



## Charles William Skyles

March 5, 1946 - October 29, 2016

Charles William Skyles, of St. James, Missouri was born March 5, 1946 in St. James, Missouri to the late Frank R. and Marie (Nease) Skyles, and passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the age of 70.

Charlie proudly served his Country in the United States Army from 1967-1969; he fought in Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry 1967-1968, where he received numerous medals for his service, Charlie cherished his platoon buddies.

On August 18, 1978 Charlie married Mary D. Wilson; he was the glue that bound the family together, always there to help, support, or speak just the right words when they needed to be said, the "family rock" both firm and compassionate. Charlie loved the outdoors, hunting, walking in nature, kayaking , and was an avid fisherman. he was frequently know to email his stringer of "daily catch" to friends. He also enjoyed music, especially Johnny Cash, his dogs, and endlessly learning new things.

Charles William Skyles is survived by his wife, Mary D. Skyles of the home; son, Timothy McDowell and wife Tara Lang-McDowell of Villa Ridge, MO; brother, Raymond Skyles of Peoria, IL; sisters, Rosie Teems and husband Clyde of St. James, MO, Almyra Gargus of St. James, MO, and Jennie Byers of St. James, MO; sisters-in-law, Tina Berry and husband Tom of Newburg, MO, Pam Wilson of Kansas City, MO, Lori Bixler and husband Robert of Great Falls, MT; Patricia Skyles of St. James, MO;

Grady Usery, several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In

addition to his parents Charles was preceded in death by his brother Frank E. Skyles; father and mother-in law, Eugene and Louise Wilson; brother-in-law, Steve Wilson; sister-in-law, Viola (Lane) Skyles; many military comrades, and friends.

Funeral services for Charles William Skyles will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 11:00AM in the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Mark Johnson officiating. Internment with full Military Honors will be at the Wishon Cemetery, with Justin Gargus, Jason Gargus, Brian Lambeth, David wise, Charles Conley, and David Karr serving as pallbearers, and Dale Skyles, Grady Usery, Dan Cordy, Mark Yberra, Lloyd Gratz, and the A2/8 CAV, 1st Cavalry Division 67/68 serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 4-8PM. Memorials are suggested to the St. James Veterans Home, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

# Cemetery Details

## Wishon Cemetery

St. James, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

117 Seymour St.

St. James, MO 65559

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<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Military Honors

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NOV 2. 11:45 AM (CT)

Wishon Cemetery  
St. James, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles William Skyles*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Charles William Skyles*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Condolences to the Skyles family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

**Willuams Family** - December 02, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ *Mary and Tim so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Betty*

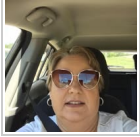
**Betty Gibson** - November 02, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary,  
So sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers  
for you and your family.  
Wojo*



**carol** - November 01, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ *Debby Usery Roark lit a candle in memory of Charles William Skyles* ”



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**Debby Usery Roark** - November 01, 2016 at 03:43 PM

DR

“ *Debby And Dale Roark lit a candle in memory of Charles William Skyles* ”



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**Debby and Dale Roark** - November 01, 2016 at 03:40 PM

RS

“ *Regina Steininger lit a candle in memory of Charles William Skyles* ”



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**Regina Steininger** - November 01, 2016 at 01:22 PM

MY

“ They say "Old soldiers never die,they just fade away". Charlie, you will never be forgotten.  
*Honor and Courage ,,,,,,,,,,Jumping Mustangs 2/8th Cavalry.*

*Mark Ybarra  
Oviedo,Fl.*

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**Mark Ybarra** - November 01, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles William Skyles.



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November 01, 2016 at 11:37 AM

AH

“ Alicia House lit a candle in memory of Charles William Skyles



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**Alicia House** - November 01, 2016 at 11:24 AM

BE

“ Charlie and I have been friends since we served together in Viet Nam with 2nd platoon 2nd 8th Calvery. He will be missed by many

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**byron edgecomb** - November 01, 2016 at 10:05 AM

BA

“ Beth, Brad & Ava Alvey lit a candle in memory of Charles William Skyles



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**Beth, Brad & Ava Alvey** - November 01, 2016 at 09:41 AM

AG

“ In memory of you, dear brother. You were my hero and also there for the family always. I will miss your daily chats and wisdom you gave me. I know you are in a better place but my days ahead will be so difficult. I also know you would want me to be strong because I was the weak one of the family. Thanks for strength and protection you were the best big brother I could have ever wanted. You always had an appreciation for God's creations and nature. You were a hero to our country, too and so proud of you for that. I am lost for words now so I will say I love you so much, miss you so much and rest in peace. Your middle sis, Almyra (know to you and late brother Frank my nickname from so many years ago..... "Aggie").

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**Almyra Gargus** - November 01, 2016 at 09:32 AM

AM

“ Charlie and myself shared a passion for extremely accurate long range rifles, bow hunting , reloading. We both shot 22-250 with the exception of different scopes. I had a redfield, and his choice was a Leupold. We often teased each other over the lack of accuracy due to wrong scope. Charlie was passionate about his army buddies and political views ....numerous emails to that extent will be missed. Lots of memories of working in switchroom, and outside plant during both our careers. One of a kind and will be missed. Our prayers are with you Mary during your grief, please take care of yourself and know that time heals the hurt.  
Anthony & Trish Manos

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**anthony manos** - October 31, 2016 at 08:46 PM

JM

“ So very sorry Mary for your loss. Thought and prayers.

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**judy mcwilliams** - October 31, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles William Skyles.



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October 31, 2016 at 04:10 PM

KK

“ Mary, my deepest condolences on the loss of your husband. There's nothing I can say to "make it better" but know that I'm thinking about you.

*Kathy Kerns*

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**Kathy Kerns** - October 31, 2016 at 02:33 PM

RS

*Mary,*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything at all we're here.*

*Lots of Love,  
Regina and Bill Steininger*

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**Regina Steininger** - October 31, 2016 at 07:47 PM