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Charles Alden Wilson, 78, of Decatur, Illinois, passed away January 6, 2023 in his home.

Charles was born in Champaign, Illinois on April 24, 1944, the son of Olis and Esther (Harris) Wilson. He worked at Carter's Furniture in sales and management for 34 years. After Carter's closed, he earned his CDL license and drove a semi cross-country for 10 years. He was a proud member of the Sons of the America Legion Post 105, where he served as Commander for fifteen years. He was an avid musician who enjoyed singing, playing in bands, and karaoke outings. He enjoyed camping in his spare time. He took great pride in caring for his beautiful yard and flower garden. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather who cherished spending time with his family.

Charles is survived by his wife, Donna Wilson; children: Julie (Tony) Maton of Decatur, IL, Janet (Randy Reid) Manners of Maroa, IL, Nichole (Aaron) Michael of Eastman, GA, and Kristine (Jared) Gambrill of Shelbyville, IL; bonus daughter DeeDee (Hutch) Hutcheson of Kingston, TN; sisters Gardenia Preusse and Betty (Jerry) Wright; grandchildren Jenna (Brandon) Presnell, Tricia (Dalton Cunningham) Maton, Jami (Justin) Bonner, Charles Manners, Trenton Manners, Dena (Stephen) Daniels, Katelyn (Kevin) Zhang, Marne Smith, Abby Smith, Spencer Latham, Travis Latham, Jackson (Marley) Gambrill, and Josie Gambrill; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Ruby Wright.

Visitation for Charles will be held from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, January 10, at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. A funeral service at the funeral home will be celebrated at 11am on Wednesday, January 11. Entombment in the Star of Hope Mausoleum in Graceland Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be directed to Sons of the American Legion Post 105. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Events

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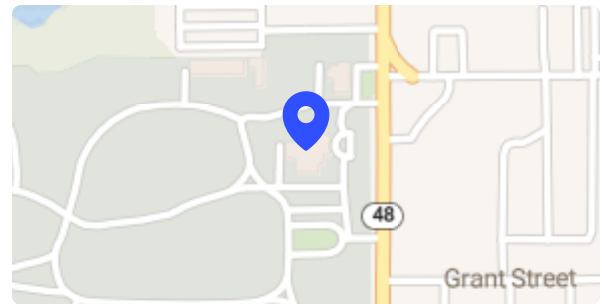
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Visitation

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526

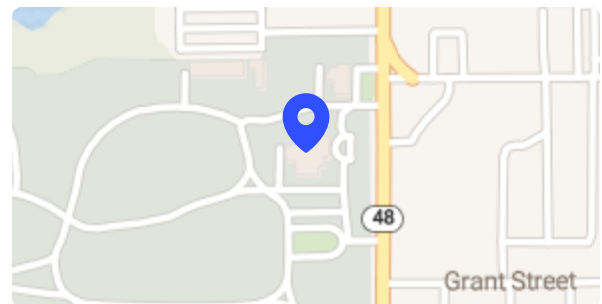


Funeral Service

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

11:00 AM CT

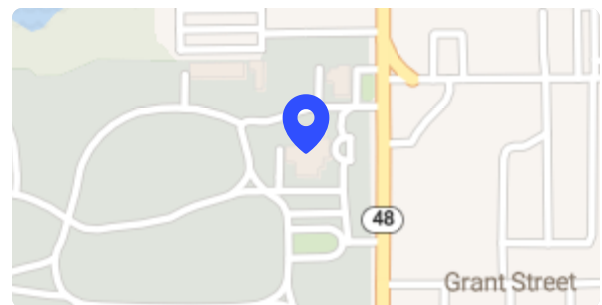
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Entombment

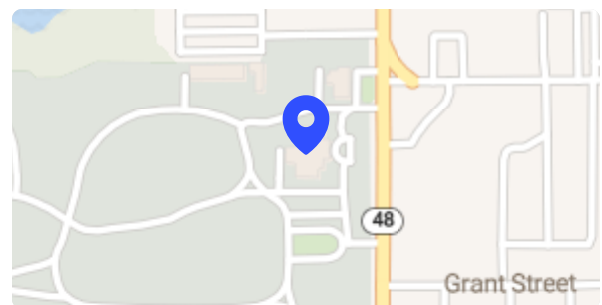
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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.



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Beautiful Video for a man with a wonderful sole. You will be missed



Lanette January 9 at 4:35 PM

My thoughts go out to you all. He was a great guy ! Lanette, Jason and Alyssa



Charles Mauck January 9 at 11:07 AM

Will miss you Friend



Sheila Rodmaker lit a candle in honor of Charles.

They don't come any better than Charlie Totally teased me a lot, just his nature! Will be missed a lot Prayers and love to Donna and his family! Singing with the angels now Love ya buddy LALA



January 16 at 7:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Wilson family.



January 11 at 5:39 AM



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Kim Swartz Durham posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry for your loss. Always loved Uncle Charlie and so many great memories. I watch your video at least 4 times. I cried it was beautiful and so many great memories. 🙏🙏 love you all!

January 9 at 12:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wilson family.



January 9 at 11:36 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Wilson family.



January 9 at 10:51 AM



Tom & Anita Reed posted:

Donna & family, May your memories from over the years help you find peace during this difficult time. We enjoyed Charlie signing at The Legion! Blessing to you! Tom & Anita Reed

January 9 at 10:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Wilson family.



January 9 at 6:16 AM



Donna Howe Altherr posted:

My earliest memory of Charlie is him singing karaoke. He and Donna at the Legion. He sang " My Girl", always for his girls ❤️ I'm sure gonna miss you Charlie picking up my tickets and your humor.

January 9 at 5:29 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wilson family.

January 9 at 4:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Wilson family.

January 9 at 4:01 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Wilson family.

January 9 at 3:34 AM



Lesley & Allen Albert lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Lesley Allen Albert lit a candle in memory of Charles Wilson

January 9 at 3:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Wilson family.

January 8 at 1:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Wilson family.

January 8 at 9:27 AM





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CC

Carolyn Cornwell posted:

Oh my I don't even know where to start. We have been friends for so long but drifted apart through the years. Spent many Saturdays either at the Wilson's or the Beards or the Schmidt's having a great day of fun. Playing cards, eating a great meal and watching all the kids running here and there. Always had music in the basement. I remember the time Charlie and I sang together. I was June Carter's and he was Johnny Cash. What a hoot. So wish I had kept in touch more often but you can't bring back what has past away. My girls, Kim and Kris and myself will always remember our fun times. The Covid bug got me and Kris and Kim has to work so will not be able to attend the services. Love you all and know we are thinking of you. Hugs! 🤗 Carolyn Cornwell and girls.

January 8 at 9:02 AM

DH

Deedee And Hutch Hutcheson sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wilson family.



January 8 at 5:33 AM

DH

Deedee Hutcheson posted:

When I think of Charlie, I can't help but smile. He had a smile, a laugh, a riddle or joke for everyone. My memories take me back to sitting around the kitchen table, trying my best to harmonize with him - our go to song was Old Flame by Alabama - and he was a much better singer than I was. He told a riddle about ducks - MR2 ducks - and every time he told it we would laugh. And, I will never forget his BBQ chicken on the grill! I will miss you always. DeeDee Hutcheson

January 8 at 4:54 AM

LA

Lesley And Allen Albert lit a candle in honor of Charles.

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January 8 at 4:47 AM



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Sharon Stiger posted:

Been friends with Charlie since we were kids. Was always jealous of him cause he had a horse and I wanted one but never got one. Over the years we would lose contact then reconnect. Loved to hear him sing. Charlie you are going to have to be careful and not let our fathers get you in trouble up there. Until we meet again.

January 7 at 10:59 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wilson family.



January 7 at 10:44 PM



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January 7 at 8:21 PM



Terry & Mary Lou Boles lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Donna & the Family, We wish to express our deepest sympathy with the passing of Charlie. May those fond memories provide comfort and strength each and every day. We never saw him without that great smile on his face. His dedication and sacrifice to the American Legion Post 105 was above and beyond. We and many others will miss him very much. May he rest in Eternal peace. May God Bless!!



January 7 at 6:30 PM



Deneil Pike posted:

I told Julie, Greg and I are heartbroken. You all were truly blessed to have him as your father. He was a great man and absolutely one of a kind. He will be missed. Prayer for peace & comfort for you all!

January 7 at 1:20 PM



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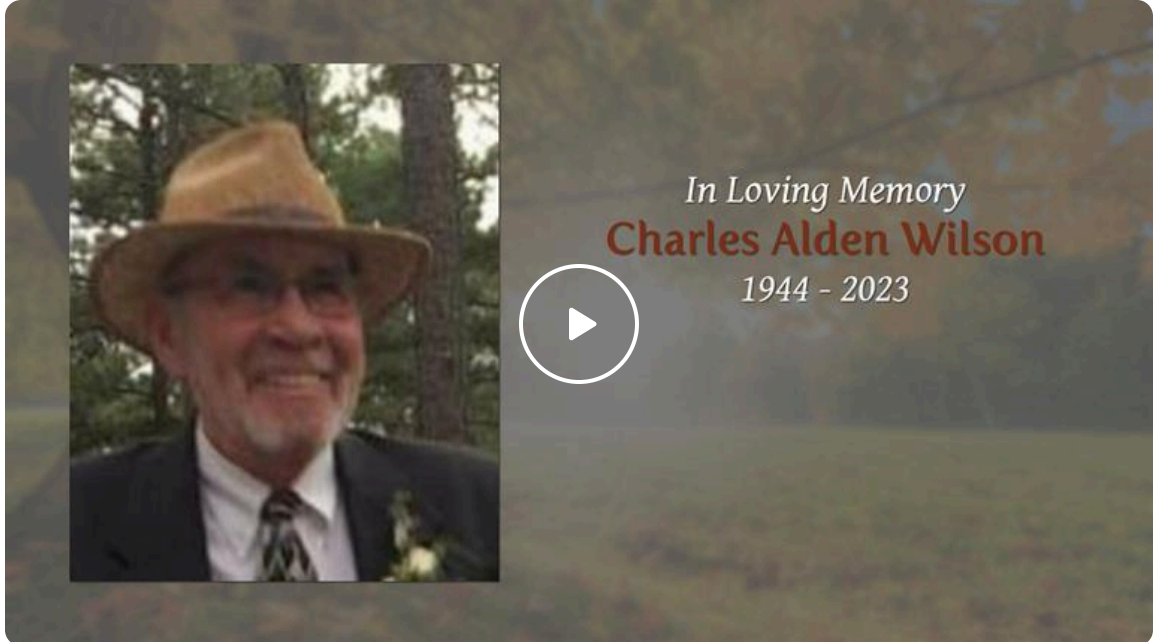
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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