



Charles "Charlie" Willard

December 30, 1930 - May 1, 2017

Charles E. "Charlie" Willard, age 83, of Bourbonnais, died May 1, 2017 at his home. He was born December 30, 1933 in Bakersfield, CA to Read and Irene Proffit Willard.

Charlie married Shirley Lake on March 1, 1954 in Crown Point, IN. She preceded him in death on August 30, 2010.

He was the longtime owner of Charlie's TV and Appliance in Kankakee. Charlie loved music, and supported Cindy and Abby in their musical endeavors; he attended as many of their music events as possible. He was his granddaughter's biggest fan, and loved her more than anything. He enjoyed swimming; dabbling in the stock market; and keeping up with, and discussing, current events and politics. Charlie had previously raced stock cars at the Kankakee Speedway.

Charlie is survived by one daughter and son in law, Cindy and Andrew Altenberger of Bradley; one granddaughter, Abby Altenberger; three sisters and one brother in law, Enid "Delight" McGuire of Citrus Heights, CA, Marcilla and Walter Lagowski of Richmond, TX, and Andrea Campbell of Citrus Heights, CA.

In addition to his wife, Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Wilbur Willard; one sister, Janice Jolly

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, May 8, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Pastor Steve Hugo will officiate.

Burial will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.
Memorials may be made to family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ As long as I've known Charlie, he always had a good story to tell. It seems from his stories he took the hit for the family by absorbing all the vacation disasters that might have otherwise befallen the rest of us. Don't feel too bad, he had the best stories to tell as a result! Whether it was a story about a vacation disaster or something he could always spin a good tale and keep me entertained for hours. I will miss his stories.

Carl Jolly

Carl Jolly - May 07, 2017 at 12:47 PM

CJ

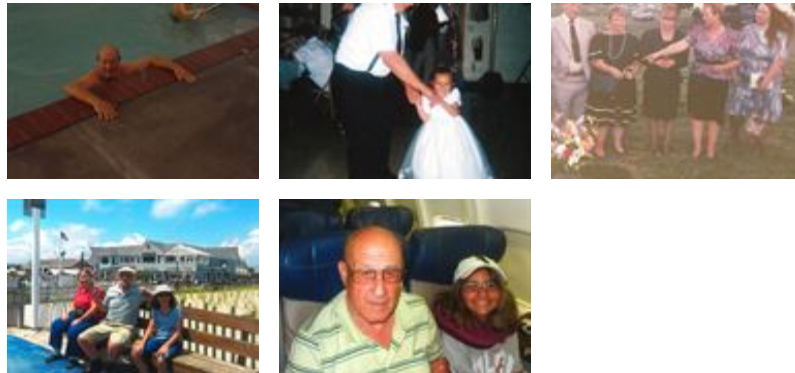
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Carl Jolly - May 07, 2017 at 12:18 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 06, 2017 at 08:08 AM



“ Charlie's was the place to go for that part to fix any appliance and a good dose of conversation. Being in the used furniture/appliance business for years, Charlie & Ernie became good friends to all of us over the years. He will be missed. RC Parks & Charlene Swinford.



De Ann Pomelow - May 04, 2017 at 05:05 PM



Uncle Chuck was always up for a good chat. He loved our family parties and always had fun with all of us. He was such a devoted family man. He will be truly missed. Whenever I met someone from the Kankakee area they knew "Charlie".

Lynn Gory - May 04, 2017 at 11:59 PM

JS

“ Swimming with Charlie in the morning was a great start to my day. It is how we became friends. I'm sorry for your loss but know I'll miss him as well.

James Smith - May 04, 2017 at 03:42 PM

GY

“ *he was a good person gerard e yuknis*

gerard e yuknis - May 04, 2017 at 03:20 PM

JE

“ *Cindy and Family*

I enjoyed seeing your dad in the morning at the pool.

Julie Ebersole - May 04, 2017 at 02:58 PM

JV

“ *Jake Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Willard*



Jake Vaughn - May 04, 2017 at 02:42 PM

MO

“ *Mike & Tina Oetter lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Willard*



Mike & Tina Oetter - May 04, 2017 at 11:41 AM

MO

Cindy, We were so sorry to hear about your dad and we would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Mike and Tina Oetter

Mike and Tina Oetter - May 04, 2017 at 11:46 AM

VT

“ *Cindy, Abby and Andy you have our deepest sympathies. I can remember back in the '60's if something ever went wrong with our television my dad would only take it to Charlie. May God give you the strength you need during this most difficult time.*

Vern and Joyce Tucker

Vern and Joyce Tucker - May 03, 2017 at 05:21 PM

VT

“ *Vern And Joyce Tucker lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Willard*



Vern and Joyce Tucker - May 03, 2017 at 05:10 PM