



Charles Wade DeGraffenreid

July 31, 1923 - October 22, 2012

Charles Wade DeGraffenreid, age 89 of Bolivar, Missouri passed away at his home Monday morning, October 22nd, 2012 surrounded by his family.

Charles was born July 31, 1923 in Aldrich, Missouri, the son of Charles Ceibert and Genie Alice Coffey DeGraffenreid. Charles was the 10th of 11 children, which all preceded him in death.

Charles met and married the love of his life, Dorothy May Bates on July 31, 1943 in St. Louis, Missouri. To this union was born six sons.

Charles was saved and baptized at Mt. Gilead Methodist Church in Bolivar, Missouri. He currently was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Bolivar, and enjoyed The Traveler's Sunday School Class.

Charles began his career with International Harvester with DeGraffenreid Truck and Implement Company in 1957. He was Sales Manager at Vestal Equipment and retired to his farm in 1984 where he loved raising beef cattle. He also loved his annual trip to Texas to go fishing with his five sons.

Charles was preceded in death by his loving wife Dorothy of 66 years, a son Dr. Ron DeGraffenreid and two grandsons, James and Shawn DeGraffenreid.

Charles is survived by his five sons, Kelly and his wife Donna of Monett, Missouri, Terry and his wife Brenda of Cassville, Missouri, Jerry and his wife Marian of Forsyth, Missouri, Rick and his wife Alexis of Ava, Missouri and Randy and his wife Linda of Pilot Point, Texas. Eleven grandchildren, Stacy and David DeSutter, Shane and Mindy DeGraffenreid, Laura and Jason Simac, Terry Lynn DeGraffenreid Brattin and Mike Brattin, Rob Brattin, Shannon and Wes Culver, Ryan DeGraffenreid, Baron and Tina DeGraffenreid, Kya and Mark Wheeler, Brad and Sarah Wilkerson, and Natalie DeGraffenreid, Nineteen great grandchildren, John T., William, Chloe May, Charlie, Allie, Emma, Cameron, Bentley, Reagan, Jayce, Ellyson, Joshua, Cooper, Jaydee Kate, Madysen, Mason, Dakota, Haley, Ryder and many nieces and nephews.

A Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00pm, Tuesday evening, October 23, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Bolivar, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Bolivar with Reverend Billy Russell and Dr. Ray Leininger officiating under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. Musical selections will be "Supper time", "I Will Rise" and "The Anchor Holds". There will be a congregational hymn of "Amazing Grace". Burial will follow at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Aldrich, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Shane, Baron and Ryan DeGraffenreid, Mark Wheeler, David DeSutter and Wes Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center, 1500 N. Oakland, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Wade DeGraffenreid*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Charles Wade DeGraffenreid*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Charles will be missed.*

Glenn and Beverly DeGraffenreid - November 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Terry & Jerry, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know this is a very difficult time. May your memories stay strong.*

Sherry Gezel - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Boys,*

I was sorry to hear about Charles' passing. I have fond memories of both he and you mother. They left a great legacy both in family and in their town of Bolivar. You all will be in our prayers.

Allen Hines

Allen Hines - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ So sorry to hear about your dad. Your folks were always such good neighbors when I was growing up. Prayers and thoughts are with you.

Lyndel & Judy (Jones) McKinney - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the DeGraffenreid family. May God comfort each and everyone.

Patty Waldren - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ We can't measure all the words to tell how much we truly will miss Charles , for he was a very blessed man who really loved his sweet wife and wonderful family. We probably will always be amazed by his gentle love and faith that he was willingly able to share with all that Charles talk to. God bless all of the Degraffenreid Family. Robert lee & Teresa Evans

Robert lee & Teresa Evans - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Randy, I am so sorry about the death of your father. My father died in 1994 but mom is still going and living here in Springfield. I have lived here since going to college.

Susy Tummons Barr - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

T'

“ Randy,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. He was a great guy and will be missed. I got a chocolate lab from him several years ago that was lovingly named 'Charlie'. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Theresa 'Scurlock' - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Kelly & Donna, and Terry:
Sorry about the grief you are going thru with the loss of a parent. Been thru that this year too. May you be blessed with the memories!

Sally Knight - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Very sorry to here of the passing of Charles a very nice man many good visits through the years about cattle and farming always had time to talk

RONALD BRUCE - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ God bless and comfort you.

Linda Wollard - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. How wonderful that you had him with you all these years with your abundance of memories.

Karen Webb Searcy - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Kelly, you and all your family will be in our prayers.

Stewart Richardson - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Rollie and I are very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers

Rol & Ruth Nordgren - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Charles Wade DeGraffenreid

Donna Gamel - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sorry to here about Charles. Will miss him coming into the office at Karlin Lane. God bless your family.

Royce Slagle - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We are so saddened by the loss of our good neighbor. We always thought so highly of Charlie. May God bless and be with his family at this time.

Dannie and Mary Jane Hubbert - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Sorry for your loss.

Karla Kuklaw - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We love you Papaw! Thank you for the legacy you left us. May our lives make you proud. You will be missed and your Texas gang will always have you in our hearts.

Brad, Sarah, Haley & Ryder - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this time.

Bianca Mobley - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless and keep you.

Ron and Charlotte Smith and Sandy and Garrie Simmons - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Rick, Randy, Jerry, Terry and Kelly and family. Sometimes it is hard to say good by to a parent. May your father's love and sweet memories always be a comfort to you. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Sharon Whitman Easter - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM