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Charles “Charlie” “Chuck” “Bud” Matthew Yates, 83, passed away August 7, 2023 at his residence with his family by his side.

Charlie was born January 16, 1940 in Decatur, IL the son of Charles Elmer and Ella Veronica (Hehir) Yates. He married Lori Harmon on December 21, 1996 in Decatur, IL.

Charlie was a veteran of the US NAVY. Following his military service, he loved his career as a mail carrier with the USPS. He retired after 34 ½ years of service.

Charlie was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. He truly treasured being a dad. He was an Illini basketball, Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. He loved Elvis music and would always look forward to savoring a Krekel’s double cheeseburger. Charlie enjoyed playing slow pitch softball and coached girl’s softball teams. He loved Christmas and collected Christmas music boxes. His greatest joys were spending precious time as a Pa Pa with Presley and Piper and his dog Bubba who never left his side.

Surviving are his wife, Lori; children, Matthew A Yates of Decatur, IL, Coleen M Yates of Decatur, IL, Madison L Wierman (Kyle) of Decatur, IL; grandchildren, Presley A Wierman, Piper R Wierman, Sydney M Yates and 2 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Judith Ann Linnenman.

Funeral service will be 10:00 AM Friday, August 11, 2023 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 – 7 PM Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mt. Gilead Cemetery. Please honor Charlie by wearing Illini, Bears or Cubs attire.

Memorials: Macon County Animal Shelter



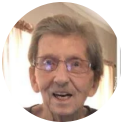
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Special thank you to all of his amazing caregivers and staff of Memorial Health Systems, over the last four years.

Condolences may be left to Charles's family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Events


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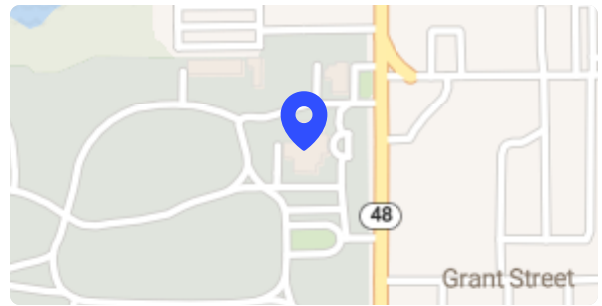
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, August 10, 2023


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT


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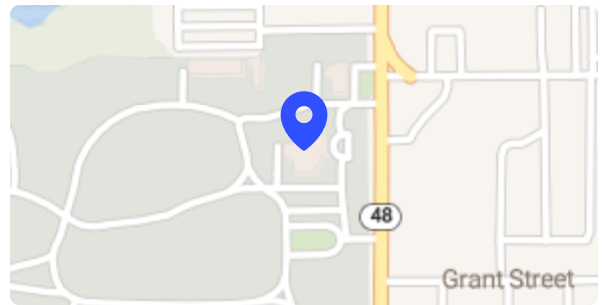


Funeral Service

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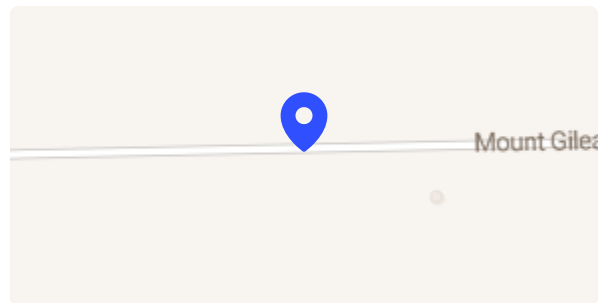
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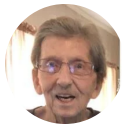
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Cemetery Details

 **Mt. Gilead Cemetery**
Mt. Gilead Rd., Decatur IL 62521





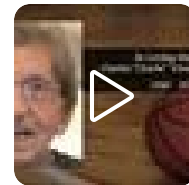
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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.



August 9 at 10:44 AM



Tammy Morlan Polley August 9 at 7:23 PM

Lori your video is beautiful. You did Charlie so proud. The love ❤️ the two of you shared was beautiful & one of a kind. He didn't leave you, he just went before you & will be your guardian Angel watching & waiting for over you. I am so sorry for your daughter & grandchildren. I know you have a lot of friends but if ever I can do anything I am here. You was such a great boss to me & I love ❤️ you. My heart ❤️ breaks right now but I am sure it doesn't hold a candle to yours. Hold on to the love you shared & the fact that he is with sweet Jesus watching over you & your family. 🙏❤️



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Yates family.



August 13 at 3:13 AM



Terre Moma posted:

Lori, So sorry for your loss! I had so many wonderful memories with Charlie both at work and playing softball together. And also him buying my Krekels burger when I was still working and he had been retired for a few years. We happened to run into each other at the Krekels on Wood St. He will be dearly missed but from watching the video it looks like you had great memories. Cherish them and hang on to them. Sorry I had a prior commitment and had to miss the visitation. I love you! Terre Moma

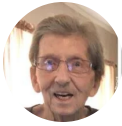
August 11 at 2:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Yates family.



August 10 at 5:38 AM



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Yates family.



August 10 at 4:40 AM



Brenda posted:

Chuck was such a good friend to the kids on his mail routes. We have lots of memories of all the tricks we played on him and he always had a big laugh about it. He was a special guy and will be missed by us Shafer kids. We still as middle aged adults talk and laugh about "Chuck the mailman" stories. May he RIP and know you made an impact on our lives. Brenda Pratt Jimmy Shafer Jeff Shafer The Shafer kids as Chuck would say.

August 9 at 10:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Yates family.



August 9 at 4:00 AM



Media

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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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