



Charles Earl Henry

September 4, 1935 - March 22, 2024

Charles Earl Henry, 88, went to be with his Lord on March 22, 2024, in Tyler, Texas.

Charles was born on September 4, 1935, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Earl Claude Henry and Virginia Colbert Green. While serving in the Marines he was stationed in the Bikini Atoll and witnessed testing of nuclear bombs while on the USS Boxer. After his military service, he worked as a land and property appraiser around the country, and eventually settled in the Des Moines, Iowa area.

Having been raised on airports in Oklahoma City and Blackwell, Oklahoma, he learned to fly from his dad and earned his pilot's license. Charles had a deep love for aviation throughout his life and immensely enjoyed air shows and aviation history.

He was a devoted fan of country music. His hobbies included woodworking, gardening, coin collecting, and having a good breakfast that included biscuits and gravy. He enjoyed traveling and the many family pets he had throughout his life.

Charles deeply treasured every moment spent with each and every member of the family. He had special bonds and relationships with his beautiful

granddaughters Amanda Kickhaefer, Ashley Sonderleiter, and Shelby Sonderleiter and dearly loved spending time with them.

He is survived by his siblings Nelda (Bob) Carpenter, John (Elizabeth) Henry, Euel (Denise) Henry and Jenny (Jimmy) Johns; daughters Gloria Henry, Virginia Parrott and son Scott Henry; step-children Micky (Deb) Stoker, Laura (Joseph) Jacinto, David (Traci) Sonderleiter, Lisa (Dallas) Hicks, Terri Stoker, Randy Sonderleiter, Kevin (Tammy) Sonderleiter, many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Charles was preceded in death by his loving wife of 44 years, Leona Bennett Henry (d. January 19, 2023), sister Carol (Merlin) Rodgers and grandson T.J. Kickhaefer.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Arbor Day Foundation, Trees in Memory Program.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Charley at Rosewood Home and was writing & calling him but lost contact shortly after he left there. We shared a few months eating in the dining hall .and I I haven't do it since visited his room to see the airplane photos & beautiful painting his daughter painted for him. He was so proud of her talent & so in love with his family. He told me he didn't have any friends at Rosewood but I assured him that he was loved by many people there. We laughed at lunch every day at out
Table and enjoyed our Rosewood family. I am so sorry that we missed his service but we did not get the message and I know we would have been there. I promised I would be his friend forever. I e-mailed a photo of him to his computer when he was walking down to meet his bro. I will miss my friend. He was suchsoa sweet and kind person. Phyllis Ballinger

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