



## Charley Dee York

April 5, 1931 - October 11, 2024

Charley Dee York, 93, of Bolivar, was born April 5th, 1931, to Clarence and Elizabeth York in rural Cedar County, Missouri. He departed this life surrounded by his family Friday evening October 11, 2024, at Parkview Healthcare Facility after a brief illness.

After graduating from Stockton High School Charley served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955. He served on the USS Trathum Destroyer DD530 and the Grand Canyon Destroyer ADD28 as a Gunner's Mate Second Class. While home on leave, Charley married Mamie Ruth Gunn on June 4, 1951. They were married 43 years, raising their three children Randy Dee, Roger Lee, and Lori Ann in Fair Play, Missouri.

Following his time in the Navy, Charley worked at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft, farmed, ran the MFA gas station, worked as a meat cutter for Clarks in Stockton, managed the Fair Play MFA, and sold antiques with Everett Griffin which they bought from coast to coast. Charley and Mamie purchased the meat processing plant in Humansville in 1973. The business later became the family business with son, Roger joining. The business was named York's Meat Processing. Charley and Roger were chosen to be Grand Marshals of the 2019 Fall Festival Parade for having the oldest established business in Humansville. Charley retired at the age of 89 after being in business for 47 years. The business was sold October 29, 2020.

Charley lived his life by the Golden Rule. He was first and foremost a family man. After losing their mother at age 10, he and his brother, Darrell and sisters, Agnes, Mary Ellen and Peggy clung together tightly to care for one another. He was a natural caretaker, which was uncommon for a man of his generation. Charley cared for his wife as her health failed as well as his mother-in-law after Mamie's death. Charley was a hard-working, generous man who was always willing to lend a dollar or a helping hand to anyone in need. He enjoyed country music, dancing, sports, hunting quail, gardening, fishing, and fish fries. He liked to laugh and enjoyed sharing a good story or joke. He liked his homemade ice cream and looked forward to sharing it at the yearly church ice cream social. Charley's favorite role in life was being a PaPa. He loved children and thoroughly enjoyed time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Charley was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mamie Ruth; infant grandson, Jansen Roberts; brother, Darrel Lee; sisters, Agnes and Mary Ellen.

Charley is survived by his children: Randy and Debbie York, Roger and Cindi York, Lori and Ronnie Roberts. Grandchildren: Tyler and Catherine York, Trevor and Erin York, Lacey and Dean Kinzer, Joshua Garrison, Tanner and Kirsten Roberts, Mekenzie and Austin Underwood, and Shelby and Tyler Whiteis. Great grandchildren: Parker, Gracie, Jackson, and Jordan York, Colson Underwood, Vada Kinzer and Charlie Ann Whiteis. Sister, Peggy Jones; Sister-in-law, Jackie York; along with many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will take place from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, October 14, 2024, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Bolivar First Christian Church. Burial will follow at Stockton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions can be made to CMH Hospice or to Bolivar First Christian Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Stockton Cemetery

Cemetery Drive  
Stockton, MO 65785

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church  
407 W Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Here to offer my deepest condolences. I am related to Mamie Ruth; my great-grandfather was Harry Gunn. I have many photos from their collection that I'd love to share. Kind Regards, Deb Gorden-Kummer



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**Deb Gorden-Kummer** - January 28, 2025 at 12:01 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the album 1952 Postcard



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**Deb Gorden-Kummer** - January 28, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *Everyone loved Charlie...he was such a great person! I just had this picture pop up on my phone and wanted everyone to see Charlie's smile, it lit up the room.*

*My deepest sympathy to the entire York family...he will forever be missed!*



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**Betty Simmons** - October 26, 2024 at 09:20 PM

JK

“ *J.R. kelley lit a candle in memory of Charley York*



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**J.R. kelley** - October 19, 2024 at 06:04 AM

LB

“ *Lori, I'm so sorry for the loss of your precious daddy. I have great memories of him and your mom. He would help prepare our snacks for the hike out to the pond where the cows were. He was always so nice to me when i came over. Of course their generosity of hosting the entire sixth grade to your home to wish me well and say goodbye because I was moving to Texas with my family. Both your parents hugged me as I hugged them. Such good memories.*  
*Linda (Terrill) Beeman*

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**Linda (Terrill) Beeman** - October 16, 2024 at 09:57 PM

RH

“ Rex and Rebecca Holman lit a candle in memory of Charley York



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**Rex and Rebecca Holman** - October 16, 2024 at 03:13 PM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. I recall him from a very young age being around the Fair Play sale barn. Please know that you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jerald Andrews** - October 15, 2024 at 03:01 PM

PR

“ Randy, Roger, Lori, and families; Your dad was one of a kind. You could always count on he and your mother being at all the school activities showing their support. Wherever you saw him, he always had time to talk and offering up a good dose of that humor with a hearty laugh. So sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences. Pat and Johnny Roark

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**Pat Roark** - October 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM

RM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your father, Roger, Randy, and Lori. Lacey, Tyler, Trevor, Tanner and Shelby, I am so sorry for the loss of your grandfather. I know he loved his children and grandchildren more than anything. He was a wonderful man. I am wrapping you all in prayers of comfort. My sincere condolences, Rhonda Marttila (Lacey's mother)

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**Rhonda Marttila** - October 14, 2024 at 04:07 PM

RM

“ Rhonda Marttila lit a candle in memory of Charley York



Rhonda Marttila - October 14, 2024 at 04:00 PM

DL

“ Dorothy Lean lit a candle in memory of Charley York



Dorothy Lean - October 14, 2024 at 09:34 AM

CF

“ Cynthia Fox and Leah Morton and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charley Dee York.



Cynthia Fox and Leah Morton and family - October 13, 2024 at 09:25 PM

CF

“ Cynthia Fox and Leah Morton and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charley Dee York.

Cynthia Fox and Leah Morton and family - October 13, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charley Dee York.*



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October 13, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Charley's passing. I always enjoyed talking to him and sharing a laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow and remembrance.*

*Most Sincerely,  
Jean Vincent*

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**Jean Vincent** - October 13, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *Bolivar Lady Liberators Basketball purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charley Dee York.*



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**Bolivar Lady Liberators Basketball** - October 13, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ *Bolivar Lady Liberators Basketball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charley Dee York.*

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**Bolivar Lady Liberators Basketball** - October 13, 2024 at 03:24 PM

RB

“ *Very sorry for your loss he was a very good guy, I'm sure he is glad to be with his better half God Bless Both of them. Ronnie & Cindy Bruce*

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**Ronnie Bruce** - October 12, 2024 at 05:57 PM