



## Dr. Charles W Cunningham

September 19, 1942 - October 13, 2021

Dr. Charles William Cunningham passed away Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Salem Memorial District Hospital. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 19, 1942. Charlie was raised by his uncle and aunt, Dr. Don and Marcie Cunningham along with his brother Ira “Howard” and sister Kay. In 1960, Charlie graduated from Holden High School in Holden, Missouri. Prior to attending medical school at Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in Kirksville, Missouri, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps. After graduation and completing an internship in Lansing, Michigan, he began his medical practice as a family physician in Salem in 1972 with his dear friend, Dr. Bob Carnett. He proudly served Salem and Dent County for more than 40 years.

Charlie was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church, a Shriner, Lodge #225, and Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He enjoyed bass fishing, reading, collecting gadgets, and traveling until his health no longer permitted. But his greatest pleasure and most enjoyable moments were spent with his family.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Jan Bay Cunningham; children Lisa and husband Steven Street, Chuck and wife Shelly Cunningham; Dr. Cristie Cunningham; grandchildren Christopher, Justin, and Johnny Seber, Sarah and husband Ronny Sherwood, Skylar Cunningham and Riley Cunningham; great-grandchildren Blake Sherwood and Sophia Sherwood; nephews Dr. Chris Billings and wife Jill, Josh Cunningham and wife Shana, Matt Dillon, Dr. Tyler

Dillon and wife Judy; great nieces Grace Dillon, Faith Dillon, Brook Billings, Hailey Billings, McKinley Billings and Maddyn Billings; great nephews Gus Dillon, Grant Cunningham, Jackson Cunningham, Zach Billings, Michael Billings and wife Leslie, Bryson Billings, Nick Billings and Cole Billings; sisters-in-law Senna Cunningham and Jeanne Dillon; brothers-in-law Tom Dillon and Jim Billings; many family, friends, former colleagues, and patients.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, uncle and aunt, Dr. Don and Marcie Cunningham, brother Ira "Howard" Cunningham, sister Kay Billings, and in-laws Gene and Marie Bay; nephew Dr. Scott Billings and niece Marcie Marie Billings.

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
dcjames@fidnet.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

OCT 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Charles W Cunningham*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Dr. Charles W Cunningham*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *So sorry about Charles. I went to school With Charlie at Holden High and Kay and Howard all friends .. always a nice fellow and am sure he was the very best Doctor and friend to all.. thinking of all of you.. Sincerely, Becky Sturgis-Dyer .. last I spoke he said “ no more class reunions for him... too many old people !” Lol*

**Becky Dyer** - October 19, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Linda Schafer (Uphoff) lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W Cunningham*



**Linda Schafer (Uphoff)** - October 16, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *So sorry fir your loss. Larry and I send our sympathy. We are out of town but thoughts and sympathy to you all. Lots of memories of Charlie.*

**carol gibbs** - October 15, 2021 at 08:08 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Charlie and our hearts go out to the family. Charlie and the rest of us had good times in high school and I will never forget his one HHS Class Reunion he and I were both in attendance. Afterward he took me for a ride in his Mustang Convertible as I remember. Had a good time talking about where we started and how far we had come. I wanted to finally take him a ride in my convertible as I have a red 1999 Corvette. Wish I could be there for Charlie's last ride. RIP brother...

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**Tom Rearden** - October 15, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W Cunningham.



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October 15, 2021 at 01:50 PM

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“ So sorry! Friend and Doctor to many and will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers for his family at this difficult time!

*Jan & Cleo Shaw*



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**Jan Shaw** - October 15, 2021 at 01:08 PM