



Burles R. Gowen

May 19, 1921 - July 28, 2016

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95, of Indianapolis, passed away July 28, 2016. He was born in Boonville, IN on May 19, 1921 to the late Robert R. and Helen L. Haas Gowen.

Burles graduated from Tennyson High School and was a manager for Forest Lawn Memory Gardens for 17 years, retiring in 1986. He was also a self-employed carpenter all his life. Burles was a member of the American Legion Post #119, Cumberland Masonic Lodge #726, Scottish Rite 32nd degree Mason and enjoyed fishing. He served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II as an expert rifleman and was honored with the American Theater Ribbon.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 30th from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 3:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Burles is survived by his wife, Lorraine Gowen; daughters, Chere Ratliff (Randy), Pamela Sherrill, Stephanie Watkins (David) and Beth Clark (Mark); sons, Bob Grant (Rita), Dale and Roger Gowen; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 1450 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Burles R. Gowen.* ”



July 30, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Burles R. Gowen.* ”



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mark clark - July 29, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *sitting and talking to him about his life the best I will allways think of him.and will see him some day again.love you* ”

mark clark - July 29, 2016 at 06:38 PM

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“ This is a great man who took on my mother and 4 children. Later adding another child to our family Chere. We are thankful for all he did for his country and our family. He loved us all dearly. He was our Hero and will be forever in our hearts with lots of love.
Miss you already,
Daughter, Beth

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“ I Always felt welcome to thier home when chere n When we were young hang out there was so good to me u will be missed now u will be watching over chere n family member s



melinda (Snelling) Holt - July 29, 2016 at 12:16 PM