



Charles Champlin

December 29, 1930 - March 12, 2022

Charles R. Champlin died peacefully at age 91 on March 12, 2022 in Tulsa, OK. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Mary Jo Slama Champlin. He later married the former Miss Betty Jo Osburn, she preceded him in death on October 4, 2018. Among his survivors are the following sons and their respective spouses: Frank Champlin of Tulsa, OK; Fred and Brenda Champlin of Tahlequah, OK; Greg and Janice Champlin of Eureka Springs, AR; Joe and Valerie Champlin of Owasso, OK; and Don and Kathy Champlin of Sugar Land, TX. He is also survived by grandchildren Bryan Champlin, Carissa Franken-Champlin, Ben Champlin, Chris Champlin, Laura Champlin, Michael Champlin, Amber Champlin Massotto, Samantha Perry, Aubry Champlin, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Charles was born to Edna Bird and J Ross Champlin on December 24, 1930 in St. Joseph, MO and spent his early years in rural Missouri south of Kansas City. The family eventually moved to the town of Butler, MO where he obtained most of his education and graduated from Butler High School in 1948. He attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, MO before enlisting with several of his buddies in the United States Air Force where he rose to the rank of Technical Sergeant. He served for two terms of enlistment at Eglin AFB, Valparaiso, FL; Tinker AFB, Midwest City, OK; and Ladd Air Field, Fairbanks, AK. He met and married Mary Jo Slama, R.N. of Oklahoma City while stationed at Tinker. After his military service, he worked as an insurance investigator with Retail Credit Company (which later became Equifax)

continuously until his retirement. A devoted family man, Charles was always active in his local Baptist church and enjoyed Scouting activities and numerous other events with his boys, running, raising dogs (often of unknown pedigree), and visiting with family both near and far.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11:00 AM, Friday, March 18, 2022 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow, OK. Charles' family is extremely grateful to the many health care professionals who provided exemplary and loving attention during these challenging times. In lieu of flowers, his family encourages memorial donations be made to Clarehouse, 7617 South Mingo, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133, or the charitable cause of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74012
(918) 252-2518

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

MAR 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Charles Champlin



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 14, 2022 at 12:35 PM

VC

One of the sweetest men I have ever met.

Vicki Clark - March 14, 2022 at 05:57 PM

PK

*Charles was my friend and neighbor for several years. We also shared our Church and Sunday school class. He was a dedicated Christian, a great friend and a true Gentleman. We will all miss him at Baptist Village. Our loss is Heaven's gain.
Patsy Keith*

Patsy Keith - March 15, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ Charles Champlin

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ Grandpa Charles was a wonderful whistler. As a small child being chauffeured by him through Tulsa, I would marvel at his ability to throw a whistle to the empty passenger's seat. If he wasn't sitting in his arm chair enjoying the noise of a full house of kids and grandkids, then he was whistling about the house, the garage that always had the fragrant atmosphere of freshly dried laundry or on his daily walk. Grandpa was a man of ethics. He welcomed all my friends who walked through the door, white, black, Latino, and he raised a son, my father who taught me to judge people on their actions and not on their appearance. I am no doubt the person I am today because of the legacy of grandpa and the strong ethics he instilled in his children through his example.

I am sad to lose the last living connection to his generation of our family. But I am grateful to be a part of the loving family that he and grandma Mary Jo built. Thank you grandpa for the wonderful memories.

Love, Carissa, Enschede, The Netherlands

Carissa Franken-Champlin - March 18, 2022 at 12:23 PM

LJ

“ Charles was like a brother to his cousin Vena at the time he didn't have any sisters and Vena didn't have any brothers.-Vena Purkey

Loretta Johnson - March 17, 2022 at 12:06 PM

CF

“ Cousin Shirley & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Champlin.



Cousin Shirley & family - March 17, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Charles Champlin.*



March 16, 2022 at 04:44 PM



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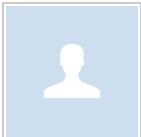
Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 16, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles Champlin.*



March 15, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Champlin.*



March 14, 2022 at 04:54 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 14, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Champlin family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Charles.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 13, 2022 at 02:15 PM