



Charley Will Vandergrift

October 15, 1942 - December 29, 2018

Charley Will Vandergrift, 76, of Alba, MO, entered his Heavenly home on December 29, 2018 surrounded by his family. Charley was born on October 15, 1942 at home to Claude and Ruby Vandergrift. His mother asked his father to fill out the birth certificate with the name of Charles William Vandergrift. When the birth certificate came, it was in the name of Charley Will Vandergrift.

Charley was one of eight children. He is survived by four sisters, Alice Reese and Shirley (Melvin) Owens of Mt. Vernon, Rosie Hoffman of Brazelton, GA and Daisy Garner of Miller; one brother, Ralph (Jake) Vandergrift of Miller; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Charley was united in marriage to Delores Ann Hastings on August 21, 1964 in Mt. Vernon, MO at the home of his sister, Shirley. They celebrated 54 years of marriage this year. Through good times and not so good times Charley has always been there for his family. Charley always knew he was in trouble when he heard Delores call "Charley Will".

Charley is survived by his wife, Delores of the home; four daughters, Vicki Arner (Danny) of Sarcoxie, Mary Beauchamp (Mike) of Alba, Susan Thorn (Morgan) of LaRussell, Missy Pietz (Ryan) of Webb City; one son, Andrew Vandergrift (Rebecca) Alba; six grandsons, six granddaughters and fourteen

great grandchildren. He is also survived by his beloved pups, Annie and Ginger.

Charley was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Dewey and Willis.

Charley worked as a machinist for Steadley's in Carthage until January of 1998, retiring after 33 years. He would have been retired 21 years the 5th of January of 2019. Charley truly never retired until he became ill this year. He said he "loved his job but it didn't pay much". He always kept the home and farm well groomed. He would have two or three gardens going every summer and would share the abundance with family and friends. There was always time for a break when his best friend, Gary Jarmin, would come by and pick him and Annie up for a coffee break at Quaker Mill. He kept the campfires burning (even in the rain) when the family would gather to camp at Ride For Life, Ride For Kids and weekends at the lake. His passing will leave a large hole in our lives but we know that he is in Heaven watching over each and every one of us.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 4, 2019 at First Christian Church in Carthage. Burial will be at Goss Cemetery near Phelps, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carthage or Joplin Humane Society in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836
(417) 358-2222
ulmerfh@gmail.com
<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
Carthage, MO

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Delores, so very sorry for your loss. Perry and I are thinking of you and praying that God's peace that knows no end will guide you. Take care.* ”

Kimberly j Davis - January 03, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ *Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Charley Will Vandergrift.* ”



January 03, 2019 at 03:37 PM

JD

“ *Charley would come twice a year and mow my pasture for me. He always had a twinkle in his eye like he was enjoying doing me such a huge favor. I will miss his kindness. Judy Dunn* ”

Judy Dunn - January 02, 2019 at 07:53 AM

RC

“ *Rhonda Cole lit a candle in memory of Charley Will Vandergrift* ”



Rhonda Cole - January 02, 2019 at 12:14 AM

RC

“ Condolences from Rhonda Cole and Brooklyn Mae (great granddaughter)

Rhonda Cole - January 02, 2019 at 12:13 AM

CL

“ So very sad for your loss !

Cindi Liffick - January 01, 2019 at 08:03 PM

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“ Delores and family, it is with heart felt sympathy that I pen this short note. Our lives have drifted apart since school but you have always been one of my best friends. I hope you can feel my love and prayers across the miles. Charley was a special guy and you were blessed with many loving years together. Beverly

Beverly (Stockton)Squibb - January 01, 2019 at 06:13 PM

JP

So very sorry for your loss!!

joyce Garton Powell - January 03, 2019 at 09:11 PM

 Chris Rachel Blankenship

“ Chris Rachel Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Charley Will Vandergrift



Chris Rachel Blankenship - January 01, 2019 at 02:05 PM

GJ

“ so sorry for your great loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts .

Gary R. Jarmin - January 01, 2019 at 10:14 AM

BA

“ I am so sorry to hear about Charley, and my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love to you all!

Betty Allen - December 31, 2018 at 08:43 PM

L)

Deloris, so sorry to hear about Charlie he was a great guy, he was Carl's best buddy, you and your family are in my prayers, I've been sick and my husband just got out off the hospital, I don't drive at nite much but will try my best to see you tomorrow. Charlie was a good man Linda ((Wilson) Forester

Linda (wilson)Forester - January 03, 2019 at 11:04 AM