



## Charles Sterk

September 10, 1935 - July 24, 2021

Charles Sterk, 85, of rural Claypool, Indiana and formerly of Akron passed at 1:00 am, Saturday, July 24, 2021 at his residence.

Charles was born on Sept. 10, 1935 in Cook County, Illinois to the late Cornelius H. and Winnie (Kelderhouse) Sterk. He married on Oct. 22, 1955 in the Burton Church of Rochester to Margaret Rose Johnson. She preceded him in death on Feb. 28, 2005. Charles then married on Aug. 12, 2006 in the Eel River Church of Silver Lake to Marilyn Sue Drudge, she survives.

He was a 1954 graduate of Akron High School. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 and was then honorably discharged. In earlier years he worked for Peabody Seating Company and Chamberlain's. He retired after 38 years with Singer (Eaton) Controls of North Manchester in 1997, where he was a Production Control Analyst. He was also known to assist on farms in the area, especially for George Sheets, Tucker Farms, and Wise Farms. He also trimmed hedges in the Akron area for many years.

Charles was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church, where he served on many boards. He served his community on the Akron Town Board for 2 terms. He was a longtime member of the American Legion Post #36. He was a lifetime fisherman and loved to maintain his property. He enjoyed traveling and made yearly trips to Minnesota camping with friends and family

as well as to Florida.

Charles is survived by his wife Marilyn Sue Sterk of Claypool; daughters Deborah and husband Mark Wise of Claypool and Lisa and husband Chad Tucker of Mentone; a son Charles Alan and wife Sally Sterk of King, North Carolina ; grandchildren Mariah and husband Matt Roberts, Amanda and husband Cody Hudson, Charles Dean and wife Chrissie Sterk, Charles Matthew Tucker, and Bethany and husband Cameron Beron; 6 great grandsons Trevor, Jay, Brayden, Nolan, Garrett, and Calvin (CJ) and 1 great granddaughter Baby B on the way; sisters Margaret Tromp, Schererville, Bernice and husband Paul Brown, Akron, Wilma Belsan, Brookfield, Ill., and Cornelia Moore, Akron; brothers Robert and wife Sharon Sterk, Sevierville, Tenn., Bert and wife Theresa Sterk, Akron, and Lee and wife Leta Sterk, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Margaret, brothers John, Herman and Richard Sterk; and sisters Nellie Mosher, Carrie Koster, Dorothy Sterk, and Nancy Sterk.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor David Eaton and Pastor Phil Pratt officiating.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana with graveside military rites performed by the Fulton County Honor Guard.

Visitation hours will be from 3 pm to 8 pm, Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Fund or the Akron United Methodist Church.



# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 28.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Sterk



Hartzler Funeral Services - July 26, 2021 at 05:44 PM

TA

*In loving memory I hope u fly high Charles from the short time I got to know you you was full of joy and not giving up and always flirty and full of love to family and friends of Charles my thought and prayers go out to you - Tamara A.*

Tamara - July 31, 2021 at 03:47 PM

TS

“ Toni Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles Sterk



Toni smith - July 29, 2021 at 09:11 PM

OM

“ My Classmate of 1954. Great Memories we made, they will last forever. 🙏



Orabelle Meredith - July 27, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Charles Sterk.*



July 27, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ *Bob, prayers 🙏 for you & your family's in the loss of your Brother. Sincerely In Christ. Jim & Patricia Vigar. Madera, CA.*



**Jim Vigar** - July 26, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Sterk.*



July 26, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*

*Roger Deardorff*



**Roger Deardorff** - July 26, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - July 26, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Charles Sterk.



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July 26, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Charles Sterk.



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July 26, 2021 at 11:53 AM

MR

“ *Bill and I send our sympathy to the Sterk family. May God bless you in this difficult time with wonderful memories to comfort you.*  
*Bill & Miriam Ruppel*

Miriam Ruppel - July 25, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Sterk.*



July 25, 2021 at 06:53 PM

TF

“ *The Gilsinger Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Sterk.*



The Gilsinger Families - July 25, 2021 at 05:05 PM

SG

“ *My sympathy and prayers to the family of Charles.*  
*Shirley Gray*



Shirley Gray - July 25, 2021 at 04:25 PM

PP

“ Pamela Padalik lit a candle in memory of Charles Sterk



Pamela Padalik - July 25, 2021 at 12:15 PM

JJ

“ Joyce Jensen lit a candle in memory of Charles Sterk



Joyce Jensen - July 25, 2021 at 09:53 AM

JW

“ Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Charles Sterk



Judy Walgamuth - July 25, 2021 at 01:53 AM

JB

“ Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Charles Sterk



Jim and Shirley Bickel - July 24, 2021 at 06:13 PM

WZ

“ *Willodean Zolman lit a candle in memory of Charles Sterk*



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**Willodean Zolman** - July 24, 2021 at 12:24 PM