



Charles Rainey

December 14, 1930 - April 28, 2025

Charles Rainey, 94, of Salem passed away peacefully on April 28th, 2025. He was born December 14th, 1930, in Mt. Vernon to Homer and Lillian (Howe) Rainey. He would marry the love of his life, Laura Minta Rich, on February 2nd, 1952, and they would spend 72 years together till her passing in 2024. Charles was an educator for more than 30 years in East Moline, Illinois. He and Minta moved to Salem Illinois in 1992 to take care of Minta's mother, Grace Rich. He was an active member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Salem volunteering wherever he was needed. He and Minta were volunteers through the UMC helping work in disaster areas, mostly in Florida, and volunteering at the Midwest Missions Distribution Center near Chatham, Illinois. Also, in retirement, Charles loved to make stained glass art and gardening.

He is survived by his son: Todd Rainey of Bluffton, Ohio; daughter-in-law: Mary Sue Rainey; grandson: Thomas Rainey, wife Ashleigh, and their children Gideon and Felicity Rainey; granddaughter: Beth Hallee, husband Dan, and their children Lillian and Brian Hallee; sister-in-law: Shirley Rainey; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Homer and Lillian Rainey; wife: Laura Minta Rainey; son: David Rainey; 3 brothers: Edward, Floyd, and Robert; and 2 sisters: Lois and Elvadean.

Cremation rites will be accorded per family wishes. A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 pm on May 10th, 2025, at the Salem Grace United Methodist

Church. Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, PO Box 97 / 310 N. Broadway, Salem, Illinois 62881, is honored to be of service to Charles' family at this time. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 5:00 PM.

Salem Grace United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

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“ Todd: I'm thinking of you at this tender time. May the peace of Christ be with you. --Ruth Naylor

Ruth Naylor - May 05, 2025 at 09:44 AM

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“ Janet Bunting lit a candle in memory of Charles Rainey



Janet Bunting - May 01, 2025 at 07:05 PM