



Dr. Charles B. Butts

June 25, 1924 - February 7, 2014

Dr. Charles B. Butts, 89, of Laurie, MO died Friday, February 7, 2014 in Mission, TX. He was born on June 25, 1924, in Muncie, KS to the late Paul R. Butts and Emily Roudybush Butts Bunk.

On January 14, 1946, he was married to the love of his life, Rosemary Purvis who survives at the home.

Dr. Butts was a graduate of Paseo High School in Kansas City, MO. He served as a pilot in the Army Air Force in WWII, flying the "Hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater. He graduated from Chicago College of Optometry in 1950 and succeeded his grandfather, Dr. Charles N. Butts, in practice in California, Missouri. He and Rosemary retired to their lake home in Sunrise Beach in 1980. He was Dean Emeritus of the College of Syntonic Optometry and a recipient of its coveted Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Debby King and husband Jerry of Eldon Missouri; three sons, Philip Butts and wife Doris of California, MO, Chris Butts of Laurie, MO, and Randy Butts and wife Deanna of California, MO; one brother, Raymond Butts of Council Bluff, IA; one sister, Beverly Eddings of Camdenton, MO; twelve grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandsons, Jonathon Butts and Travis Butts.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 21st, at the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie. Graveside services and inurnment with full military honors will follow in the Ozark Chapel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Dr. Charles Butts Scholarship Fund at the College of Syntonic Optometry.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Ozark Chapel Cemetery

305 North Main Street
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church
305 N. Main St.
Laurie, MO 65038

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to here about Chuck, Rosemary. Have missed you two sent we moved from Ozark Chapel. Dale and Shirley Smith, Columbia,Mo.

Shirley Smith - February 12, 2014 at 10:01 AM