



Charles R. Johnston

February 12, 1924 - August 1, 2013

Charles R. "Charlie" Johnston, age 89, of Gravois Mills, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2013, at the Laurie Care Center. He was born February 12, 1924, in Kansas City, Kansas, a son of the late William and JoAnna Johnston.

Charlie grew up in Kansas City, Kansas, and lived in the same house until he retired to the lake. After graduation from Wyandotte High School, Charlie worked at a bomber plant in the Fairfax district. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during WWII as an aerial gunner on a B-17 and flew over 60 missions during the Battle of the Bulge. Upon completion of his military service, Charlie attended the University of Kansas. He then began his career as a USDA Meat Inspector.

Gladys Clark and Charlie were neighbors in Kansas City, Kansas from 1956 to 1987. After the death of Gladys' husband in 1992, and following a proper year of mourning, they reconnected over the telephone. This began a 20 year relationship that included many good times and adventures. Charlie became a much loved member of Gladys' extended family. He and Gladys were members of the Gravois Mills United Methodist Church. Charlie was also a lifetime member of the Shriners and American Legion.

Charlie loved helping out with the neighbor children in Kansas City, Kansas.

He also was a familiar face at several Laurie businesses and never met a stranger. Charlie was a lover of pets and several schnauzers were a part of Charlie's family.

He spent his last year and a half at the Laurie Care Center following a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. The family would like to thank the Laurie Care Center employees for the exemplary care Charlie received. We will be forever indebted for your kindness.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 5th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Pastor Dan Adkison officiating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in the Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Laurie Care Center.

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

Cemetery Details

Garber Memorial Estates

417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
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Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I am grateful for the life of Mr. Johnston. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.*

Bob in Grandview, Missouri - August 03, 2013 at 08:06 AM