



Charles Ray Bowles

June 3, 1931 - January 15, 2019

Charles R. Bowles, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away January 15, 2019. He was born June 3, 1931 to the late Stanley and Ida Bowles. Charles proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and married Carol Michaels December 28, 1957. He was a mechanic for IndyGo Transportation Company for many years, retiring in 1993. Charles occasionally attended St. Pius and St. Lawrence services with Carol. He was a member of American Legion Post #495 Lawrence. Visitation will be Friday, January 18, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Carol Bowles; sons, Matt (Jan) Bowles, Todd (Martie) Bowles, Gregg Bowles, Jeff (Jenny) Bowles and Chadd (Marquita) Bowles; and 12 grandchildren. Two sisters, Beatrice Weaver and Louise Little; and a daughter-in-law, Beth Bowles, preceded him in death. Memorial contributions are suggested to Indy Honor Flight and/or American Legion Post #495 Lawrence.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Charlie was easy to like. He always had an upbeat and kind way about him, and was a joy to be around. Everybody that worked at Metro had a nickname, and Charlie was the man who gave me mine. He called me "Mork" {from the then popular Mork & Mindy TV show}. It stuck. Soon everybody was calling me Mork. At lunch, he was often my Euchre partner. He was a shrewd card player as well as a professional body man. Though it has been 34 years since I have last seen him, I still miss him just the same. My condolences to the family.

Greg Boman {Mork} - January 19, 2019 at 07:26 AM

CA

“ I recall my Uncle Charlie, my mother's brother, as a gentle, kind man. As a child, I remember being on a sled and him pushing me down a snow covered slope in his yard. Only twelve years my senior, he seemed more like a big brother. Living next door to my younger brother and me, he was an integral part of our young lives. As he grew into his teenage years he showed an aptitude for auto mechanics and was employed at the nearby Grottenthaler's Garage. He frequently drove home in the company wrecker to have lunch with his mother, my Mamaw, Iva Herron. After his service in the U. S. Air Force he returned to live with his mother until she moved to Tampa, Florida with my family in 1957. Later after his marriage to Carol Michaels, I recall he enjoyed teasing his mother and talking tough with her. Under that show of bravado was a loving, devoted son. As Iva Herron aged, Uncle Charlie and Aunt Carol were always there to work with his sisters Beatrice and Louise to provide the necessary care for their mother. Their legacy, bequeathed to their descendants, is one of love and tolerance.
Carol Allred

Carol Allred - January 18, 2019 at 11:52 AM

CF

“ Chaillet Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.



Chaillet Family - January 18, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.



January 18, 2019 at 07:44 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.



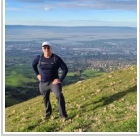
January 18, 2019 at 12:39 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.



January 17, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mr. Bowles was the nicest human being. No matter how long between my visits back to Indy, he was always ready to offer a beer, a big smile, and a true interest in me, my family, and especially my mom and dad. He leaves behind a great big family of his offspring and their kids. He and Mrs. Bowles have guided them all through various stages of life for almost 60 years now and that guidance has served them so well. Our deepest condolences to you all from the Dullaghan Family.*

Jim Dullaghan - January 17, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



January 17, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ *We loved our Uncle Charlie - my brothers and sisters would all agree - he was always very spirited and uplifting. Sorry to hear of Aunt Carol's loss and for his sons, my cousins - Todd, Matt, Chadd, Gregg, and Jeff.*

Alan Chaillet

Alan Chaillet - January 17, 2019 at 11:57 AM

RW

“ *Richard W. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



Richard W. - January 17, 2019 at 09:42 AM

CS

“ *Going to miss you Pop. My friend you did well on this earth. I will miss you Sir.*

Charles Summers - January 17, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



January 17, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



January 17, 2019 at 08:23 AM

RW

“ Charlie AKA "Pop" was the kindest guy i have have ever worked with in my career at the bus company. As kids he took several of us under his wing and mentored us and taught us the skills necessary to have a career. Pop loved his family and friends and i am blessed to have know him and he will be missed!

Robby Waggoner - January 17, 2019 at 07:27 AM

BD

“ Matt, Todd, Gregg, Jeff and Chadd and families

We are so sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was a great neighbor and friend. He always had a big smile on his face and enjoyed having a good time. I know you have many great memories. He loved all of you very much. Hang on to the memories.

Bob and I will miss him very much and still hard for us to believe he is gone. He was a part of the "Lawrence group" taking trips together, talking over dinner and coffee. Charlie never met a stranger and talked to everyone he met no matter where or when.

May you be comforted by our sincere thoughts and prayers

Rest In Peace my friend Charlie. You have no more pain or other issues.

Your friends,

Bob and Dorothy

Bob and Dorothy - January 16, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



January 16, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ *Jerry, Kathy, Lee, Kelly, Jessie Lee, Isaiah, Kora. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



Jerry, Kathy, Lee, Kelly, Jessie Lee, Isaiah, Kora. - January 16, 2019 at 05:10 PM

LF

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you. Charlie was a dear friend for 50+ years, and I feel all of you as family. I will always remember Charlie with his big smile and hugs. He was one of a kind. A very caring, fun, unselfish person, who was always thinking of ways to help others. And, of course, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.*

I will always cherish the 50+ special years that we 'Lawrence couples' shared!

It breaks my heart I can't be there in person, but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers!

Rest in peace my dear friend...I will miss you!

Love...Louanne Feist

LOUANNE FEIST - January 16, 2019 at 03:28 PM

SE

Greg do sorry to hear about your Fathers passing. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

sherry Elliott - January 16, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



January 16, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Bowles.*



January 16, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Todd and family, I am sorry to see your dad has passed. May it comfort you to know he is no longer dealing with issues. God bless you during this time of sorrow. Hazel Hoover*

Hazel Hoover - January 16, 2019 at 08:03 AM