



Charles Tracy Surface

December 9, 1932 - June 28, 2021

Charles Tracy Surface, 88 of Cross Lanes went home to be with the Lord on Monday June 28, 2021.

Born December 9, 1932 in Bluefield, WV, Charles was the last surviving child of the late Frank Edward Surface and Jeanette Carter Surface. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings; William Surface, George Surface, Donald Surface, John Surface, Kelly Surface and Evelyn Sizemore.

Charles loved the Lord, his family and being a truck driver, in that order. At an early age, Charles began driving trucks for his family business, Surface Banana Company. Charles helped expand the family business as a route salesman/manager and he started new operations in Charleston, Huntington and Abington, Va. He then worked for 20 years with Union Carbide Trucking Operations before starting his own trucking company, which he still operated and drove for until he was 80 years old. His family would often marvel at his work ethic, but Charles always remained a humble man of God and a man of prayer. He credited all his achievements to the Lord.

Charles was awarded numerous safe driving awards during his career, including 2 million miles without an accident. During his life he had several encounters with death, when God protected him. He was one truck away from losing his life in the Silver Bridge collapse, was stung by a deadly scorpion

while unloading bananas and blinded by hazardous chemicals while changing hoses from his tanker truck. Charles travelled many miles during his lifetime and his truck was his sanctuary for prayer and time with Jesus.

Charles was a sweet man that modeled the life of Christ and followed the great commandment/commission of loving God and loving his neighbor. He was a faithful member of Teays Valley Church of God. He loved worshipping God at church services and fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in Christ. In his younger years he enjoyed Men's group, attending church conferences and teaching Sunday School. One of his spiritual highlights was travelling to Israel with Kay and being baptized in the Jordan River. He also enjoyed riding the trails with his sons and family beach vacations with Kay, Duana and the boys. Charles loved being Papa to his 4 grandchildren and he taught them all to love God and family and to work hard.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Kay; children, Duana Barnett (Bill) of Hillsboro, WV, Tracy Surface (Linda) of Hurricane and Rusty Surface (Joyce) of Hurricane; grandchildren, RYanne, Kaylen, Trent and Maria and baby Surface on the way.

Funeral service will be held at 12:00pm Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt and Rev. Larry Hammett officiating. Burial will follow at Montgomery Memorial Park, London, WV. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Thursday at the funeral home.

You may share memories of Charles by visiting his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Surface family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526
(304) 757-7531
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<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Tracy Surface



Chapman Funeral Homes - June 30, 2021 at 12:09 PM

RS

Thank you very the deep dish garden is beautiful!

Rusty Surface - July 01, 2021 at 06:33 AM

RS

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket..Mom will enjoy this in the coming days and years!

Rusty Surface - July 01, 2021 at 06:36 AM

RS

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers!

Rusty Surface - July 01, 2021 at 06:38 AM

RS

Thank you for the beautiful bouquets purchased for the funeral. Gods bless uou!

Rusty Surface - July 01, 2021 at 06:43 AM



“ Charles Tracy Surface

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

SR

“ Kay, want to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers think of you often may God bless . Your cousin, susan richards

Susan Richards - July 01, 2021 at 07:02 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles Tracy Surface.



June 30, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Charles Tracy Surface.



June 30, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Tracy Surface.



June 30, 2021 at 11:37 AM

JL

“ I know Charles from church, and he was a sweet man. He had such a kind smile. I will remember him fondly and look forward to seeing him in Heaven.

Judy Lindsay - June 30, 2021 at 07:47 AM

RS

Thank you for your kind words Judy. Dad loved going to church and worshipping Gods with his brothers and sisters in Christ

Rusty Surface - July 01, 2021 at 06:39 AM

JD

“ Mr Surface was always joyful soul who always made my day a little better when He came into work. He loved his Kay. Rest easy Mr Surface. Our Condolences... JR & Beth Davis

JR Davis - June 30, 2021 at 07:42 AM

RS

Thank you JR for your kind words. Dad loved talking at work with men like you...I'm sure you brightened Dad's days as well. God bless you!

Rusty Surface - July 01, 2021 at 06:41 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Tracy Surface.



June 30, 2021 at 05:05 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Tracy Surface.*



June 29, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of my dear uncle Charles. He was a very sweet and caring man of God. Sending our love and prayers to Kay and the entire family. We love you. God bless. Elaine and Dave Tiller*

Elaine Tiller - June 29, 2021 at 07:32 PM



Thank you Elaine for your kind words. Dad loved you and David deeply. I was so happy that Uncle John and Dad was able to spend time together in the later lives. God bless you!

Rusty Surface - July 01, 2021 at 06:32 AM