



## Charles A. Withem

November 1, 1931 - July 25, 2015

Charles A. Withem, 83, of Indianapolis, passed away July 25, 2015. He was born November 1, 1931 in Beech Grove to the late Charles L. and Dorothy Simon Withem. Charles was a graduate of Cathedral High School and attended Purdue University. He served his country in the U. S. Navy as an aircraft mechanic. Charles was an Architectural Electrical Engineer, Designer and Drafter for Geupel and DeMars, James and Associates and finally Faulk and Gardner Engineers. He was one of the designers of the annual Christmas tree in downtown Indianapolis, State Fair grounds, and multiple schools around the city. He also volunteered for St. Vincent DePaul and Community Hospital East for many years. Charles was a lifetime member of Little Flower Catholic Church, and longtime member of the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Drexel Chapel, 4565 E. 10th St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 East 13th Street.

Charles is survived by his devoted daughters, Karen Rogers (Ricky), Cynthia Hutton (Jesse), Tracy Russell; grandchildren, Isiah Withem, Brendon Hutton (Lauren), and Icely Doyon; five great-grandchildren, and a brother, Jack Withem. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Patricia Froman Withem; sister, Mary Ann Hutchinson; and a brother, Richard Withem.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

435 W. Troy Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46225  
<http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Drexel Chapel  
4565 E. 10th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46201  
(317) 359-3233  
[info@shirleybrothers.com](mailto:info@shirleybrothers.com)  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **30.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Little Flower Catholic Church  
4720 East 13th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46201  
(317) 357-8352

# Tribute Wall

DN

“ Charlie was such a great friend to my Dad Delbert. I am sorry I missed his funeral! Please forgive me. I will him too. He came to my father and mothers funerals in 2014. Please know that he was loved. My dad loved Charlie as a great friend and pal at St. Vincent DePaul. God bless..as he and my dad would say to all!

Debbie Neal - December 02, 2015 at 02:52 PM

MD

“ Surprise! We would wake up with a va in our driveway. Charlie and Pat are here to visit. I also remember the peanut box that Dad and Charlie used to hide in presents and we would have to figure out where it was and how it got in there. Charlie was always welcome at our family weddings since he would take pictures and bring them already printed to the reception for all to share. He will be missed by all

Mary (Simon) Draize - July 29, 2015 at 05:56 PM

JN

“ Green for the Fighting Irish and the Ancient Order of Hibernians!!!! Ireland Forever



Julie Null - July 29, 2015 at 02:16 PM

JN

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Charlie. He has known me and my children all our lives because he was a dear friend of my father and that we grew up so close together in Little Flower Parish. Charlie was entrusted to open and close the church for every mass; he was so giving of his time to the church and we greatly appreciated it. He was always a grandfather figure to my children since my father passed before they were born. I have been friends with Melody Blythe since kindergarten and Pat and Charlie helped Melody's mom raise her; and Charlie was a father to Melody, even walking her down the aisle at her wedding. I spent many happy childhood memories at Pat and Charlie's house playing with Melody. My deepest sympathy to Melody, who has the most caring and loving soul. Charlie was so devastated when he lost Pat less than a year ago. Melody stood by his side, she was there to care for his daily needs, even taking Charlie to all his doctor's appointments when he got sick. She cared for the house and Charlie up until the very end. Melody loved Charlie and Pat with all her heart and this is a huge loss for her; especially the losses being so close together. I pray God sends her peace to get through this grief. I pray for the entire family and friends of Charlie and Pat. May they be comforted by the grace of God and the knowledge that they have been reunited in the kingdom of heaven, where there is no more pain.

*Love and God Bless,  
Julie, John, Katie, Alana, Poochie Null  
Nicholas Bernauer*

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**Julie Null** - July 29, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles A. Withem.*



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July 29, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *I Thank God for You. I heard this once but cant remember where I read it. I am reminded of this quote when I heard of Charlie's passing. I recall Charlie and his energy and smile every single time i have seen him over the years. i have been going to Little Flower parish since the 80's i remember him from years ago... I looked forward to see him at mass because of his smile and friendly manner. God Be With You his family and friends.*

*Tammy and Michael Flint*

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**Tammy Flint** - July 28, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ *I remember the good conversations my father (Ron Rettig) and Charlie had while my dad cut his hair. Charlie will always be remembered as a humble servant to all - they just don't make many like him!*

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**chris rettig** - July 27, 2015 at 11:14 PM



“ *Charlie. Was always do helpful to meat Church. He will be missed.*

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**veronica ernstes** - July 27, 2015 at 10:32 PM

VE

“ Veronica Ernstes lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Withem



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veronica ernstes - July 27, 2015 at 10:30 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Charlie's passing. Our whole family has so many great memories of growing up together! Your Dad (and Mom) came to every one of our weddings. Charlie took pictures and had them developed before the reception was even over!! We all looked forward every year to see how the "peanut box" was going to be hidden at Christmas time. I just wanted to let you all know that we are thinking of you and you are in our prayers.

Fondly,

Jody (Simon) Powell

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Jody Powell - July 27, 2015 at 06:44 PM

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“ Kayleigh Withem (Niece) lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Withem



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Kayleigh Withem (Niece) - July 27, 2015 at 01:25 PM

KM

“ On behalf of the McAllen family, we are sorry for Charlie's loss. One heck of a fine guy, a great pal to my Pop and a Roman Catholic who "walked the walk".

*God rest his eternal soul.*

*Love Kevin & Maura McAllen*

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**Kevin McAllen** - July 27, 2015 at 08:30 AM

FD

“ Charlie Withem <AKA " Old Blue Eyes"> always Extended a Helping Hand, dedicated to his Faith, Church, Home and His Community . I will always recall his smile and warm embrace.

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**Frieda L Davis** - July 26, 2015 at 10:09 PM