



Gerald Lloyd Charter

February 11, 1937 - May 29, 2011

Visitation for Gerald Lloyd Charter, 74, of Bonfield, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday. The Rev. John Cross will officiate.

Burial will be in the Bonfield Cemetery. Donations may be made to the family to be donated to various community organizations. He died Sunday (May 29, 2011) at his residence in Bonfield, following a short illness.

Mr. Charter worked at Uptown Sales Body Shop in Kankakee as a body repairman until he built and started his own body shop business 50 years ago, Bonfield Motors in the village of Bonfield, in 1961. His son Ron joined him in 1977 and they worked together for 34 years. He was born Feb. 11, 1937, in Kankakee, the son of Earl and Mayme Kilpatrick Charter. He was a 1955 graduate of Reddick High School. He attended Joliet Junior College and Greer Tech in Chicago. He enjoyed antique cars, especially his tropical rose and white 1955 Ford Crown Victoria glass top which he restored. He won many awards for the car, along with his yellow 1967 El Ranchero. He attended numerous antique car shows in the Kankakee area and other states.

He was a member of the AACA of America, a 16-year member of the '54, '55, '56 Ford Crown Association and a 36-year member of the Kankakee Valley

Vintage Car Club. He owned several Mustang convertibles.

He was very proud of the people and the village of Bonfield. He was a member of the village board for 36 years; volunteer for Salina Fire Protection District for many years, handling the fireworks display at the former Fourth of July celebrations; member of the Lions Club; an advanced severe weather spotter; past president of the Bonfield Grade School PTA; and former president of the Bonfield Sportsman Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Darlene Riegel, of Bonfield, whom he married Dec. 21, 1957, at Bonfield Evangelical United Brethren Church; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Mary Charter, and Randy and Diane Charter, all of Bonfield; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Wayne Pippin, of Peachtree City, Ga.; eight grandchildren, Brandon and Melissa Charter, of Plainfield, Ryan Charter, of Macomb, Jared Charter, and Ian, Dylan and Hailey Charter, all of Bonfield, Jason Pippin, of Senoia, Ga., and Amy and Russell Coursey, of Peachtree, Ga.; one great-granddaughter, Megan Charter, of Plainfield; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Alan and Bonnie Charter, of Reddick, and Melba Rieke, of Bonfield; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother-in-law, Dale Rieke; and one niece, Sharon Rieke.

Cemetery Details

Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VF

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Charter Family. My Dad (Bill Cox) thought alot of Jerry and his body shop and car collection. I having gone to school with his Daughter Karen and remembering going over to their house with my parents to buy Amway. Jerry touched many peoples lives and will be greatly missed. God Bless.*

Vickie (Cox) Bertrand & Family - July 12, 2011 at 08:05 PM

RF

“ *Charter Family:*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I was at the funeral parlor Thursday evening, however, personnel from the facility told me it would be a two hour wait, I am sorry I couldn't stay that long as I had another visitation to attend. Please accept my sympathy; sorry I could not express my thoughts in person. God Bless, Ralph E. Ferrari (Reddick H.S. Friend).

Ralph E. Ferrari - June 03, 2011 at 07:38 AM

BK

“ *Jerry was one of the nicest guys I've ever met. Always looked forward to see him at the Bourbonnais car show or the AACA shows he went to. Will miss him.*

Bill Krieger

Bill Krieger - June 03, 2011 at 06:25 AM

DA

“ I knew Gerald the the Automotive Trades Association (A.T.A.) that I am also a member of. I owned Don's Auto Repaor from 1978 to the end of 2010. May my wife's and my thoughts be with the Charter family - Don and Alice Anderson

Donald G. Anderson - June 02, 2011 at 12:56 PM

MM

“ Seaking for all the members of the CVA, we will all miss Jerry at the future conventions, Jerry was always one of those you looked forward to seeing every year.. the old car hobby has lost one of the best

Mick Moore,, Co founder of the CVA

Mick Moore - June 02, 2011 at 11:04 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Bumpous

Karen Bumpous - June 02, 2011 at 10:50 AM

BM

“ Where does one begin to say what a great friend we had in Jerry? He is going to be missed tremendously and his passing has left a huge hole in our hearts. We will always remember that giggle when his humor came rushing through, especially on a CVA trip out East, THANKS Jerry! Each and every time Bill rubs a little on that "Crown", I know Jerry is right there with him saying "wax on wax off". Darlene and family, you were blessed with a SPECIAL man you called your Husband, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. The world was made a much better place by the years Jerry spent here on earth. He will be missed by so many.



Bill & Faye Malek

Bill & Faye Malek - June 02, 2011 at 10:01 AM

MM

I met Jerry and Ronnie through street work in Bonfield. I'm sorry to here Jerry has passed on. The best part of measuring streets was getting to talk to Jerry about his cars. He mastered his craft and hobby. What a super guy. - Mike @ Tyson's

Mike Moody - June 06, 2011 at 08:37 AM

CW

“ You will be missed for sure. Prayers go out to the family and friends of a great man...Gonna miss you Jerry. I'm sorry to your family for a great loss.

CYNDE LEHNUS WILLIAMS - June 02, 2011 at 08:28 AM

CW

“ I remember going to my Dad's funeral in Kankakee, Ill. and my boys went out to the car for something, and accidentally locked the keys in the car, and Jerry came to the rescue, and I have never forgot this, to this day.....I always loved being around Jerry and his family. Jerry was always a busy person, and very loving to everyone. God Bless.



CYNDE LEHNUS WILLIAMS - June 02, 2011 at 08:25 AM

BS

“ Jerry was a great guy and was a good friend. He will be missed. Sympathy to his family. I attended high school with him and know his brother and his parents. The community of Bonfield and his friends and family will greatly miss this wonderful man. Blessing to all. Bob & Rena Snyder

Bob and Rena Johnson Snyder - June 02, 2011 at 07:35 AM

SJ

“ Ron, Mary and family,
My sincerest sympathy to you on the loss of your Father and Father-in-Law. God Bless you and hold you all the closer during this extremely difficult time.



Sue (Sorensen) Jensen

Sue Jensen - June 01, 2011 at 10:38 PM

DE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to each one of you



Debbie Edwards - June 01, 2011 at 06:55 PM

JB

“ Darlene, Ron and family, Our sympathy to you for your loss. May our Lord comfort you at this time and help remind you of all the joy that Jerry brought to you and everyone he came in contact with. Jerry was a good friend as well as a competitor of mine at cars shows and will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John & Jan Boyle

John D. Boyle - June 01, 2011 at 06:01 PM

BN

“ Darlene & family, Our deepest sympathy to you. May God give you comfort, peace and strength. We will always cherish the good times we have had together--especially at Thanksgiving time. How Jerry enjoyed the Turkey Run in Daytona. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Bill & Phyllis Nemitz - June 01, 2011 at 02:00 PM

BN

“ *Bill & Phyllis Nemitz lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lloyd Charter*



Bill & Phyllis Nemitz - June 01, 2011 at 01:57 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Charter you will be Missed by Millions of people. Our thought and prayers go otu to th Charter familes John Papineau and family*

John P.Papineau - June 01, 2011 at 11:08 AM

JP

“ *John P.Papineau lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lloyd Charter*



John P.Papineau - June 01, 2011 at 11:02 AM

JP

My deepest sympathy on your loss. Jerry was a good friend with a good heart. He'll be missed, but it's sure he'll be remembered.

Jim Puswaskis

Jim Puswaskis - June 01, 2011 at 07:51 PM