



Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"

April 5, 1955 - May 8, 2026

Mr. Charles Houston Rippy, Sr., went to be with his heavenly Father, May 8, 2026. He was born April 5, 1955 in Wartrace, Tennessee to the late Levoy and Callie (Cooper) Rippy.

The family will receive friends from 12 P.M. until 1 P.M. Saturday, May 23rd at Believers Faith Fellowship Church, Shelbyville Campus. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. In honoring the families' wishes he will be cremated after his services.

Charles was born and raised in the Wartrace community and graduated from Cascade High School in 1973, when the school was still known as Wartrace High School. As a teenager, he enjoyed gaited walking horses and carried that love throughout his life. He worked for Eaton Corporation and later Marelli, retiring in 2018 after many years of dedicated service. Charles was a longtime member of King Chapel at Union Ridge God In Christ.

He enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes, including walking horses, cheering on the Dallas Cowboys, and supporting the Tennessee Volunteers football and Tennessee Volunteers baseball programs. He also loved watching old cowboy movies and was an avid car enthusiast who appreciated classic automobiles and spending time around cars. He will be remembered for his hardworking nature, his love for simple pleasures, and the joy he found in the things he loved most.

Charles leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Rita (Abernathy) Rippy; son, Charles Rippy Jr. (Fonda); granddaughter, Miranda Rippy; mother-in-law,

Nancy Buchanan; sisters, Mamie Johnson (Sol) and Margaret Whitaker (Henry); brothers, James Rippy, David Rippy, and Levoy Rippy Jr. (deceased); nephews, Tyrone Johnson, Anthony "AJ" Johnson (Amy), Sol Johnson III (deceased); niece, Sylvia Hiles; and a host of loving cousins, nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews and friends.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy, Sr.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Belivers Faith Fellowship
2011 South Cannon Blvd.
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"* ”



Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Memorial Chapel - 4 hours ago

KB

“ *Kisa Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"* ”



Kisa Bowen - 56 seconds ago

AF

“ *Angie Albert And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"* ”



angie albert and family - 7 hours ago

GJ

“ Keeping family in prayer



Geneva Johnson - 8 hours ago

BH

“ Oh happy days! A real man of God! Thank you!



Beverly Hewitt - 10 hours ago

MH

“ Praying for God's Peace and Comfort in your loss. Love, Charles and Mary Lucille Henderson.



Mary L. Henderson - 16 hours ago

RW

Sorry for your loss. May God bless and comfort you at this sad time. 💔
❤️🙏

Rita Willis - 9 hours ago

MC

“ Marie Castleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Marie Castleman - 16 hours ago

SB

“ Sheila Batts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Sheila Batts - Yesterday at 10:26 PM

AR

“ Rest in peace and love Mr. Charles Houston Rippy. I wish I had the honor and blessing of meeting you. I have no doubt that your journey was amazing.. God Bless.. 🙏



Anthony Rivers - Yesterday at 10:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP".



Yesterday at 08:50 PM

BD

“ *My sincere thoughts and prayers to family and friends of Charles I will miss his smile and politeness*



Barbara Draine - Yesterday at 07:14 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Peacock Sneed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippey Sr. "RIP"*



Michelle Peacock Sneed - Yesterday at 05:29 PM

CM

“ *Carolyn Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippey Sr. "RIP"*



Carolyn Murray - Yesterday at 05:24 PM

BB

“ *Betty Buckingham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippey Sr. "RIP"*



Betty Buckingham - Yesterday at 05:19 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Kimberly Harvey - Yesterday at 04:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP".



Yesterday at 03:57 PM

ET

“ Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Elsie Trice - Yesterday at 03:54 PM

BD

“ We love you Rita and Charles Jr. The memories made with the kids in Babe Ruth and High School baseball are treasures. Dicky thought the world of Charles Sr. Charles Sr. will always be remembered for his kindness. The Delk family ... Bonnie, Amy, Michael and Andy

Bonnie Haston Delk - Yesterday at 03:53 PM

JS

“ Jimmie And Lisa Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Jimmie and Lisa Sanders - Yesterday at 12:40 PM

LT

“ I am very sorry to hear of Charles' passing. My deepest condolences to Rita and family.



Lawson Tillman - Yesterday at 12:39 PM

LP

“ I worked with Rip for many years at Calsonic. He was a well-liked and very fair line leader. We saw each a couple years ago at the Wartrace/Bell Buckle 50th class reunion. I enjoyed reminiscing of days at CMC.

I am sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers and kind thoughts to his family and loved ones that remain. He was a good guy and well respected. My deepest condolences to you.

Laura Phillips - Yesterday at 11:29 AM

AS

“ A W And Arlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



A W and Arlene Smith - Yesterday at 10:52 AM

BW

“ Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Brenda Wilson - Yesterday at 08:27 AM

SF

“ Shirley Fowler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Shirley Fowler - Yesterday at 12:31 AM

VC

“ Virginia Christmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Houston Rippy Sr. "RIP"



Virginia Christmon - May 18 at 09:53 PM