



## Charles "Charlie" M. Chaplin

June 1, 1936 - April 17, 2024

Charles "Charlie" M. Chaplin, age 87 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Willow Breeze Hospice House in Mattoon, IL. A private graveside service in his honor will be held at Dodge Grove Cemetery. Reverend Joy Starwalt is officiating. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Charlie was born on June 1, 1936, to the late Earl D. and Mary E. (Love) Chaplin. He married Carolyn "Ruth" Schwarz on February 18, 1961, in Mattoon, IL. They shared sixty-three devoted years together. She survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by one brother, Larry A. Chaplin of Dwight, IL; two sisters-in-law, Mary McCarthy of Mattoon, IL, Martha Schwarz of Mattoon, IL; one brother-in-law, John Schwarz and wife Pam of Indianapolis, IN; one niece, Tammy Chaplin Batha and husband Jeff of St. Louis, MO; one nephew, Anthony Chaplin of Carmel, IN. He was preceded in death by one brother, Earl D. "Nick" Chaplin Jr., and three brothers-in-law, Joe, David, and Jim Schwarz.

A 1954 graduate of Charleston High School, Charlie enlisted in the United States Navy and honorably served his country from 1954 to 1958. In 1998 he retired from CTS Transport in Effingham, IL. Prior to that he was employed at Lovelace Trucking. He was a member of the American Legion, Mattoon Eagle's Club, Mattoon VFW Post 4325, Mattoon Moose Lodge 803 and the Effingham County Sportsman's Club in Effingham, IL.

With his and Ruth's love for travel they visited every state in the United States

with the exception of Rhode Island, and many European countries. He was an avid reader with a particular interest in history, the Civil War, WWI, and WWII. He enjoyed, fishing, chip carving, playing cards especially Polish poker, and ballroom dancing with his adoring wife, Ruth.

Charlie will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

The family would like to thank SBL Hospice, especially his nurse Kathy for their wonderful care.

Memorials in his honor may be made to SBL Hospice, 1004 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938.

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# Cemetery Details

## **Dodge Grove Cemetery**

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Charlie and Ruth were in dance class with us and I knew them through ICTC too. He was such a nice, quiet man, but he knew how to have fun as well. Always remember that good times, as they are a great comfort when you need a little peace. Sincere condolences to those who knew and loved him, especially Ruth.

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**cathy barnes** - April 19, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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“ While Ruth and I worked together and were friends, Charlie became a dear friend after our retirement. Not only loved by his friends but by his friends] animals. He always accompanied Ruth, me and Hoover, my Yorkie, to the U of I Vet Clinic and he would wind up with Hoover sitting in his lap in the back seat when Hoover knew he belonged in his carrier. Charlie will be missed by many but none of us wanted to see him suffering. God bless. Lucille Saunders

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**Lucille Saunders** - April 19, 2024 at 12:12 AM