



Charles Max Eckhardt

December 30, 1917 - May 17, 2012

Charles Max Eckhardt, age 94, of Versailles, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born December 30, 1917, in Edison, Nebraska, a son of the late George and Zadie Daniels Eckhardt.

On August 16, 1941, in Coeur de Lane, Idaho, he was united in marriage to Lucille Pagnanelli, who preceded him in death on March 3, 2010.

Charles was a United States Air Force veteran having served in WWII. He was able to safely land in Normandy on D-Day at midnight after having both his wings shot off. He was one of the very few Glider Pilots surviving today.

He was a member of the VFW Post 5178 in Gravois Mills, the International Glider Pilots Association, the USAF Retirement Committee, and was a supporter of the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association.

Charles was a wonderful artist and jewelry maker. Also in his spare time, he enjoyed gardening.

He is survived by his daughter, Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg of Osage Beach, Missouri; his son, George Eckhardt and wife Betty of Rolla, Missouri; four

grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Lloyd Eckhardt, Wayne Eckhardt, LeRoy Eckhardt and Gary Eckhardt, and his sister, Edna Margaret Eckhardt.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Father Patrick Dolan officiating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65038

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Service

MAY 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Paul Cofer lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Paul Cofer - January 21, 2025 at 09:30 PM

PC

“ *I'm so sorry that this tribute for your mother and father is so late. My family and I thought very highly of your father. Your father would pick up George at our home in Versailles after he had stayed for a sleep over with some other kids. Your father and my father would sit and visit while waiting on George to get his things together. Your father had served in Normandy and my father served in the Philippines and Solomon Islands in World War II and they would share their experiences with each other. My father passed in 1994 and I still miss him to this very day. I appreciate and revere you father's service and devotion to our country. At any rate, I discovered this link and wanted to extend belated condolences to George and Charlene and our prayers to God for all of your family. May God bestow the Richest of His Love , Mercy and Grace upon you all.*

*Paul and Shirley Cofer
plcofer@yahoo.com*

Paul Cofer - January 21, 2025 at 09:29 PM

CE

“ *A candle of love and gratitude.*



charlene eckhardt - May 17, 2023 at 07:39 PM

CE

“ *Charlene Eckhardt sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



charlene eckhardt - May 17, 2023 at 07:38 PM

CE

“ *To the bravest, most wonderful Father in the world. Your loving kindness and generosity are always in my heart. There are no words.*

charlene eckhardt - May 17, 2023 at 07:37 PM

CE

“ *In 2012, on this date, Daddy went to Heaven. To the best Dad in the world. I love you and miss you, God is with you, thank you for everything!!!* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Charlene Eckhardt - May 17, 2022 at 05:11 PM

YR

“ *Charlene, Please get in touch with me. You never contacted me on your Dad's passing. Why? My daughter Britten died the 26th of March. Life is so hard and I want to talk with you. I cannot find you anywhere....help me find you. Love, Deon*

Your Cousin Deon Rudy - April 27, 2013 at 03:20 PM

DR

“ *Deon Rudy lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Deon Rudy - April 27, 2013 at 03:10 PM

DR

Charlene, please contact me. Deon

Deon Rudy - April 27, 2013 at 03:18 PM

YC

“ *Your Loving Daughter, Charlene lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Your loving daughter, Charlene - June 12, 2012 at 11:35 PM

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Your loving daughter, Charlene - June 12, 2012 at 11:35 PM



“ *Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - June 02, 2012 at 10:39 AM



“ *Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 30, 2012 at 01:51 AM



My Father, Charles, so loved his dear wife of almost 70 years, Lucille...hope they dance in HEAVEN, FOREVER.

Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 30, 2012 at 01:52 AM



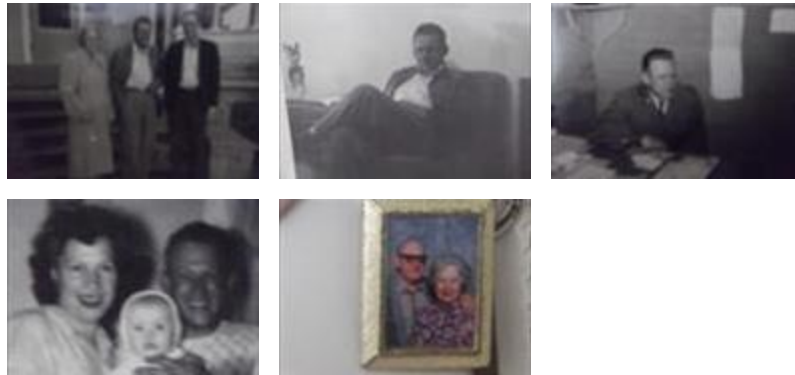
“ *Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 30, 2012 at 01:50 AM



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Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 28, 2012 at 09:00 PM



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Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 28, 2012 at 08:50 PM



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Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 28, 2012 at 08:42 PM



“ *Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 28, 2012 at 08:41 PM



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Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 28, 2012 at 08:41 PM

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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 28, 2012 at 05:01 PM

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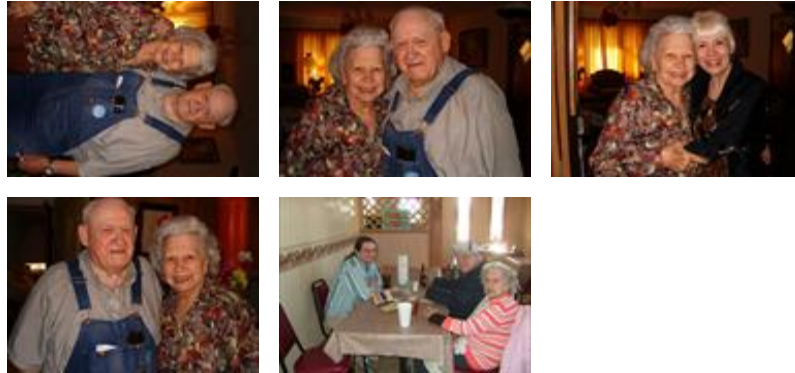
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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 28, 2012 at 11:29 AM

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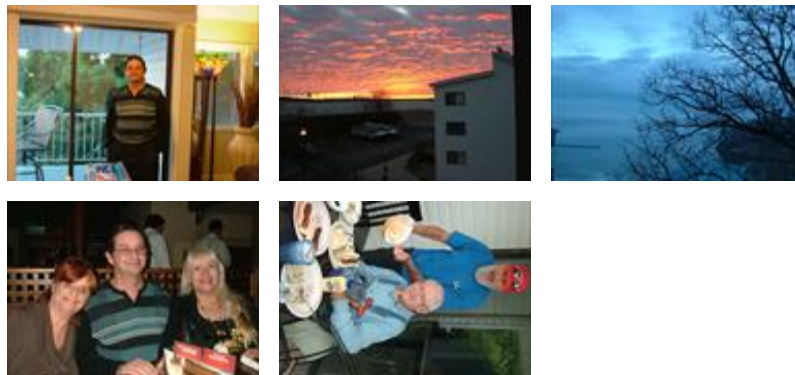
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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 28, 2012 at 11:23 AM

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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 28, 2012 at 11:09 AM

DS

“ *Dr. Steven sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Dr. Steven - May 27, 2012 at 09:18 PM

DS

“ Dr. Steven lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt



Dr. Steven - May 27, 2012 at 09:17 PM

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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 27, 2012 at 09:17 PM

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“ Charlene, Beloved Daughter sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt



Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 27, 2012 at 09:16 PM

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“ Charlene, Beloved Daughter lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt



Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 03:02 PM

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“ *Charlene, Beloved Daughter lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 03:01 PM

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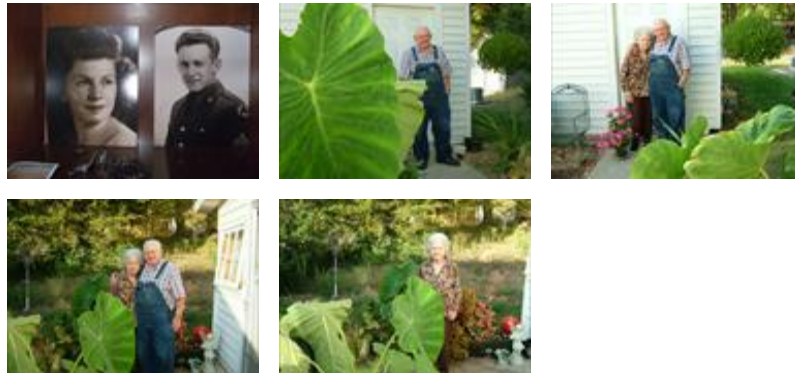
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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 02:57 PM

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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 02:57 PM

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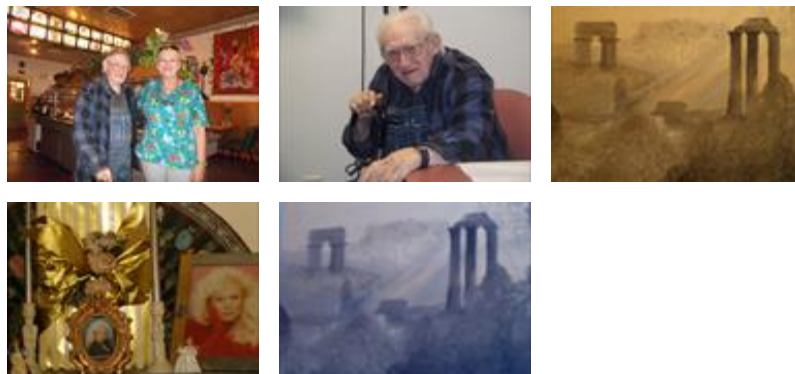
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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 02:53 PM

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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 02:52 PM

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Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 02:49 PM



Green thumb of Charles Eckhardt...he could grow anything. like his Mom...

Charlene Eckhardt-Elberg - May 28, 2012 at 08:44 PM

CE

“ Chris E lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt



Chris E - May 20, 2012 at 04:19 PM

CD

Thank you so much, Darling.

Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 03:00 PM

CH

“ Charlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt



Charlene - May 20, 2012 at 10:19 AM

CH

“ *Charlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene - May 20, 2012 at 10:18 AM

CH

“ *Charlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene - May 20, 2012 at 10:18 AM

MB

Charlene, I am so sorry for your loss. Marie (Scott) Bagby

Marie (Scott) Bagby - May 23, 2012 at 07:43 AM

CD

Thank you Marie...you are such an Angel...

Charlene, Beloved Daughter - May 25, 2012 at 03:00 PM

CH

“ *Charlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene - May 20, 2012 at 10:18 AM

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“ *Charlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene - May 20, 2012 at 10:17 AM

CH

“ *Charlene lit a candle in memory of Charles Max Eckhardt*



Charlene - May 20, 2012 at 10:16 AM

CH

To the greatest Dad a woman could ever have...you are my Treasure, R.I.P., Papa.

Charlene - May 20, 2012 at 10:17 AM