



Charles Wayne Witzel

October 30, 1938 - October 10, 2024

Charles "Charlie" Wayne Witzel, 85, of Centralia, passed away Thursday, October 10, 2024 at SLU Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born in Richview, Illinois on October 30, 1938, to Clarence Albert and Pearl Margaret (Sanders) Witzel.

On February 23, 1966, he married Neva Cople in Centralia and she survives.

In addition to his wife, Neva Witzel, of 57 years of marriage, he is also survived by his sons: Robert Witzel and wife Jodie of Centralia, Brian Witzel and wife Michelle of Mt. Vernon and Lesley Mahlandt and husband Jim of Centralia; eleven grandchildren: Lindsey Coppler and husband James of Atlanta, Georgia, Erin Witzel and boyfriend Ethan Erickson of Centralia, Hannah Hoffman and husband Jordan Grandview, Missouri, Braden Mahlandt of Champaign, Spencer Witzel and fiancé Shelby Pigg of Central City, Christian Witzel of Centralia, Meagan Mahlandt of Centralia, Alaina Mahlandt of Centralia and William Witzel of Centralia; five great-grandchildren: Trevor, Tripp, Aelin, Grayson and Margo, and as well as several nieces and nephews.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents: Clarence and Pearl Witzel; sisters: Doris Trail and Elizabeth McNeill and a brother, Richard Witzel.

Charlie served in the United States Army Reserves. He started his education in a one room school during World War II. After falling behind in school, he was helped by a kind and generous teacher who later showed up at his High School graduation to express that she was so proud of him and his accomplishments. After graduating from Woodlawn High School, he attended McKendree College, where he played baseball, and Centralia Junior College. Charlie worked for over 30 years in the insurance business, was a member of the Optimist Club and was involved in the Jefferson County Historical Society. Charlie was a member of Fouts Christian Church in Centralia. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal's fan. Charlie loved his family dearly.

Graveside Services for Charles Witzel will be held Monday, October 14, 2024 at 12:30pm at Boyd Cemetery in Boyd, IL. A Visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, October 14, 2024 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Charlie's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Graveside Service

OCT **14**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM.

Boyd Cemetery
Boyd, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Wayne Witzel*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 13, 2024 at 08:51 PM



Thank you Charlie for being my dad! Even after the divorce. And for loving my kids soo much making up for them not having other grandparents.

Gayla Bolding - October 14, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MK

“ *Always a fine neighbor. You will be missed. Mary koller*

mary koller - October 18, 2024 at 01:04 PM

BT

“ *Rob, I am very sorry to hear about Charlie. He was a great person, I always enjoyed talking with him. He always seemed so cheerful.*

Bill Thouvenin - October 15, 2024 at 10:09 AM

LW

“ I’m so sorry to Charlie’s family on his passing. He was such a wonderful man to be around, so happy. My dad, Stanley Braddy, and he went back a long time and then Charlie was my mom and dad’s insurance man. Then later on, he became my insurance man as well. I know he will be missed. Lisa Williams

Lisa Williams - October 14, 2024 at 01:22 PM

TD

“ My mother, Tootie Wilson, and myself both have fond memories of Charlie from years ago. He always made it a point to talk with us when we saw him. We’re sure he will be missed. Good guys like Charlie are few and far between. Tootie Wilson and Dorothy Lawrence. (as a kid- I thought he was very, very handsome!)

Tootie & Dorothy - October 14, 2024 at 12:11 PM

DM

I was a member of Optimist Club with Charlie. He was always so willing to help out. He was so kind and generous, always with a smile on his face. I never heard a negative word come from him. He will be missed by all of his fellow Optimist Club friends.

Dana Mathis - October 16, 2024 at 10:08 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear about Charlies passing. I know that he was a wonderful person to Don and I. He played basketball in High School with my brothers and Don and he had memories when they were younger. I am praying for you and your family as I know how rough these times can be. So sorry that we will not be able to be there. Jesus loves you all and so do we. Don and Juanita Likens..

Juanita likens - October 14, 2024 at 12:11 AM

SW

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Charlie was a sincerely kind and caring person . Thoughts and prayers to Neva and family .
Sincerely,
Sandy Wakefield

Sandra Wakefield - October 13, 2024 at 05:31 PM