



## Charles Dale Ayers

April 16, 1945 - September 26, 2021

Charles Dale Ayers, 76 years young, of Jackson, Missouri passed away Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born April 16, 1945 in Essex, Missouri to Lee and O'Dell Ayers.

Dale and Luella Ayers were married December 27, 1966 in Bell City, Missouri.

Charles worked for the City of Cape Girardeau, for many years. He then worked at Lake Egypt Waste in Harrisburg, Illinois from 1985 to 1992. He then way employed as a delivery driver for Southeast Missourian until he retired. When he wasn't working his regular job during the week he would work the weekends for others such as washing cars, lawn work and other jobs that he could find to do. When his vacation was given every year he was working at the SEMO District Fair for 20 years.

Charles loved to watch WCW Wrestling, gardening and listening to his music. He passed on a legacy of being a hard worker and a provider for his family.

Charles was a member of Greater Dimension Church of God in Christ under the former Bishop William Bird Sr.

He leaves behind his wife of 54 years, Luella Ayers of Jackson; four children,

Charles Dale Ayers, Jr. of Cape Girardeau, Celestine Annette (Steve) Swan of St. Louis, Missouri, Elmer Lee Ayers of Cape Girardeau and Elizabeth Jan Ayers of Cape Girardeau; four grandchildren, Calissa, Irvin, Traven and Sarah; and a host of nieces, nephews, a sister and a brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Greater Dimension Ministries in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm Saturday at the church with the Rev. William Bird officiating.

The family requests masks to be worn and social distancing be practiced.

Burial will be at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson, Missouri.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Greater Dimension Ministries  
723 Hackberry Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Charles was such a hard worker and was always there to help, I will always think of him as family and a friend. I will miss seeing him in his truck and the greeting he always gave. Our world has been made better because of Charles, he will be missed. Terry McDowell

Terry McDowell - October 02, 2021 at 03:50 PM

KL

“ Charles has been in my life since I was a child. I remember he would stop by my families business to drop off a paper and always brought a treat along. Years later even as an adult he would come into my place of work and brought treats for me and my co-workers. Every time he walked through the doors it's like everything was better for a moment. His smile and voice would bring such a warmth to our world. He is an unforgettable soul and his presence in our life will be so greatly missed! God bless all of his family and friends that are grieving such a loss. He will rest forever in our hearts and never forgotten!

Katelyn Lollas - October 02, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MR

“ My Cousin Dale Ayers, is My Mother Ida Jones, Lanes first Cousin. His Mother, Aunt Odell, was my one of my Mother's Fathers sisters. Mother and Dale talked on the phone before he became ill; he was the last living son of Aunt Odells Children. And that She is the Last Living Child of Louis Williams, and Mary Eliza Williams Children. My Mother is 91years old. My Mother is very hurt of the Lost of her cousin. She is the youngest of her Sisters and Brothers. Families like these are Rare. Love and togetherness. God Bless my family, Ayers, Colons, Thorntons, Everetts, Taylors, Mackeys. I Love you all.

Mary E. Ray - October 01, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Dale Ayers.*



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October 01, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Dale Ayers.*



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October 01, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Dale Ayers.*



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September 30, 2021 at 12:40 PM

HB

“ To Charles Dale (Slim's) family: I just saw this on my email & shared it with my husband Larry; we are so very sorry for your loss at this time. What a privilege it was for those of us who worked at the "Burnette's" Meat Market on 99 S. Park St. Mr Burnette & Slim used to have some real conversations & if Shelby Baker happened to come in the store things would really pick up. What a wonderful group of families we had as customers & your family was among those. We are saddened by your loss but God gives grace for each new trial we have to walk through & He will do the same in this situation with you.

*Our love & prayers for you during this loss and in the days to come.*

*Sincerely, The Hank & Larry Burnette families*

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**Harryette Elaine Miller Burnette** - September 29, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Dale Ayers.



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September 29, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ What a sweet hardworking man. I worked with him at the newspaper too. He was a hard worker who loved his family. I dont think I ever saw him when he didn't have a smile. Prayers and hugs for his wife, children and all who loved him.

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**Sheila Watson** - September 29, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ *Luella and Family - Charles will be missed - I worked with him at the paper and when you worked with Gary and Wendy's place too. So sorry for your loss - Hang on to the wonderful memories! Sending Prayers and Hugs to all family and friends*

*Tina Riehn*



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**Tina Riehn** - September 29, 2021 at 12:03 PM

BJ

“ *Benny/Genetha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charles Dale Ayers*



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**Benny/Genetha Johnson** - September 29, 2021 at 10:41 AM