



Charles L. Dickens Jr.

August 20, 1929 - June 7, 2015

Charles L. Dickens, Jr., age 85, of Murphysboro, departed for his heavenly home on Sunday, June 7, 2015, surrounded by his loving wife Joan and adoring daughters at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

Charles was born August 20, 1929, to Charles and Auzie (Harris) Dickens, Sr., in DuQuoin, IL. He married Joan Lawson on March 6, 1976.

Charles grew up in DuQuoin and remained there through early adulthood. He worked at the Grand Theater with his father for several years as well as working at PR Mallory. He worked at SIU in the A/V department before heading to Cape Girardeau to teach Electronics at the Vocational Technical School. After leaving Cape, he settled in Benton, IL, and worked for Inland Steel and Rend Lake College. Always seeking knowledge, he considered himself a student his entire life. He spent several years in Las Cruces, NM, before returning to Murphysboro.

Charles is survived by his wife Joan of Murphysboro and five daughters: Debbie (Dan) Eaves of DuQuoin; Leslie (Jim) Meyer of Decatur, IL; Cindy Schott and friend Tom Swigonski of St. Louis, MO; Karen (David) Bolen of St. Louis, MO; and Megan Dickens of Las Cruces, NM. He was also the stepfather to Stephanie Tate, Jeanette Crane, Rebecca Ruttinger and Judy (Dana) Warf.

Grandchildren are Gretchen (Frankie) James, Carry Bailey, Joey Meyer, Britney and Mariah Schott, and Christopher and Jennifer Orta. He was also stepgrandfather to Elyssa Moss, Elizabeth Moss, Shea VanLaningham, Drew VanLaningham, Nicci (Zach) Miller, Dustin Warf and Lauren (Tyler) Wheeler. Charles also had six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Dorothy Dean.

Charles was a loving man that adored his wife and deeply loved all nine of his "girls".

Visitation for Charles L. Dickens, Jr., will be from 10-12 AM Thursday, June 11, 2015, at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home on Old Rt. 13 between Carbondale and Murphysboro. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 PM at the funeral home with Pastor Janice West and Pastor Joe Wagner officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale or the First Baptist Church of DuQuoin.

To leave online condolences please visit www.crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles L. Dickens Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my thoughts and prayers .*

Roger Waller - June 15, 2015 at 11:39 PM



“ *Joan and family, We are saddened to hear about Charles passing. Even though it has been many years since we have seen you we have fond memories of you and your family. Please know that we are praying for all of you during this difficult time. Allen and Janice Crawford*

Janice Crawford - June 10, 2015 at 06:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles L. Dickens Jr..*



June 10, 2015 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Region 128 purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Charles L. Dickens Jr..*



Region 128 - June 09, 2015 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Hi Cindy,*

I'm sorry to hear the loss of your Father and give my condolences.

*Karen Sturholdt
Edward Jones*



Karen Sturholdt - June 09, 2015 at 02:57 PM

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So sorry for your loss. Both my late husband and I worked with Charlie at Rend Lake College. He always had a smile on his face and of course, he and Ron always talked mining. Ron had him as instructor while he was working in the mines, and they became friends when Ron begin working at RLC.

Sherry Somers - June 10, 2015 at 09:08 AM