



Charles Edward Bonifield Sr.

November 11, 1941 - March 7, 2022

Charles Edward Bonifield, Sr., 80, of Rural Union County, Illinois, died on Monday, March 7, 2022 at Parkway Manor in Marion, IL.

He was born November 11, 1941, in Cairo, the son of Edward Raymond Bonifield, Jr. and Hazel Leigh Grable Bonifield.

Charles was a lifelong resident of Southern Illinois having lived most all of it in Alexander County. He graduated from Cairo High School and later attended SEMO University in Cape Girardeau, MO. There he met and married Geneva Elaine Watson, daughter of Ralph and Geneva (Duff) Watson. They were married for almost 60 years.

The couple have one son, Charles Edward Bonifield, Jr., who married Dawn Leshea Bolen. They have three children, Larrah Leshea Bonifield, and twins, Caden Lee Bonifield, and Charles Marshal Bonifield.

Charles and his father operated Bonifield Farms/ Bendview Farms and Hunting Club in Alexander County, Illinois. During his 80+ years he became a well- known and respected member of the Southern Illinois area.

He was elected in 1994 to the Alexander County Board of Commissioners having served as Chairman during part of that time. He was a member and

Chairman of the Pulaski-Alexander County Farm Bureau Board for 15 years. He was a member of the Regional Board of School Trustees for 22.5 years during which he was Vice President for 15.5 years. He was also a member of: Cairo Masonic Lodge; Caledonia Masonic Lodge and AINAD Shriners' Organization; The Horseshoe Lake Volunteer Fire Department; as well as numerous other community organizations. He was a member of the Goreville Methodist Church at the time of his passing.

Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 Sunday, Mar. 13 at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms. Masonic services will be conducted at 7:00pm Sunday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be at 10:00am Monday, Mar. 14, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms with Rev. Buddy Walls and Rev. Enrico Esguerra officiating. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the Olive Branch Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 205, Olive Branch, IL 62969. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

Olive Branch, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Edward Bonifield Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My condolences for your loss, Chuck was a good friend to my parents and a fine man.*

Jamie Small - March 19, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ *Elaine and family, my sincere condolences for your loss. Chuck was a fine and respected man of whom I had the pleasure of serving with on the Regional School Board of Trustees. His smile and insight was always on the correct side of doing what was right for children and their families. May he Rest In Peace! My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.*

Larry W. Mizell - March 12, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *I send my condolences and prayers to Elaine and her family. Chuck was a good man. I remember him in our farming community in Alex. Co. Also all of our boating trips to Kentucky Lake with his parents when he was a young lad. I extend my sympathy to all.*

Lois M. Farris - March 12, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Elaine my prayers are with you. Linda Lence*

Linda Lence - March 12, 2022 at 04:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Bonifield Sr..*



March 11, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Bonifield Sr..*



March 11, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ *Aunt Charlotte and Brad Grant purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Edward Bonifield Sr..*



Aunt Charlotte and Brad Grant - March 11, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Elaine and Chuck Jr. So sorry for your loss, great memories of Chuck and goose hunting as a child with my father. You're in my thoughts and prayers. -Jonathan Shepherd*

Jonathan Shepherd - March 09, 2022 at 07:56 PM

PK

“ So very sorry for the Bonifield family's loss. I worked with Mrs Bonifield several years and had the pleasure to meet Mr. Bonifield during that time. Very nice person, he truly enjoyed his grandchildren.

Pam Krantz - March 09, 2022 at 02:47 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol & Randy George - March 09, 2022 at 02:10 PM

RK

“ Chuck had been a friend of mine since our High School Days in Cairo illinois.
Prayers for the family and friends 🙏🙏🙏

Richard Kearney - March 08, 2022 at 09:54 PM

KM

“ Karen Masterson lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Bonifield Sr.



Karen Masterson - March 08, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Bonifield Sr..



March 08, 2022 at 08:18 PM