



## Charley Ruble

June 2, 1929 - July 18, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:  
CHARLEY RUBLE

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1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Charley Ruble, age 95, of Carbondale and formerly of Murphysboro, passed away, Thursday, July 18, 2024 in The Landings, Carbondale.

He was born at the beginning of the Great Depression on a farm about two miles west of the little village of Oraville on June 2, 1929. Charley was the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett and Blanche (Bastien) Ruble.

The first three grades he attended a one-room country school. Later the family moved to Murphysboro and he attended public schools. He was a 1948 graduate from Murphysboro High School. During high school, he proudly played football for the icon of Illinois high school football – E.L. “Doc” Bencini. Charley captained the 1947 team that finished the season, undefeated, untied and unscored for nine games.

Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He spent two

years at sea aboard the USS San Pablo (AGS-30)-a hydrographic (geodetic survey) ship involved in surveying the bottoms of the oceans and other scientific projects. The following three years were spent in Naval Headquarters in London, England and Naples, Italy. After experiencing five of the best and happiest years of his life, Charley was honorably discharged during the summer of 1953.

During the autumn of the same year, Charley enrolled at the University of Illinois where he received his BS degree in geology in 1957. Upon graduation Amoco Oil Company, formerly Standard Oil of Indiana, employed him. From 1957 until his retirement in 1986, he worked as a Petroleum Exploration Geologist with the following assignments:

1957-1960 West Texas - Lubbock District Office

1960-1962 Geological Research Group in Ft. Worth, Texas

1962-1964 Libya – North Africa

1964-1968 Iran – Persian Gulf

1968-1970 London, England – North Sea Operations

1970-1976 Oslo, Norway – North Sea Operations

1976-1979 London, England

1979-1983 Cairo, Egypt

1983-1986 Sharjah – United Arab Emirates

Also two temporary – 3 month assignments-Trinidad, BWI and Japan

Charley worked on or visited all eight continents with the last being the continent of Antarctica.

Upon retirement, Charley returned home to southern Illinois and soon after purchased what was formerly the Murphysboro Paving Brick Company (1902-1935). For the remainder of his life he has been active in attempting to restore beauty to an old icon of Murphysboro history. It was always his sole intention

during the latter years of his life to give his property (later named Stonehaven Manor) to a worthy institution or entity that would develop or construct something that would benefit society. He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge #498 in Murphysboro as well as member of the Shriners. He enjoyed traveling, collecting works art and minerals.

Charley lived and worked outside his mother country, America for 29 years and although he retired and returned to America to be near his beloved Mom, he always said that his thoughts, his dreams and for sure his heart never really “came home”. The one place that Charley always said was his favorite was living in the land of the Pharaohs – Egypt.

Charley is survived by several cousins and a host of friends all over the world.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Private Funeral Services have been held at Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro.

Interment followed at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Charlie was a friend of my mother’s family. The Bradleys. he would come to all the family reunions for the Bradley’s and my mom and her sisters would tease him that he wanted to be in the family so we end up calling him Charlie wanna be a Bradley Ruble! he would just laugh at us. Charlie was a nice man and pray that he rest in peace

Marilynn Martin - July 24, 2024 at 04:02 PM

JS

“ Charlie was a family friend of the Saupe’s.  
Charlie was a man full of knowledge and worldly travels. Rest in peace

Jill Saupe - July 24, 2024 at 12:41 PM

CI

“ Charley was a very kind, thoughtful and giving man. Rest in peace my friend.

Carla Ingram - July 24, 2024 at 11:05 AM

KJ

“ Such a charismatic personality! So fortunate I was able to see his incredible collection!! RIP

Karen Jurich - July 24, 2024 at 09:56 AM