



Charles Stark

April 9, 1939 - March 10, 2025

Charles W. Stark, affectionately known as Charlie or at times “Bud,” passed away peacefully on March 10, 2025 at the age of 85 in Florissant, MO. Born to Robert Lee and Helen May Stark on Easter morning, April 9, 1939 in St. Louis, MO. Charlie lived a life defined by service, love and community. A man of faith, he embraced his Christianity with a quiet strength that carried him through life.

Charlie began his distinguished journey by enlisting in the United States Air Force at the age of 18. Serving his country in Texas, Japan and Hawaii. His commitment to service continued after the Air Force when he began working as a mechanic for McDonnell-Douglas. Charlie had a love for planes, especially those used to protect our country. Charlie decided he wanted to do more for the community. He decided to apply at the St. Louis County Police Department and was accepted into the academy. After completing his training, he went on to spend 38 years as a St. Louis County Police Officer.

During his time with the Department he was a CPR Instructor, Field Training Officer and Patrolman. He received a medal for bravery and a Purple Heart for almost losing his life after being hit by a speeding motorist while outside of his patrol car setting up flares for an abandoned truck in the middle of Highway Interstate 70. He suffered life-long effects from this, but still came back to be a Patrolman nearly two years after the accident. Charlie retired from the

Department in 2006.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Kristin K. Stark; his fur babies Madeline and Isabella; Sister Betty Bauer; Sisters-in-law Kimberly (Paul) Tervydis and Kerri (Rich) Cabrera; Nieces Cheryl (Gerry) Williams, Shey Williams, Kayla Busby, Victoria (Ben) Hamilton and Sabrina; Nephews Jonathan Williams and Daniel Powell; Dear Friends Laune and Michael Powell. Great-great Nephew Lucion Weakley.

Charlie was also preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Helen Stark; brothers Bob (Flo), Leroy (Betty) and Bobby Stark; sisters Catherine (Gordon) O'Donell, Shirley Stark ; nephews Shaun Weakley and Jonathan Powell; fur babies Soffit and Brody; Mother-in Law Janice Michaels who loved and idolized him. They loved talking TV and politics.

In lieu of flowers donations are appreciated to the Go-Fund-Me Account set up for Charles' wife Kristin.

If you would prefer – Donations to:

Wounded Warriors, Backstoppers or Stray Rescue, Would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel
111 Taylor Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042
(314) 895-3900
info@archwaychapel.com

Tribute Wall

Kim
Michaels
Tervydis

“ *I miss you, big brother. I love you, always. We will keep watch over Krissy, I promise.* ”



Kim Michaels Tervydis - March 30, 2025 at 10:41 PM

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“ *Ken & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Charles Stark* ”



Ken & Archway Staff - March 25, 2025 at 11:40 PM