



## Charles William Rankin

November 14, 1941 - January 4, 2025

Charlie Rankin, 83, of Ullin passed away on January 4th, 2025, at St. Francis Hospital Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born in Stoddard County Missouri on November 14, 1941. He was a second generation “Rankin” bricklayer. He took pride in his work and enjoyed working the family business.

Charlie is survived by his children, Malissa Beer and husband Kevin of Waverly IL, Denise Horner and husband Kenton of Dyersburg, TN, Lenny Beszczynski and wife Carrie of Dongola IL, Ricky Rankin of Ullin IL, Rowdy Yates and wife Kirsten of Montana, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Other surviving family members include his siblings, Gailen (Jake) Rankin of Salem and Nida Woodfall of Mt. Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman & Lucille Rankin, siblings Dallas Rankin, Edward Rankin, Landon Rankin, Joyce Heyduck, Fern Custer, and other family members.

Charlie fought the good fight against cancer. His highlights in life included hunting, fishing, pool, chess, checkers, cards, and storytelling.

A funeral service will be held Saturday January 11th, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial to follow at Dunkard-Romine Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will take place from 11:00 am till the time of service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to “The Fallen Outdoors” at [thefallenoutdoors.org](http://thefallenoutdoors.org) or will be accepted at Sutherland-Rankin

Funeral Home, PO Box 97 / 310 N. Broadway Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, who is honored to be of service to Charlie's family at this time. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook Page.

There will be a gathering at the Farm Bureau after the service to celebrate Charlie's life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home and Cremation Services  
310 North Broadway  
Salem, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home Chapel

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Shane & Melinda White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles William Rankin.

Shane & Melinda White - January 09, 2025 at 06:27 PM

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“ Shane & Melinda White purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Charles William Rankin.



Shane & Melinda White - January 09, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ I was married to Charlie for awhile we never got to continue the journey but I always had a special place in my heart for him he did a great job with our soon Rick Rankin teaching him fishing hunting and most definitely the best father for our son tell we meet again buddy

KI Rankin - January 06, 2025 at 09:47 PM

GM

You were a great brother-in-law, Charlie. Always enjoyed you visiting Jake and I. Loved listening to your stories and reminiscing of days gone by. RIP

Gaynelle Rankin Meyocks - August 16, 2025 at 08:02 PM

MF

“ Charlie could out fish anyone. Spent some time with him a very long time ago catching catfish. We were cooking and eating catfish at 2 in the morning and Charlie was telling stories the whole time. He was always making everyone laugh. I will never forget he learned to crochet and used camo yarn lol. Quite the character.

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**Marcella Freburg** - January 06, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RY

“ So many stories to tell about Charlie but most shouldn't be told in writing. The thing that Charlie was the best at..having fun. He was always fun to be around and made days for us kids, at least me, a great time. He could sure put us in our spot if we needed it though. I'm not sure Charlie new a stranger but he knew a lot of people. One story here that I can tell...I was in to wrestling..wrestling anyone and everyone that would entertain me. Charlie and a buddy over to hunt and thats what most folks did when they came to visit Charlie. Well Charlie put me up to wrestling this fella. We matched up pretty good but I was younger and cocky enough to know I could take him. I put every wrestling move I knew on that feller and I be damned if I could even get him on the ground, let alone ever have hopes to pin him. I knew I was in trouble when this feller just up and offered me a leg for a take down move and then laughed as I still couldn't get him down. He finally whooped me pretty good and as a set around humbled. This feller and Charlie finally admitted that this feller had been an Olympic class wrestler.....Charlie got a big kick out of that and I did to..once I got over being whipped that bad. I loved that man and he taught me a lot...

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**Rowdy Yates** - January 06, 2025 at 06:31 PM

LP

*I remember when he got married the first time, there was a old fashioned shivery,,miss spelled,,at Norman's house they chained Charlie up for some reason,,being Charlie he got free and nobody could find him! He somehow got on top of Norman's house and started laughing at everyone, good memories for sure,,he will be missed by many people*

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**Linda Phillips** - January 06, 2025 at 08:28 PM

MS

“*Rick and Lenny so sorry to hear about your dad you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Marilyn Smith and family.*

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**Marilyn Smith** - January 06, 2025 at 04:29 PM