



## Charles Ian Byram

February 26, 1933 - April 24, 2020

Charles I. Byram, 87, of Fishers, Indiana, passed away April 24, 2020. He was born February 26, 1933 to the late George and Jessie (Johnstone) Byram. Charles was a graduate of Shortridge High School and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a machine repairman for Ford Motor Company for 38 years and retired in 1995.

Charles was a member of Franklin Road Baptist Church and the Local UAW 1111. He loved spending time with family, friends and became known as the 'Mayor of Clubhouse Drive'.

Charles is survived by his wife, Dolores "Dee" Byram; children, Jim Byram (Katrina), Linda Holland, Tom Byram, and Bob Byram (Sherry); grandchildren, Charlie Holland (Emily), Trent Byram, Elyse Byram, Brandy Richards, Jeremy Stewart; great grandson, Nicholas Holland; brother, Stuart Bryam (Pat); and sister, Edith Costin. Charles is preceded in death by his sisters, George Ann Binette and Carolyn Crawford; brothers, Tommy, Bill and Barney Byram.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Franklin Road Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Private services will be held Friday, May 1, at 2:00 p.m. at Washington Memorial Chapel and burial at Washington Park East Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Tribute Wall

EA

“ *I worked with Mr. Charlie at Ford. Even though I was a millwright and he was a repairman, he was always willing to help and give advise to me. He always called me Lester. I know he is happy in Heaven.*

*Esther Alcorn*

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**Esther Alcorn** - May 01, 2020 at 05:21 PM

SB

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



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**Sherry Byram** - May 01, 2020 at 04:19 PM

KK

“ Uncle Charlie brought life to conversations. I was blessed with his presence my entire life. One of the sweetest moments I shared with him was our last moment together.

We reminisced about numerous family cookouts both inside and outside of garages, Florida vacations with Wendy's Frosty treats, Friday night cards, church with Steak N Shake, Laughners Cafeteria, and buckwheat Sundays, Christmas at Belle's house, his faithfulness as my next door neighbor in purchasing all school fundraising items including cheese and sausage, and of course always listening to the Indy 500 race on the radio. He mentioned how blessed and proud he was of his family. What fun and laughter he brought to all our lives!

I am most thankful that he believed and trusted in Jesus--the Author of Life. The only one that can walk us through death's dark valley and bring us safely to the other side. I am comforted knowing that this current hard moment is not final. God's gracious gift of salvation and hope of eternity with Him will unite us once again. Until then...you will be missed!

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Kimberly (Kerkhoff) Kiphart - May 01, 2020 at 11:59 AM

“ My grandpa was a large part of my early life. In fact I probably saw more of him than I have of my actual dad. I used to spend every summer of my young life once we moved to Virginia with my grandparents in Indiana. I always saw his main priorities being my grandma and his family. I have some very vivid and great memories with him.

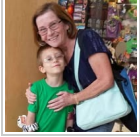
My happiest memory with him was when he would take me and my cousin Trent to the races at the local race track the Speedrome. I especially always remember us all cheering during the demolition derbies. I remember him taking me randomly one day to an air show that was happening in the area and seeing an A-10 for the first time in my life. We would all go to minor league baseball games (Indianapolis Indians) and grandma would bring RC and popcorn in a big purse and we would watch the game. Once every few weeks we would take a ride around the block in his old T-Bird that usually was hidden under an old car cover. I loved the look of that car. He once took me to the Indy 500 track where we toured the museum and took a lap around the track. He was a Korean War veteran but he never really talked about his experiences until I had joined the Army and gone to Korea myself. It really meant a lot to me that he actually told me stories about his time there. He shared with me how it was and looked over there back then and I would show and tell with him about all the changes that had happened over the years. He seemed fascinated with how different it was there since the old mud trails he had to drive through when he was deployed there. There were times when we would both stay up at night and watch Johnny Carson and fall asleep in the living room as Benny Hill was coming on. But one thing I will never forget was his distinct style of humor. He was the definition of grandpa humor. He always had a cheesy joke to tell and his dead on Donald Duck impression always made me giggle.

I guess it's just a bunch of random great memories which comes together to form how I felt about my grandpa. He worked hard his entire life and cared greatly for his entire family and he helped me have a great and fulfilling childhood. He helped form who I am today and I will always keep him close to my heart and in my memories for

*as long as I live.*

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**Charles Holland** - May 01, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *One of my fondest memories of dad is every Christmas Eve he would load me and my three brothers up in the car to go out looking at the holiday light displays. Always with a loop or two around Monument Circle downtown Indy. This would give mom some time for last minute details without us underfoot.*

*He was also known for his Donald Duck impersonations. A great hit with the little ones. He was loved by all, both young and old.*

*He had a great sense of humor, as did all his siblings. And when they all got together WOW what a hoot! Your face would hurt for days from all the laughs and smiles.*

*Mom and Dad have been together over 65+years!*

*I love you and will miss you.*

*Your daughter, Linda*

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**Linda Holland** - April 29, 2020 at 10:07 PM

PN

“ *Charlie was the best neighbor anyone could ever hope to have. He was friendly and enjoyed chatting with the entire neighborhood. Charlie proudly displayed his American flag and was just a "good person."*

*Charlie will be missed and we send our love and comfort to all his family.*

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**Pat Weeks, Clubhouse neighbor** - April 29, 2020 at 01:45 PM

YF

“ *Your YPPI Family purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Charles Ian Byram.*



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**Your YPPI Family** - April 28, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Ian Byram.*



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April 28, 2020 at 10:40 AM

RJ

“ *Gonna miss ya Charlie, me playing Brando and you uncle Charlie, I coulda been somebody Charlie...etc.*

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**Rodney Jones** - April 26, 2020 at 09:27 PM

EB

“ There are no words to express what I'm feeling right now. I miss you everyday, grandpa! I have fond memories of you passing out presents every Christmas and then becoming the basket holder for the wrapping paper. You were everyone's friend. You were always ready to make someone laugh and have fun. I remember every morning you would sit in the kitchen with your coffee and newspaper. I'm grateful that I got to know you so long and you were my grandpa. I will always miss your caring, fun, comedic personality. I am finding comfort in that you are with your brothers and sisters again.



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**Elyse Byram** - April 26, 2020 at 03:59 PM

DG

Dee, so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Thanks to him he had some input in our marriage. Harold & I both had fond memories of you both. He was a great person to have met. RIP

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**Dee Gillespie** - April 29, 2020 at 11:00 PM