



Charles E. Wilmer

July 20, 1935 - September 6, 2023

Charles “Precious Grandpa” Wilmer, 88, of Iron Mountain, a longtime resident of Granite Bluff, went to Glory on Wednesday September 6, 2023. He was surrounded by his loving family when he passed. He joins his beloved wife Lyla Jean Wilmer, his oldest son Daniel Wilmer, and his nephew David Smielewski in Heaven. Charles was born July 20th 1935 in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Charles graduated from Channing High School and went on to earn a Master’s degree from Northern Michigan University. He taught English and History at a few Michigan schools and ultimately settled-in and retired from North Dickinson County School.

Charles married Lyla Robinson on October 22nd 1955 at Immanuel Baptist Church. The couple spent winters in Gulf Shores Alabama.

“Ol’ Chuckers” loved to travel, whether across the country, or through the countryside. Charlie enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids. He was a devout Christian and enjoyed sharing his ministry of God with everyone, including inmates at the local jail where he held bi-weekly ministries for a few decades. Charlie was a member of the Gideon’s International where he distributed Bibles to local schools and motels, and held the office of President for many years.

Charlie also loved to tell stories. His grandchildren share fond memories of listening to Grandpa's bedtime stories, Bible stories, impromptu history lessons, and tales of his travels throughout America. He spent his years after his wife's passing writing a book called "A Concise Explanation of the Christian Faith" which combines explanations of the Bible with his own personal experiences related to each topic. The manuscript was accepted by Trilogy Christian Publishing just days before his passing. One of his life-long dreams was to be a published author, so his family is working with Trilogy to get the book to print by early next year.

Charles is survived by two brothers, Art Wilmer of Houston, and Bill (Verna) Wilmer of Beloit WI and a sister Kristine (Bob) Siebert of Spring Hill Florida; two daughters Jean DeDie (Dave Glynn) of Madison, and Denise (Mark) Edwards of Iron Mountain, son Jeffrey Wilmer of Norway; nine grandchildren Paula Paplham, Charlene (Shane) Norberg, Joshua (Melissa) Dorman, Jeremy Dorman, Nicole Dorman, Jonah Dorman, Angela (Joshua) Reed, Crystal Bennett, and Dawn (Curt) Sabey; 17 Precious great grandchildren, Dawson, Shane Jr., Lauren, Trei, Charlie, Ronan, Chloe, Alaina, Auralia, Reihannen, Izayah, Cecelia, Addalynn, Bentley, Delilah, Lexi, and Vivian, and many nieces and nephews. Charlie also leaves behind special friends Christine Allen and Bob Goodreau.

Visitation will be held Friday September 22nd 10am – 1pm at Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Kingsford. Funeral services will follow at 1pm at the church. Reverend Dave Wilton will officiate. Burial will be Saturday Sept 23rd at Channing Cemetery at 1pm.

The family drew much comfort from 2 Corinthians 5:6 "...to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord."

Condolences to the family of Charles Wilmer may be expressed online at [ww](http://www.ww.com)

w.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.
Channing, MI 49815

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Assembly Of God
920 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ *It was a great honor to know Charlie and Lyla!
What a beautiful couple! Peace to all of You!!
They truly loved!!*



Rebecca L. - September 19, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the
family of Charles E. Wilmer.*



September 19, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Charles E. Wilmer.*



September 18, 2023 at 07:15 AM

JB

“ We have been friends of Charles and Lyla Wilmer for nearly 50 years. Jim Brandt was a Gideon with the Wilmers, in the Iron Mt., Mi. camp. After moving to Florida in 1992, Jim continued his membership with the Gideons. Charles was a precious friend. We knew 4 of the Wilmer's children, and we extend our sympathy and love to each one. Jim reminds me of the time that "Ole Chuckers" served his Bible study men friends a meal, of Ground Hog! It really tasted like "chicken" I was told. Charlie had a great sense of humor and was a very special friend of ours, as was Lyla. He was a dedicated follower of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He and Lyla really loved their children, grandchildren, great grand children, their church and their Savior. Charlie will be missed. What a legacy he has left.



Jim and Ruth Brandt - September 16, 2023 at 02:46 PM

SV

“ I only knew Charlie for a short time while a resident where I worked. We had alot of laughs and he was happy to see me. He was especially proud of his writing that he proofread read and rewrote many times. Was so sad to read about his passing. Rest in peace Charlie, glad I had the chance to meet you.

Sally Varda - September 15, 2023 at 01:01 PM

MA

“ We are so sorry we can't make it to the memorial service. Charlie was an amazing teacher and a wonderful example to us all. I enjoyed working with him at North Dickinson. I'm sure God has a special stool for Charlie in heaven! I wonder where his teaching stool ended up. Our prayers are with all of you. Rest in peace, Charlie. You lived your life well.

Mark and Tina Anderson - September 15, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Precious Grandpa*



Nicole Dorman - September 15, 2023 at 08:06 AM

CA

“ Charlie, we already miss you so much! So glad you never lost your mental faculties; strong to the end! I have much comfort in knowing beyond any shadow of doubt, that you are now face to face with Jesus, whom you have so obediently served here on earth. You kept on with that book, perfecting it until you were no longer able to do so (only because it had been already sent to the publisher). You & I had prayed you would live to see it in print, which I sadly wished we hadn't. Well, it WAS put into print in spiral bound form by your dear friend Jocelyne, the typist of the final manuscript. She, in her wisdom, felt you were declining and decided to do that as a gift to you so you could at least see the printed form. You were a HUGE man! And I had the privilege of being your close friend 'n companion in your final years here on earth. God will continue to use you especially as people read your book! What an honor to say you were my friend! And what a precious gift from God you were to so many people! Now I have your family to continue to be friends with. What a beautiful "tribe" you and Lyla have begotten! Thank you! I will see you some day in that beautiful city, where we will both be free, no longer bound by physical limitations of our bodies. You will be raising your arms in worship; I will be hearing the awesome music!

chris allen - September 14, 2023 at 07:48 PM

CA

*Dear Charlie,
My neighbor, my friend,
Brother-in-the-Lord!
Spiritual mentor,
Prayer partner in one accord!
In all of these roles
You were faithful 'n true!
In the last seven years. a companion, too!
I'm a much better person having known you as I do!
So, "thank you dear Lord
For giving to me
The gift of knowing a man, like
CHARLIE!*

chris allen - September 24, 2023 at 06:10 PM