



## Charles Ray Merchant

June 26, 1952 - February 15, 2025

Charles Ray Merchant, 72, of Huntsville passed away February 15, 2025, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born June 26, 1952, at San Leandro, California to Wallace and Mary Louise (Shaw) Merchant.

“Charlie” as he was known to friends and family, was a 1970 graduate of Huntsville High School. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1974. Charlie served as the Madison County Health Inspector for several years before becoming self-employed. Charlie was a master woodworker who enjoyed gifting and donating his many creations. He proudly served on the Huntsville Kiwanis Board and enjoyed volunteering for the club. Charlie was known for his gentle, kind demeanor and generosity. He attended Presley Chapel United Methodist Church and loved singing in the choir.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Wanda Mae Smith. He is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Marion Smith and Betty and Denton Fancher, all of Huntsville; four nieces, Pamela Easley, Brenda Logan, Tara Carlton, all of Huntsville, and Dyanna Yarbro of Monett, Missouri; six nephews, Darrell Smith of West Fork, Dwayne Smith of Joplin, Tracy Smith of Bentonville, James Lee Fancher of Berryville, Billy Woods of St. Louis, and Ray Woods of Joplin.

The family will receive friends Monday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. with services following at 10:00 a.m. at Brashears Funeral Home with Ryan Bachuss officiating. Interment will be at Alabam Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Darrell Smith, Dwayne Smith, Tracy Smith, James Lee Fancher, Ray Woods, and Billy Woods. In lieu of flowers, donations in Charlie's memory can be made to the Huntsville Kiwanis, PO Box 506, Huntsville, AR, 72740. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Alabam Cemetery

355 Highway 127  
Huntsville, AR

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

FEB 24. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 N Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740

## Funeral Service

FEB 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory created a Funeral Service in memory of Charles Ray Merchant*



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**Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.** - February 19, 2025 at 02:22 PM

JC

“ *Charlie was a good guy - always. I can remember him from long ago in high school days.He was kind to everyone. The family has my sincere condolences.*

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**Jackie Collins** - February 24, 2025 at 09:54 AM

CG

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Charles Gurley** - February 22, 2025 at 02:35 AM

AB

“ *Ave, Marsh, Jurnee, Aaron, Braden,Eleana purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Charles Ray Merchant.*



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**Ave, Marsh, Jurnee, Aaron, Braden,Eleana** - February 21, 2025 at 01:09 PM

PS

“ Dorothy, Betty, and Extended Family, I am so sorry that Charlie suffered so and then passed. Our county and city lost a good one. Now days, there aren't many like him. My sincere condolences to you all.

Pattie Shinn - February 20, 2025 at 11:23 AM

BW

“ Betty and family you are all in my prayers 🙏

God bless

Billie Whorton

Billie Whorton - February 20, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ Charley, fly high my friend. Thank you for your friendship since jr high school. Yours was a true friendship, thru all the years.

Alvin L Herrington - February 19, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ Alvin L Herrington lit a candle in memory of Charles Merchant



Alvin L Herrington - February 19, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ *Betty & family,  
So sorry for your loss. Butch knew Charlie &  
thought highly of him. Please accept our  
sincere condolences.*

*Butch & Debra Harmon*



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**Deb Harmon** - February 19, 2025 at 03:34 PM