



Charles Lewis Fuhring

January 7, 1934 - April 1, 2025

Charles Lewis Fuhring, a beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 1, 2025, at the Salem Memorial Hospital Long-Term Care Center at the age of 91.

Born at home in St. James, Missouri, on January 7, 1934, Charles was the son of the late William and Clara (Baty) Fuhring. On April 21, 1956, he married the love of his life, Vesta Mae Brown, and together they built a life filled with love and laughter, raising three children.

Charles had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and a passion for farming, which he first nurtured while working at the Powell Ranch. He later found his calling in plumbing, working for Bill Cox Plumbing before becoming a proud union plumber—a trade he dedicated himself to for an impressive 69 years. In his younger years, Charles enjoyed raising cattle, a lifestyle that remained close to his heart. Even after stepping away from full-time farming, he found joy in helping his daughter and son-in-law on their farm, especially during hay season and calving time. Nothing made him happier than driving the truck, checking on new calves, and sharing in the simple joys of farm life. Above all else, Charles cherished his family, he loved nothing more than spending time with his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Known for his social nature, quick wit, and playful sense of humor, he brought laughter to those around him.

Charles is survived by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Valda and Greg Mahaney of St. James, MO; his sister, Melba Baker of St. James, MO; his

grandchildren: Charlynn Portell (Michael), Spencer Fuhring (Brittany), Vanesa Culwell (Jon), Abbey Auxier (Luke), Devin Fuhring, and Ivan Fuhring; as well as numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. In addition to his parents, William and Clara Fuhring he was preceded in death by his wife Vesta Mae; sons, Micheal and Kevin Fuhring; sisters, Wilda Barnes, Tilda Grossman, and Delma Beshore; brother, Carl Fuhring.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 5, 2025, at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until service time. A Masonic service will take place at 11:30 AM. In honor of Charles's love for his community, memorial contributions are greatly appreciated to the St. James Sports Club.

Charles leaves behind a legacy of hard work, kindness, and unwavering love for his family. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James
117 Seymour St.
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Masonic Service

APR 4. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Lewis Fuhring.

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Lewis Fuhring.



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