



Charles R. Mears

May 2, 1944 - August 16, 2020

Charles R. Mears, age 76 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loved ones.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday, August 20, 2020 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Pastor Fred Harner will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home.

The son of the late Maurice R. and Mildred (Cearlock) Mears, Charles was born on May 2, 1944 in Vandalia, IL. He married Betty L. Guymon on June 12, 1966 in Charleston, IL. He is survived by his devoted wife of fifty-four years, Betty Mears of Mattoon, IL; one son, Harold Mears and wife Carolyn of Maryville, TN; four grandchildren: Jennifer Mears of Knoxville, TN, Jessica Kidd and husband Murphy of Maryville, TN, Ashley Homann and husband Doug of Mattoon, IL, Colton Mears of Maryville, TN; four great-grandchildren: Temperance and Seth Burnell, Aubree Homann, and Brody Kidd; and his canine companion, Angel Ray. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Tina McFadden; son-in-law, Charles McFadden; and brother, Joseph Mears. Charles was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Mattoon, IL. He was a man of faith which infiltrated into all aspects of his life. In his early years, Charles worked for Dr. Podesta as a dental technician, and later opened his own lab where he worked with his wife Betty. However, his love of

cars prevailed, and he soon began his impressive career as the owner and operator of Mears Automotive in Mattoon, IL. Charles proudly served the community with his knowledge and excellence in automobiles. He had a keen eye for vintage and classic cars and was a collector of antiques; his personal favorite being a 1955 Ford Crown Victoria in regency purple and snowshoe white.

Charles had immense, glowing pride in our country. He believed in hard work, honesty, and making America great again. Throughout his life, Charles faced many hardships but met them with integrity, determination and grit.

The small moments in life that Charles valued, made a monumental impact on others. He was an inspiration to all, especially his grandchildren. With a life filled with adventures and achievements, Charles was most proud of his family. He truly was one-of-a-kind.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles R. Mears*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Betty so sorry to hear of Charles passing. He was someone I looked up to for most of my childhood and later in life. He was the cool older cousin when we were younger, didn't talk down to us and always interested in our lives. He was an example later in life on overcoming difficulties and a comfort during my loss of mom and dad.*

Doug and Deb Cearlock in Alaska

Doug Cearlock - January 17, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry Betty.*

Linda Henderson - August 20, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Donna& Duane lit a candle in memory of Charles R. Mears*



Donna& Duane - August 19, 2020 at 04:37 PM



You are a good man ,Charlie.

Donna - August 19, 2020 at 04:41 PM

LB

Betty so very sorry You are a very strong woman.Linda Guymon Bolen

Linda Bolen - September 23, 2020 at 07:21 PM

DB

“ Charlie, we will miss you so very much, you were a good friend and the best mechanic we ever had the personnel pleasure of knowing, we knew you for at least 50 years, Charlie, we will miss you and there will always be an empty place in our hearts. God bless you Charlie. Rest In Peace

Duane & Donna Baker - August 19, 2020 at 04:27 PM

LW

“ Betty, it seems only yesterday you were comforting me when I lost max. I check the paper nearly every day , but not yet today. I am so sorry you join the group so young. covid has me staying home, but as soon as it lifts, we can keep each other company sometimes. We do have some good memories of times together. Hill climbs, meals together, working for good causes. The pictures are such good memories for you and the kids.murl white

Lola White - August 18, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles R. Mears.



August 18, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - August 18, 2020 at 05:39 PM

KC

“ Kathi Cobble lit a candle in memory of Charles R. Mears



kathi cobble - August 18, 2020 at 07:58 AM

DM

“ So sorry for the families loss. I worked with Charlie at Underwoods. Thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Modglin - August 18, 2020 at 07:19 AM

JC

“ Oh, Charlie, how I love you. Thank you for your wonderful friendship. What an example you have been for so many people.
Janet McAlister Clark

Janet Hines Clark - August 17, 2020 at 09:37 PM