



Mr. Charles Jerome Stricklen Sr.

May 9, 1926 - February 21, 2014

Charles Jerome Stricklen, Jr. was born May 9, 1926 in Cincinnati, Ohio. As the second child born to the union of the late Beula Anderson and George Stricklen, Charles always took care of his big sister Cathy. In her final days, Charles was Cathy's caregiver because his spirit always led him to take care of his family. When George Stricklen moved to Detroit in the early 1930's, he met and wed Elizabeth Eubanks. To this union, four children were born. Charles adored his stepmother Elizabeth and she raised him like he was her natural son.

At an early age Charles joined Second Baptist where he was baptised by Reverend Robert Bradby. Charles grew up in church and was a faithful Christian. He was a member of the Young Adult Class 21. His stepmother Elizabeth was the teacher. He loved Class 21 and was in attendance every Sunday. He was always eager to serve and volunteered for many church activities. As a long standing and respected member of Second Baptist, Charles served as a Deacon of the church for over 30 years.

Educated at Duffield Elementary and Miller High School, Charles graduated with honors. Always interested in planes, Charles worked part-time for Capital Airlines at Detroit's City Airport. After his high school graduation, Charles entered the Army and served our country in World War II. After his honourable discharge, Charles was offered a full-time position with Capital Airlines which

later was named United Airlines.

Charles married his high school sweetheart Bertha Dudley whom he loved and cherished without fail. For their wedding Charles purchased he and Bertha's first home. He made sure they could move in on the day they took their vows because that is what Bertha wanted for them.

Always taking care of his family, Charles made sure his love, Bertha, never wanted for anything: an attribute Bertha would often share with her friends.

Charles and Bertha had two sons, Cornell Jerome, who preceded him in death, and Charles Dwayne. Charles was proud of his family.

After 45 years of dedicated service, Charles retired from United Airlines as lead supervisor of Ground Service. While at United, Charles received numerous honours and awards and was an active member of the Union IAM - Local 141. He was affectionately known as "Bagroom Charlie" to his United colleagues.

As an airline employee, Charles was able to take Bertha and travel the world together. Their favorite destinations included the Caribbean, Hawaii, Barbados, and Acapulco. Charles and Bertha would often jump on a plane to California to visit their dear friends, the Rimsons, and travel along with the Couples Club to exciting destinations. Charles also enjoyed building model airplanes, fishing and camping with his sons.

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Feb. **27**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Visitation

Friday, Feb. **28**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
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Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **1**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church of Detroit
441 Monroe
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 961-0920
news@secondbaptistdetroit.org
<http://www.secondbaptistdetroit.org>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Charles Jerome Stricklen Sr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My sympathy to the Charles Stricklen family and he will be missed from his United Airlines family.*

Rose Wilson

rose wilson - March 04, 2014 at 03:13 PM



“ *My condolences to the Stricklen family. Charlie and I go back to Capital Airlines days. He was enjoyed by everyone. Fred O'Keefe*

Carol O'Keefe - February 28, 2014 at 12:02 PM

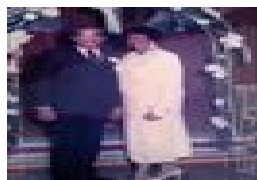


“ *Sorry for your loss, I worked with Charlie for about 25 years He was a good man and will be missed. Regis*

Regis Miller - February 26, 2014 at 08:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Charles Stricklen*



Sandra Riley-Smith - February 26, 2014 at 07:31 AM

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“ *RIP Uncle Charles, your gentle spirit will be missed. Just know we will take care of Aunt Bertha! Love, your niece Karen Riley Gilles and family.*

Karen Riley - February 26, 2014 at 12:24 AM

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Sandra Riley-Smith - February 25, 2014 at 07:47 PM

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“ *In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Second Baptist Church in memory of Deacon Charles J. Stricklen, Jr.*

Sandra Riley-Smith - February 25, 2014 at 07:45 PM

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Sandra Riley-Smith - February 25, 2014 at 07:40 PM

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Sandra Riley-Smith - February 25, 2014 at 07:39 PM