



Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman

August 14, 1933 - March 26, 2022

Charles 'Charlie' Hampton Thurman, 88, of Cape Girardeau passed away on March 26, 2022.

Charlie was born August 14, 1933, in McRae, Arkansas to Jim (Holifield) and Claudia (Rogers) Thurman. He married June F. McAllister on September 5, 1954; they were married for 62 years until June's death in 2017. She was his support, motivation and compass; everything Charlie accomplished, he accomplished with June. Together they raised three daughters, Debbie, Cindy, and Margaret in Louisiana, Iowa and Missouri.

He grew up the youngest of ten siblings in the small town of McRae, Arkansas, a heritage that deeply shaped his work ethic and unique metaphors. He received his Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Arkansas in 1955. He spent his career with The Monsanto Company, during which he held many positions, including electrical engineer, plant manager and Director of Manufacturing, serving in Luling, Louisiana, Muscatine, Iowa and St. Louis, Missouri. He retired to Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1989 to be near his family.

Charlie was a vibrant presence, making an impact on those around him by kindly and generously knowing and encouraging them – his family, church community, co-workers and neighbors. Many were touched by his spiritual

investment across multiple generations, including a long list of 'adoptive' family members. He was known by many names: 'Buddy', 'Hot', 'Bruz', 'Pap' or 'Mr. Charlie'. In his later years, he deeply cherished the Senior Adults at Cape Bible Chapel. Charlie loved the outdoors and spent his retirement cultivating and maintaining his property on his Ford tractor, refinishing furniture, fishing, bird watching and quail hunting.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, nine siblings – Vernon, Hilton, Herman, Geraldine, Margaret, Elizabeth, Hugh, Erma Lee, and Betty Jean - and his wife, June. He is survived by his three daughters and sons-in-law - Debbie and Larry Young (Cape Girardeau), Cindy and Gary Olson (Cape Girardeau) and Margaret and Jim Stanzell (Tupelo, Mississippi), eleven grandchildren and their families – Lauren Thomas (Joe), Andy Young (Kristie), Krista Weeks (Peter), Beth Renfrow (Clint), David Olson, Stephen McKinney, Jon Young (Natalie), Bethany Olson, JP Stanzell, Ben Stanzell and Maddie Stanzell, and eleven great-grandchildren (and expecting another).

Visitation will be held at Cape Bible Chapel, 2911 Kage Road, on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 10am, with service to follow at 1pm.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Cape Bible Chapel or Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference, 4759 Lake Harbor Road, Muskegon, Michigan, 49441.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cape Bible Chapel
2911 Kage Rd
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cape Bible Chapel
2911 Kage Rd
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I REMEMBER CHARLIE AND WHAT A WONDERFUL MAN HE WAS TO ME IN MY CAREER AT MONSANTO IN ST. LOUIS. HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND LYNN AND I REMEMBER HIS RETIREMENT PARTY. HE WAS ONE OF THE "GOOD" GUYS
JERRY AND LYNN BISHOP

JERRY & LYNN BISHOP - November 28, 2022 at 09:32 AM

ST

“ My family and I were blessed to spend time with Charlie and June and their family at First Baptist Church in Luling, La, in the 1970's. What a blessing and inspiration they were! I know June was happy when Charlie joined her to spend eternity in heaven. Margaret will recognize our names as she babysat for us a lot.
from Sue (High) Thomas, Lori and Cindy

Sue Thomas - March 31, 2022 at 06:38 PM

PS

“ To the Thurman family, We are so sorry for your loss. Both of us very unable to attend, due to health issues. Charlie is happy now with no more pain or falls and being with Jesus. I'm sure June was there to greet him. We've known Charlie and June for many years. Charlie and my Charlie had many lunches together, enjoying each other's company. He will be greatly missed. With love and sympathy, Charlie and Pat Schabbing

Pat Schabbing - March 30, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



March 30, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



March 30, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



March 29, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



March 29, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.*



March 29, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Sweet Mr. Charlie...he is celebrating with our Lord! Charlie will always hold a special place in my heart as he baptized my oldest son, Blake Fields. Charlie and June were such special people. I am sorry for the sorrow the daughters and family are currently experiencing, but so happy that June and Charlie are together and with our Heavenly Father!*

Marsha Palleja (Fields) - March 29, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, but joining you in celebrating your Dad and Grampa's elevation to Glory with the Savior. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim and Carolyn Brown*

Jim and Carolyn Brown - March 29, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ *Debbie so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I know how you feel as I lost my dad in 2009. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!!!
Love,
Sue (Ohmart) and Larry Ruebel*

Susan G Ruebel - March 29, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ Charlie loved God's Word, he was a prayer warrior, deeply cared for people. He represented his Savior well. Grateful to have been impacted by his life. Thankful that I will see him again in glory.

John Tovey - March 29, 2022 at 07:10 AM



“ Love, Dave & Sharon Dutcher purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



Love, Dave & Sharon Dutcher - March 28, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



March 28, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ No man on this earth has had more impact on my life than Charlie Thurman. He and June modeled love and ministry to me and is a huge reason my wife, Sue and I have been in camp ministry for 34 years serving at Logan Valley Christian Retreat. I love Charlie Thurman !!

David Williams - March 28, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



March 28, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hampton Thurman.



March 28, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ Dearly loved this wonderful man. He was always so encouraging in every way, and the reason we open our Sunday school class with a hymn. We always loved playing for him; especially his favorite hymn, 'The Love Of God'. Even though we'll miss him, we're glad he's finally reunited with June in Heaven. We'll see him again one day when it's our turn.

Ralph Sharp - March 28, 2022 at 11:26 AM

KE

My heart is breaking at the loss of this kind man. He was the father I always wished I could have had.

Kathy Ebersole - March 28, 2022 at 05:18 PM

DK

I met Charlie in May of 1974 when he was Plant Manager of Monsanto's agricultural chemicals plant in Muscatine, Iowa. I was nineteen years old and a summer engineering student. Charlie was an outstanding leader liked by all. I will always remember Charlie for the hospitality he extended to me and for the way he shared his knowledge and insights. He was so genuine. Charlie was a role model to me.

My sincere condolences to all who knew Charlie.

He was the best.

Donald G. Kufirin, Sister Bay, Wisconsin

Donald G Kufirin - June 06, 2022 at 09:34 PM