



Charles Melvin Wilkey

December 23, 1934 - January 10, 2022

Charles “Melvin” Wilkey, age 87 of Dayton, passed away Monday, January 10, 2022, at Rhea Medical Center in Dayton. He was born on December 23, 1934, in Chattanooga, the son of the late Charles M. “Ted” Wilkey and Hazel (Genoe) Wilkey. He was also preceded in death by his step-mother, Ruby Wilkey who raised him; his sister, Virginia Hood; and two grandsons, Daniel Wilkey and Ray Brady.

Melvin lived in Dayton most of his life, was employed as a semi-truck driver, and loved gardening, yardwork, and especially his family. He was a member of Maple Springs Baptist Church in Dayton.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Aileen (Thurman) Wilkey of Dayton; his three daughters, Hazel (Tony) Brown of Ringgold, GA, Kathy (Rick) Brady, and Tammie King, both of Dayton; his two sons, Charles (Laurie) Wilkey of Woodstock, GA, and Terry (Bobbie) Hall of Graysville; his two sisters, Meda Kessler of Soddy Daisy and Mamie Sue (Frank) Shirley of Ringgold, GA; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services for Melvin will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Darrell Walden officiating. He will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens.

Please share your memories and photos of Melvin on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends one hour before the service.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27
Dayton, TN 37321

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple St
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Funeral Service

JAN **13**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN **13** (ET)

Rhea Memory Gardens
Highway 27 Bypass P.O. Box 148
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Kathy sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles
Melvin Wilkey*



Kathy - February 12, 2022 at 07:02 PM

KA

“ *Melvin Wilkey, We're living a bad dream! Your
so missed and loved more than you knew, I'll
see you again soon*



Kathy - February 12, 2022 at 07:01 PM

SG

“ *Summer Garrison sent a virtual gift in memory
of Charles Melvin Wilkey*



Summer Garrison - January 13, 2022 at 01:22 AM

SG

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Summer Garrison - January 13, 2022 at 01:20 AM

SG

“ I love and miss you, Pawpaw❤️
Love, Summer



Summer Garrison - January 13, 2022 at 01:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Charles Melvin Wilkey.



January 12, 2022 at 07:19 PM

ST

“ *Stan & Shonda, Brian & Brigette Thurman purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Charles Melvin Wilkey.*



Stan & Shonda, Brian & Brigette Thurman - January 12, 2022
at 11:44 AM



“ *19 files added to the album Memories Album*



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - January 12, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Melvin Wilkey.*



January 12, 2022 at 10:34 AM

BB

“ Bobby And Diane Burton lit a candle in memory of Charles Melvin Wilkey



Bobby and Diane Burton - January 12, 2022 at 05:30 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. He will truly be missed.

Bobby and Diane Burton - January 12, 2022 at 05:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Melvin Wilkey.



January 11, 2022 at 08:03 PM

TK

“ I am sorry to hear about Melvin I express my sincere sympathy to the family. I apologize that I cannot attend services due to covid issues. Tom Kelley (cousin)



Tom Kelley - January 11, 2022 at 07:34 PM