



Charles Wesley May

June 1, 1936 - September 16, 2019

Charles Wesley “Charlie” May Sr, of Mooresville, 83, passed away Sept. 16, 2019, at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, North Carolina.

He grew up in Ashland, Kentucky, son of the late Rev. Charles and Maggie May.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmella Cotrone May, four brothers and two sisters.

An Army veteran, he and Carmella married in 1961. They raised three children in Sweetser, Indiana. In Marion, Indiana, he managed factories for GM, Active Products and Fisher Industries and owned several gas stations.

Charlie believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior and was active in Nelson Street Wesleyan, Sunnycrest Baptist and Lakeview Wesleyan churches.

He played baseball and softball most of his life on city and church teams. His gas stations sponsored many teams in various leagues.

He and Carmella moved to Mooresville, North Carolina, in 1990 for his job with Fisher Industries. He later worked at Duckworth’s convenience store.

Charlie was a jigsaw puzzle master and enjoyed reading and listening to gospel music. He loved University of Kentucky basketball and the Cincinnati Reds.

He was always positive, never knew a stranger and made friends wherever he went. He was a daily customer at Duckworth's and Golden Corral in his later years and considered the staff family.

Charlie spent his last 10 months at Atria Lake Norman senior living facility in Mooresville, where he came to know and love his fellow residents and his caregivers.

Survivors include his children, Christina May (Linda Coutant) of Boone, Cathy May of Mooresville, Chuck May (Becky) of Spring Lake, Michigan; grandchildren Alexa Keck (Seth) of Kokomo, Indiana, and Emily May and Jacob May of Spring Lake, Michigan; several dear brothers- and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, at 5 p.m. with visitation beginning at 4 p.m. at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Gordon Hospice House, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the May family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

SEP **28.** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

SEP **28.** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Charlie, a favorite of mine, was a presence to be appreciated. A gentle giant of a man who took interest in his neices and nephews. Remembering how it was NOT Fun to play catch with him as he threw underhand very hard. Miss you and May God enjoy your company.*

Steven Cotrone - April 17, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *Charles Wesley May*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Charles Wesley May*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Charles Wesley May*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Anne and Dan Taylor and David Barker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Wesley May.*



Anne and Dan Taylor and David Barker - September 26, 2019 at 08:45 AM

KD

“ I was 15 years old when my sister Carmella began dating Charlie, who was then 25.

I remember thinking that my sister was dating an older man....Charlie visited us on the farm at Hancock Wisconsin. His visits were always fun. He paid attention to everyone, entertained us with his stories, jokes, and nice cars that my younger brother Dave loved.

One year our family and many of the Cotrone families attended Crescent Lake Bible Camp near Rhinelander Wisconsin for one week. There were well over 100 people there at the camp. Charlie knew everyone's name by the second day. We did not visit Carmella and Charlie enough in this life. After they moved to North Carolina, the visits were much less. I do regret that we did not take more time to be together. Charlie was an outstanding athlete and loved his baseball, and motivating people. I know that Charlie trusted in Jesus for his salvation. Now he is in heaven with Carmella, and many other

loved ones. There they experience unconditional love, forgiveness, peace, and are more alive than they ever were on this earth. "Eye hath not seen, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things God has prepared for those that love Him and put their trust in Him"
Kathy Dix

Kathy Dix - September 23, 2019 at 08:03 PM

KA

“ Charlie was not only my Friend and boss but a second dad to me when I was growing up! He instilled A confidence within me and helped me get a foothold on life, trusted me to run things when others didn't! I owe him a lot and praise God for him! He is a great person and great man! Sincerest condolences to the family!

K. Brent Anderson - September 22, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ *Uncle Charlie has had a great impact on my life. Although I didn't see him more than once or twice a year, he was always interested in how I was doing. I loved spending a week with the May family at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. He will be truly missed.*



Janette Shoemaker - September 21, 2019 at 05:59 PM

SJ

“ *Charlie was quite the character! When we lived in Sweetser he would always come down to the gas station/convince store I worked at and always talked about sports! He was Kentucky and I was Purdue! He was always fun and the talk was fun spirited and never bad spirited. He was a kind man and we wish his family and friends love and prayers during this tough time. Thanks Charlie for the friendship in our Sweetser years! Love in Christ, Scott & Kim Jones*



Scott L. Jones - September 21, 2019 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ *I knew Charlie on the fast pitch softball field years ago. We shared and enjoyed times as team mates and as opponents. My condolences to his family and friends.*

Jim McWhirt - September 21, 2019 at 06:37 AM