM

VH

“ *Dear Mary Lou, Dick, Randy, Julie and family, Charles was surely one of a kind. He was always so quiet and gentle. I will miss the opportunity of "running into him serendipitously" from time to time. He brightened the lives of so many, Please accept my deepest condolences and warmest wishes for your recovery from this loss. May your many happy memories of Charles serve to lighten the burden of your grief. Fondest regards to you, Veronica & John Hambacker.*

Veronica J. Hambacker - September 22, 2015 at 12:06 PM

MB

“ *Marlyn & Bob purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles E. Butler.*



Marlyn & Bob - September 22, 2015 at 11:49 AM

KF

“ I am very saddened by the death of a dear friend and classmate, Charlie Butler. I am grateful for our friendship over the many years. I am glad he was present to share in my receipt of a 50 year Masonic pin which was only a few weeks ago. My prayers and thoughts are with each member of the family. Charlie is gone but he will never be forgotten.

Ken Fiebelman - September 22, 2015 at 08:33 AM

MW

“ A wonderful person. He will be greatly missed by many.

m whitney - September 21, 2015 at 10:09 PM

CP

“ Worked with Charlie at Barads , United States Apparel and Paramount Headwear. He was always the same lovely man. Good friend. RIP Charlie

Carol Perdue - September 21, 2015 at 09:31 PM

 Crystal Chandler

“ Charlie was one of kind, he could make anyone laugh. I'll always have fond memories of him

Crystal Chandler - September 21, 2015 at 06:51 PM

VB

“ Worked with him years ago at Barad's. He was a sweet gentle man , always with a smile. Condolences and prayers for the family.

verna burkman - September 21, 2015 at 01:12 PM

TR

“ Charlie was a great man, friend and awesome clown. He attended our rib cook off at the American Legion just this month and made balloons for the kids there. They loved it and him. He made me a balloon hat. Thanks Charlie for all the memories and fun you gave us all..Our thoughts prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends. Charlie is now making his balloons for the little angels. GOD'S speed home Charlie.



Tom and Betty Russell - September 21, 2015 at 12:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles E. Butler.



September 21, 2015 at 12:03 PM

DA

“ What a sweet man. I had the pleasure of meeting him 3 years ago at Rolla Apartments 1st carnival where he and a couple of Shriners came to entertain our residents. He made sure to make an appearance each time we had one of our carnivals since that time. What a wonderful man committed to a wonderful cause "Shriners". He will surely be missed.

Daphne Alcorn - September 21, 2015 at 08:18 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Charlie was a great friend, he could always put a smile on your face, he always had a way to cheer a person up. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult and sad time.
Teresa & Bill Stark

Teresa Stark - September 21, 2015 at 07:19 AM

VM

“ Charley brought alot of happiness to his friends and the children at Shriners.He will be deeply missed by all that knew him! My sympathy goes out to his family.RIP Charlie, and fly high my friend!



Vicky Mailes - September 20, 2015 at 11:51 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles E. Butler.



September 20, 2015 at 06:59 PM

NS

“ Richie, Mary Lou, Randy, Julie, and Garrett --- Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Loosing a precious loved one unexpectedly intensifies the pain and grief. I know that he is still with you and looking after you. Please know that we are thinking of you.
Nancy and family

Nancy Smith - September 20, 2015 at 06:07 PM

IM

“ I met Charlie in 1982, he was a great Brother to us all. he will and is missed. God rest his soul. Irvin A. Mathis.

Irvin A. Mathis - September 20, 2015 at 05:01 PM

KT


Till we Bump Noses again.....Grimee

Ken Taylor - September 21, 2015 at 07:42 AM

LS

“ charlie' was always the kinda guy that could put a smile on your face even if you were having a bad day! i'll miss his pleasant smile and kind personality r.i.p. my friend! Ieland ellerman sr.

Ieland ellerman sr. - September 20, 2015 at 01:45 PM


Evelyn
Land

Charlie was a one of a kind sweetheart. I have seen a couple of women take advantage of his kindness. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss Cora. Praying for your family

Evelyn Land - September 20, 2015 at 11:01 PM

CM

“ Cora Butler, Danny, Micheal and Bronwyn Miller. purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Charles E. Butler.



Cora Butler, Danny, Micheal and Bronwyn Miller. - September 20, 2015 at 10:49 AM